

**Ninth Replenishment of GEF Resources (GEF-9)
World Bank Group Office, Paris, France
May 19-21, 2025**

Note on Logistics

Schedule/Location

The first meeting of the 9th Replenishment of GEF will be held in Paris, France on Tuesday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at:

The World Bank Group Paris Office
Conference Room A
66, avenue d'Iéna
75116 Paris, France
Tel. +(33-1) 40-69-30-00

Building security and Event badge

All participants must present a government issued ID (e.g. passport) at the entrance of the building.

Upon arrival, please visit the Welcome Desk to pick up the event badge. The distribution of event badges will begin at 8:30 am on Tuesday, May 20, and the meeting will begin at 9:00 am.

The Welcome Desk is located near the entrance of the World Bank's office on the ground floor (street level) of the Conference Center; the meeting room is one floor below.

Attendance Confirmation

Please confirm your attendance by Friday, April 25, 2025 by registering at this [link](#).

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel bookings and settling their accommodation and other costs directly.

Visas

France is a member state of the Schengen Area. We encourage participants to check whether you need a Schengen visa to enter France via <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/general-information>. A Visa letter will be shared to individual participants who select Visa letter assistance at registration.

Focal Point and Queries

Queries may be emailed to: GEF9_ReplenishmentLogistic@worldbankgroup.org

Events

Monday, May 19, 2025

6:00-7:00 pm: **Welcome Cocktail** hosted by the Ministry of Economy and Finance of France, open for all participants¹ at.

Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances
139 rue de Bercy
75012, Paris

***Please bring a government issued ID to enter the Ministry Building. ***

How to get to the French Ministry of Economy and Finance: Public transportation is recommended (3-minute walk from Bercy Metro station, 7-minute walk from Gare de Lyon station). Taking a taxi from the World Bank venue in Paris would take up to 1 hour (see map in Annex 1).

7:30-9:00 pm: **Dinner for Heads of Delegation, by invitation only**, hosted by Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez Echandi, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility, and Mr. Akihiko Nishio, Vice President, Development Finance, World Bank.

Novotel Paris Centre Bercy.
85, rue de Bercy
75012, Paris
(7 minute walk from the Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances)

After dinner at 9:00 pm, transportation will be provided from the Novotel Paris Centre Bercy to drop off at the World Bank Paris office (66, avenue d'Iéna) and the hotel La Clef Tour Eiffel (83 Av. Kléber).

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, and Wednesday, May 21, 2025

8:30 am **Registration and badges**

9:00 am **Meeting of the 9th Replenishment of GEF**

Lunch will be served for all participants on Tuesday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

¹ Limit of 2 persons per country/entity due to capacity constraints. If your delegation exceeds the cap, please reach out to the Ministry of Economy and Finance of France as exceptions can only be made on a case by case basis.

Annex 1

Climate and Weather in Paris

In May, Paris experiences a gradual increase in temperatures from winter. The average daily temperature in the early morning and evenings ranges from 11°C (52°F) to 14°C (57°F). As the day progresses, temperatures rise to an average of 16°C (61°F) to 20°C (68°F)

The average days of rain in May in Paris are 12 days. You may consider bringing a light coat, such as a trench or leather jacket to keep you warm and dry.

Distance from the World Bank Office to French Ministry of Economy and Finance.

