



VISITOR INFORMATION

1st Solution Talk

Raising awareness of the SDGs –
Focus on SDG9

14 September 2018 | 9:00 – 13:00

**Vienna
International
Centre**

**Mozart Room
VIC Restaurant**

Wagramer Strasse 5
1220 Vienna



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BACKGROUND

Numerous SDG-related projects are in existence in Vienna, but a concerted effort to bring these initiatives and projects into the overall context of the Agenda 2030 is missing, thereby increasing the Agenda's visibility and awareness amongst locals. The lack of public perception is responsible for the fact that many Viennese know nothing about the existence of the related goals.

The "SDG SolutionTalks" event series is aiming to overcome the great challenge of awareness, and revolves around the question of how the Agenda 2030 is currently being implemented in the Viennese private sector, organisations and institutions, and what can be done to make the public more alert. Vienna, as the host of multiple international organizations, can set an example for public awareness and implementation of activities related to the SDGs.

Following an overall SDGs kick-off event in June, the talks are organized on a constant basis from September onwards; each focusing on one SDG, and its relevance for Vienna. A selected audience, e.g. representatives of the public and private sector, NGOs, academia, and other relevant stakeholders, are invited to present their current position in regards to the Global Goals, the level of awareness and major challenges and opportunities for their implementation.

The first official talk – focusing on SDG9 – is held at the Vienna International Centre on September 14th, and participants will reflect on innovative ways of leveraging local partnerships within the SDG framework to support increased awareness in Vienna, discuss ideas to mobilize financial and non-financial resources and explore potential joint initiatives and collaborations while enhancing the overall understanding of the Agenda 2030 amongst participants.

FORMAT

Following welcoming remarks of UNIDO's Director of External Relations, Mr. Kai Bethke, UNIS Director, Mr. Martin Nesirky, and Mrs. Tanja Wehsely, member of the Vienna City Council and the Vienna State Parliament, and a key message delivered by the City Councillor of Vienna, Mr. Peter Hanke, a round of discussion and reflection on ongoing efforts and initiatives will be encouraged amongst key participants, showcasing multiple viewpoints and associated challenges in the understanding and translation into action of the Agenda 2030, and in specific SDG9. Joint idea finding of potential initiatives and broad support of the public and private sector are to be expected through interactive discussions, inviting the audience for feedback and points of interest.

Ahead of the networking and lunch session, the event will conclude with the signing of the "SDGs in Action"; a joint symbolic letter of support, reaffirming the commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals - succeeding strong engagement and cooperation to put the Agenda 2030 into action.

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES AND INITIATIVES

The 1st Solution Talk shall serve as a platform to raise broad awareness as well as to deepen knowledge on the content of the Agenda 2030 and its Goals, and a better understanding of the already on-going activities in Vienna's public and private sphere should be achieved. The SDG 9 talk, thus, has the following objectives:

- Discuss and endorse key features of the Agenda 2030, to advance inclusive and sustainable development worldwide;
- Share achievements made to date in relation to the implementation of Agenda 2030 in Vienna;
- Strengthen strategic partnerships with the local public and private sector, academia, and media, in order to support better understanding of the SDGs among the city's citizens;
- Reiterate the local community's commitment to the Agenda 2030;
- Highlight the role and importance of SDG 9 for the city of Vienna and its inhabitants, businesses and government.

ORGANIZERS

The SDGs Solution Talk SDG9 event will be jointly organized by UNIDO, and the Social City Vienna.

PARTICIPATION

- Representatives of the public and private sphere (including the City of Vienna and other social partners)
- High-level representatives from the United Nations and other international organizations
- UNIDO Member States' representatives
- Private sector representatives
- Academia and civil society
- Think Tanks
- Media Representatives

DATE AND VENUE

The first SDGs SolutionTalk event focusing on SDG9 will take place on 14 September 2018 from 9:00 to 13:00 in the Mozart Room (VIC Restaurant) at the UN Headquarters in Vienna.

AGENDA

9.00 – 9.30	Opening Speeches
9.30 – 9.40	Philosophical Approach
9.40 – 11.00	Discussion & Reflection
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 12.45	Inputs & Idea finding
12.45 onwards	Lunch & Networking

REGISTRATION

All participants accessing the Vienna International Centre (VIC) must have a conference badge. Conference badges will be issued at the registration desk at Gate 1 of the VIC. The loss of a badge must be reported immediately to Security, who will issue a duplicate one.

In order to be registered, invited participants are requested to confirm their participation per email at c.groessing@unido.org until 12 September 2018 the latest. Participants can collect their badges upon arrival at Gate 1 by presenting the invitation and passport or equivalent form of identification.

ACCREDITATION FOR MEDIA

Representatives of the media - print media, photo, radio, television and film, news agencies and online media - who fully meet UN media accreditation requirements, can be accredited; please send an email to press.vienna@un.org with copy to c.groessing@unido.org. Further information can be found here: www.unis.unvienna.org/unis/en/media/media_accreditation.html

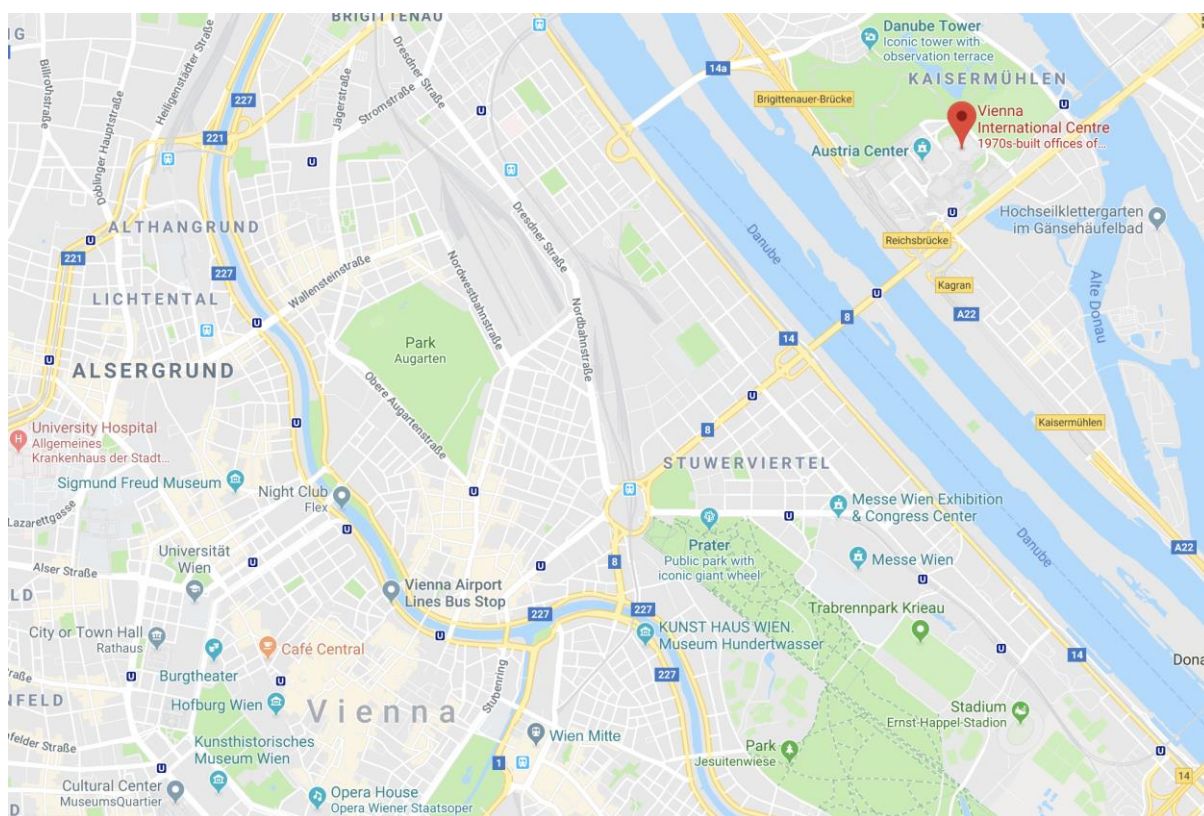
DIRECTIONS TO THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

Participants arriving at the VIC by taxi are advised to be dropped off in the side lane of Wagramer Strasse, to walk up the stairs or ramp to enter through Gate 1 at the VIC and to walk across the plaza to the entrance of the A- building.

Participants arriving at the VIC by underground transport (U-Bahn) should take line U-1 and get off at the station “Kaisermühlen-Vienna International Centre” and follow the signs to the VIC. A variety of public transport tickets are available. Tickets may be purchased at machines in every U-Bahn station, and at tobacco shops (Tabak-Trafik) throughout Vienna.

It takes approximately 10 minutes to arrive at the VIC from the centre of Vienna by underground transport (U-Bahn) on the U-1 line and about 20 minutes (depending on traffic) to arrive at the VIC from the centre of the city or from the Vienna International Airport by taxi.

Participants with physical disabilities should ask members of the United Nations Security and Safety Service to assist them as required.



PARKING FACILITIES

Registered cars of Permanent Missions will be able to park as usual. Parking facilities for non-registered cars are not available inside the VIC. However, non-registered cars will be allowed entry for drop off and pick-up through Gate 2. Furthermore, taxis are not allowed to enter the VIC.

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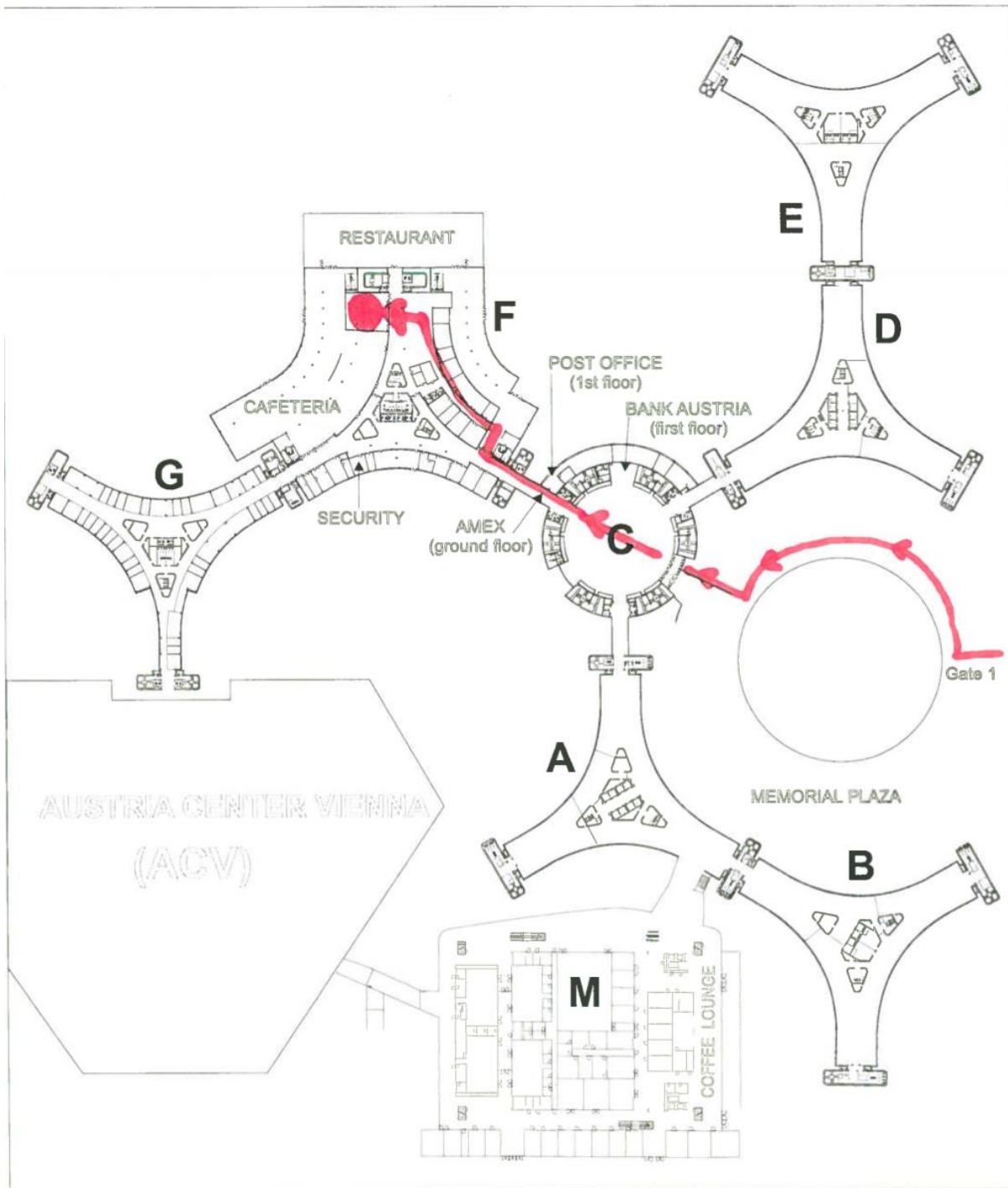
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FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- The City of Vienna and UNIDO to promote Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
<https://www.unido.org/news/city-vienna-and-unido-promote-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs>
- Mehr Nachhaltigkeit für Wien:
https://www.wienerzeitung.at/unternehmen/verlag/wiener_zeitung_akademie/982119_Mehr-Nachhaltigkeit-fuer-Wien.html
- Ludwig: Wiener Bevölkerung verstärkt in UNIDO-Nachhaltigkeitsziele einbeziehen:
<https://www.wien.gv.at/presse/2018/05/23/ludwig-wiener-bevoelkerung-verstaerkt-in-unido-nachhaltigkeitsziele-einbeziehen>

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