



COMMUNICATIONS

ICSC COMPREHENSIVE COST-OF-LIVING SURVEYS AT THE HEADQUARTERS DUTY STATIONS – INFORMATION FOR GENEVA-BASED MEMBERS

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For urgent action: FICSA Members based in Geneva

For information: FICSA Members based in London, Madrid, Montreal, Paris, Rome Vienna and Washington D.C

From: Tanya Quinn-Maguire, President

Dear Colleagues,

We wish to follow up on our previous communication – [FICSA 37/21 dated 19 July 2021](#).

You will recall that FICSA has strongly urged your Staff Association / Union to identify suitable nominees for the Local Survey Committee (LSC) to ensure the essential and effective representation of the voices of your members during a fundamental step of the ICSC Cost of Living Survey in HQ duty stations.

We understand that there has been a limited response to this appeal in many duty stations. **Time is running out!** Please ensure that your Staff Association / Union is part of the LSC in your duty station! If you need assistance in this regard, please don't hesitate to contact the FICSA Secretariat: ficsa@un.org and we will happily point you in the right direction. In the meantime, we are formulating and will share with you early next week, a one-page document summarizing the process as provided in the [ICSC booklet](#).

We have received information that whether or not your staff representatives are on the LSC, the meeting will proceed anyway. The first meeting of the Geneva LSC was scheduled for Thursday, 29 July.

This is what you need to do, if you have not already done so:

- a) contact Geneva's Survey Coordinator, Ms. Jean-Marie O'Connell (UNOG)
- b) ensure that a representative of your staff association is included on the LSC. As of 28 July, we were informed that there were only 4 representatives of local staff associations in Geneva are represented on the LSC, with 16 administration representatives.

We cannot stress enough how important it is for Staff Associations / Unions to be fully involved in assessing the feasibility of going ahead with a Survey in your duty station.

This message is copied to other Headquarters duty stations as well for information and urgent action.

In solidarity,

Tanya Quinn-Maguire
