



## 2ND UNITAR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE UN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM — 3-4 DECEMBER 2024

### UN 2.0: Our Common Agenda and the Role of Higher Education in Conflict, Peace, and Development Research Conference

#### Logistics and Useful Information

##### CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Venue Address: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/c8AKhHRg24rxUYxa8>

UNDP Brussels Representation Office, Boulevard du Régent 37/40, 1000 Brussels

##### Duration and Participation

- **Check-In & Registration:** Check-in will begin at 8:00 AM at the reception desk. ID is required for verification.
- **Materials Access:** Event materials will be mostly digital to promote sustainability.
- **Event Online Platform:** Details will be shared via online access closer to the event date.
- **Wi-Fi:** Free Wi-Fi at the venue. Access codes available upon request.
- **Meals:** Meals during the event will be confirmed. Coffee and refreshment breaks will be provided.
- **Insurance Waiver:** The organizing committee does not provide health insurance or sponsorship for accommodation and travel for participants of this event.

##### Support Contacts

Please feel free to reach out to the contacts below if you have any questions or need assistance. We are very happy to help!

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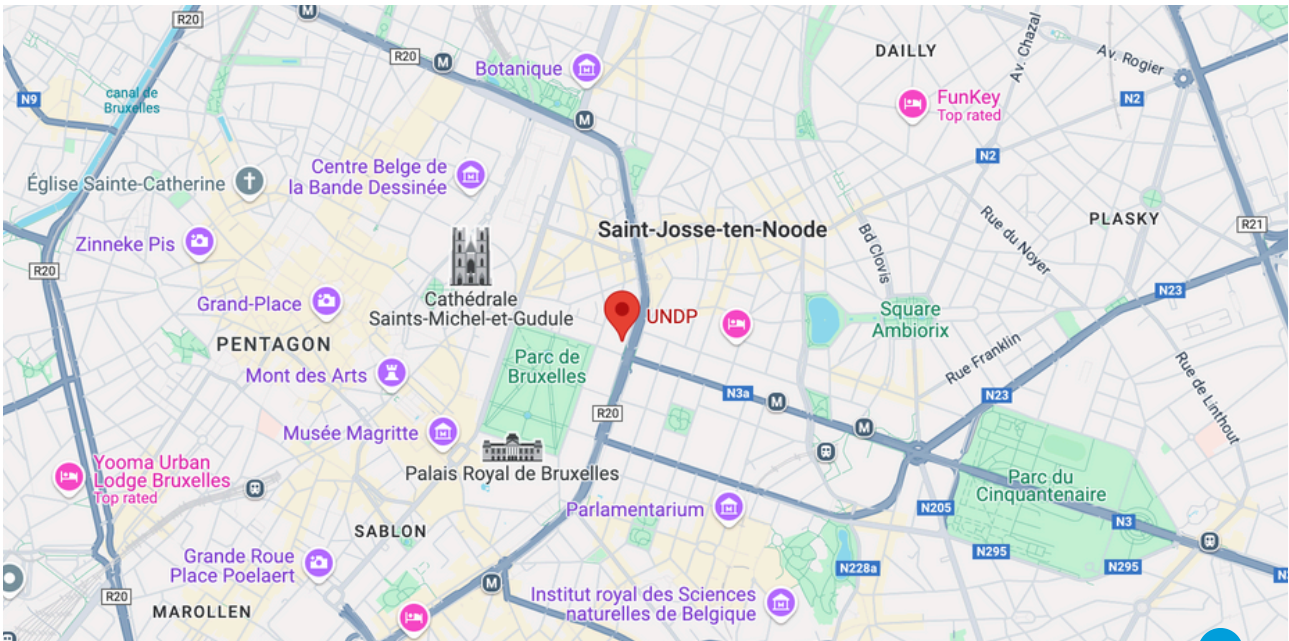
#### DIRECTIONS

##### Arriving by Plane

The nearest airport is Brussels Airport (BRU), ~15 km from the city center. Facilities include restaurants, lounges, baggage services, and currency exchange points.

##### From Airport to Venue

- By Public Transport:
  - Metro (nearest station): Kunst-Wet/Arts-Loi (lines 1, 2, 5, 6).
  - Train: Brussels Airport-Zaventem to Brussels Central Station. Transfer to Metro lines 1 or 5 to Kunst-Wet/Arts-Loi. (~30 minutes).
  - Direct Bus: STIB/MIVB Bus 12/21 to European District, (~40 minutes).
- By Taxi/Car Services: Estimated fare to the venue is €45-€50.
- By Ride-Sharing: Uber and Bolt fares are ~€35-€40 from the airport.



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#### ABOUT BRUSSELS

For some general information on Belgium and Brussels, you can also check the below website: <http://www.brussels.info/belgium/>

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Time Zone: Central European Time (CET).
- Languages Spoken: French, Dutch, and English in most professional settings.
- Currency: Euro (€); exchange rate as of November 2024: 1 USD ≈ 0.95 EUR.
- Credit Cards: Visa, MasterCard, and American Express widely accepted.
- Telephone Code: +32.
- Electricity: Voltage: 230V. Frequency: 50Hz. Plug Type: Type C or E plugs (European standard two-round-pin sockets).
- Banking & ATM Services: You will find many ATM machines and banks in town where you can get cash with international debit cards. You can also exchange currencies directly in the airport at Travelex (located in the departures hall, the arrivals hall the baggage reclaims area, Pier A and pier B). Other 'Bureaux de change' can be found in Brussels, such as at Gare de Brussels Midi (Travelex) and Rue Marché-aux-Herbes 23, 1000 Brussels (D.M.E. Change).
- Weather and Temperature: In late November, Brussels experiences autumn weather with temperatures ranging from 5°C to 10°C. Rain is likely, so bring an umbrella and warm, waterproof attire.

#### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- Grand Place: UNESCO World Heritage Site and iconic square, 15-minute walk.
- Royal Palace of Brussels: Located near Parc de Bruxelles.
- European Parliament: 10-minute drive.



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#### ACCOMODATION OPTIONS

It is strongly advised to book early due to high demand during events. UNDP-negotiated rates apply based on room availability.

1. **Thon Hotel EU (recommended)**
  - Address: 75 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels.
  - Distance: 5–10 minutes' walk to the venue.
  - Rate: €170/night (breakfast included) + city tax.
  - Website: [Thon Hotel EU](#)
2. **Stanhope Hotel**
  - Address: 9 Rue du Commerce, 1000 Brussels.
  - Rate: €195/night + city tax.
  - Website: [Stanhope Hotel](#)
3. **Courtyard by Marriott Brussels EU**
  - Address: 32 Rue Joseph II, 1000 Brussels.
  - Rate: €175/night (breakfast excluded) + city tax.
  - Website: [Courtyard by Marriott EU](#)
4. **The Hotel Brussels**
  - Address: 38 Boulevard de Waterloo, 1000 Brussels.
  - Rate: €220/night (breakfast excluded) + city tax.
  - Website: [The Hotel](#)

#### NEARBY RESTAURANTS

- [Le Pain Quotidien](#): Offers quick, healthy meals.
- [Chez Léon](#): Traditional Belgian cuisine.
- [EXKi](#): Fast, organic dining.



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#### SECURITY

Brussels is currently at security level 2. Travel notification and registration in the UN Security Clearance and Tracking System (ISECT) is required for all participants.

#### UNDSS Contacts

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#### EMMERGENCY NUMBERS

- European Emergency Services: 112
- Police: 101
- Fire/Ambulance: 100
  
- Local Area Police Station: 02 2797133
- Central Police Station: 02 2797979
- Doctors (24/24): 02 5130202 or 02 4791818
- Dentists (24/24): 02 4261026
  
- Nearest Hospital: **CHU Saint-Pierre**, Rue Haute 322, 1000 Brussels. (+32 2 535 31 11).
- 24/7 Pharmacy: **Pharmacie Jourdan**, Chaussée de Wavre 222, 1050 Brussels.
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#### SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Let's make this event a collective success! Share your experience and insights on social media by tagging the organizers and use our official hashtag **#2UIRC** ! This will allow us to see, like and share your posts to foster a vibrant exchange of ideas. Let's connect, learn and inspire each other!

#### Instagram

##### Committee Members:

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- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-world-association-of-disaster-and-emergency-medicine/>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/diplomats-without-borders/>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/school/inaip/>
- <https://www.iea.ie/>

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###### Committee Members:

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- World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine
- Diplomats Without Borders
- National Institute of Administration (Instituto Nacional de Administração, I. P.)
- Irish Economic Association



#### Conference Committee Members:

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