Practical Information for Participants

5th Meeting of the Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks (Sharks MOU)

10–13 May 2027
Bonn, Germany



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Most important information

Dates	**10-13 May 2027**
Venue	UN Campus Bonn Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1 53113 Bonn Langer Eugen Building Room 1916 (19th floor)
On-site registration	Lobby of Langer Eugen Building **08:30am**, 10.05.2027
Security requirements of UN Campus	Bring passport/ national ID
Nearest airports	Cologne/Bonn (CGN) Frankfurt (FRA) Düsseldorf (DUS)
Nearest public transport	Train: Bonn UN Campus Tram: Heussallee/Museumsmeile Bus: Deutsche Welle

1. Travelling to Bonn

Bonn is located in western Germany and is accessible via three different airports:

- **From Cologne/Bonn Airport (CGN):** approximately 20-30mins to Bonn city centre by SB60 airport bus or taxis are also available from the airport.

  Participants are advised to check the current timetable and ticket information shortly before travelling.

- **From Frankfurt Airport (FRA):** approximately 40-60 mins to Bonn via ICE trains to Siegburg & Bonn and connecting tram or taxi connections.

  When purchasing a train ticket, please check whether your connection requires a change at Siegburg/Bonn or another station.

- **From Düsseldorf Airport (DUS):** approximately 90 mins to Bonn via train station within the airport (regional trains or ICE) or taxi connection

  Participants should follow signs to **Düsseldorf Flughafen** railway station and consult the current Deutsche Bahn timetable for connections to **Bonn Hauptbahnhof**.

Bonn is well connected regionally via trains but **subjected to frequent delays**, especially during rush hour. Downloading the Deutsche Bahn (DB) Navigator App or using the DB website can be useful as it gives up to date information on journeys. Additionally, Google Maps can be useful for route planning.

2. Visa requirements and entry into Germany

Germany is part of the **Schengen Area**.

Participants should check **well in advance of travel** whether they require a visa to enter Germany. Requirements depend on nationality, travel document and individual circumstances.

Participants requiring a visa should consult the **German Federal Foreign Office** and the German Embassy or Consulate responsible for their place of residence for current and authoritative information.

Participants requiring an **official invitation or supporting documentation** for their visa application should contact the Sharks MOU Secretariat as early as possible.

Please note that an invitation to the meeting or confirmation of registration **does not constitute a visa and does not guarantee that a visa will be issued**.

3. Meeting venue

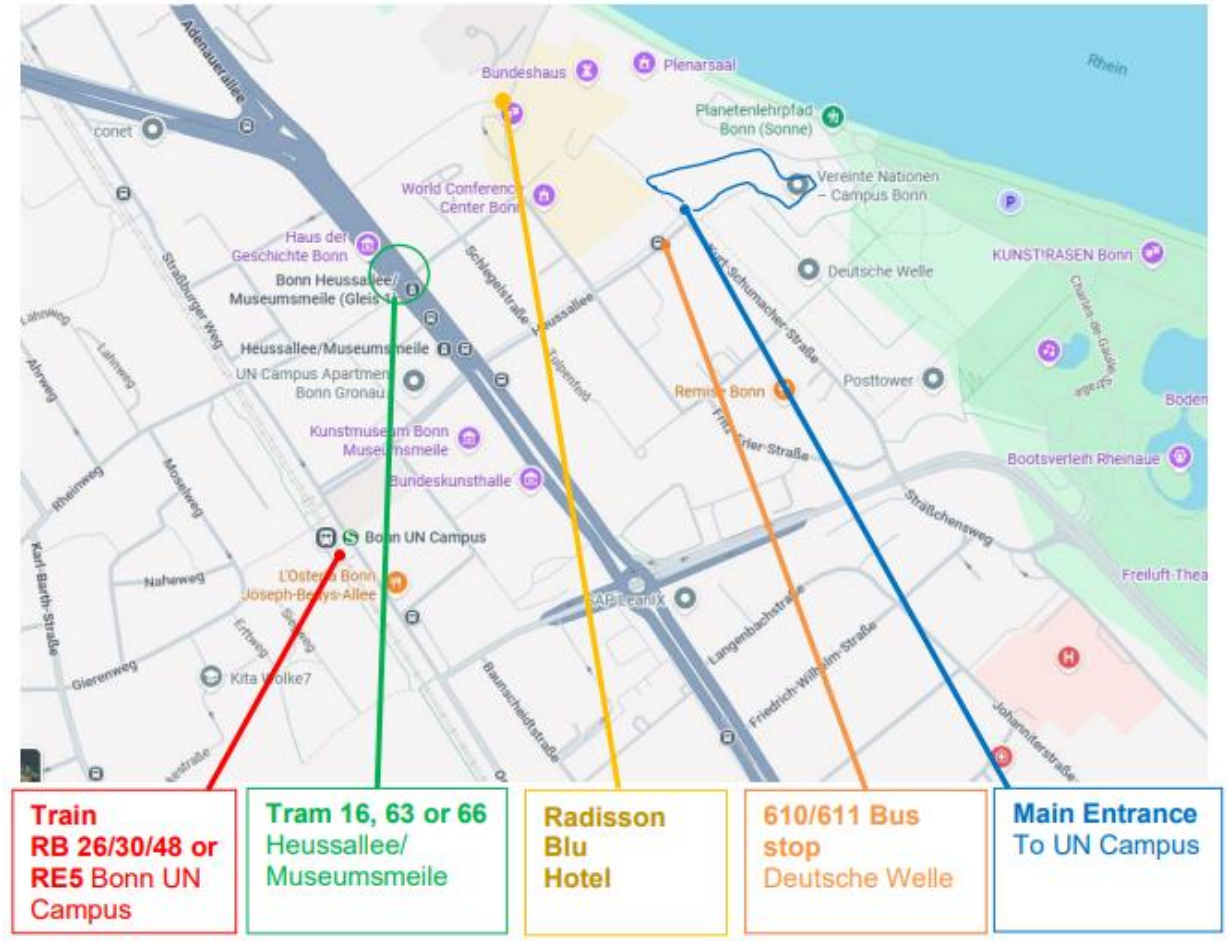
Address: **United Nations Campus – Langer Eugen (LEU) Building.**
Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1
53113 Bonn, Germany

Participants should allow **additional time on the first morning for security procedures and meeting registration**.

Access to the UN Campus is controlled. Participants should bring a **valid passport/national ID** and carry it with them when entering the Campus. Please note that your bag will be scanned during the security check before entering the UN campus.

Getting to the UN campus:

The UN Campus is located in Bonn's **Bundesviertel** and is well served by public transport.



Nearest **public transport stops**

- Regional Train: **Bonn UN Campus**
- Tram: **Heussallee/Museumsmeile**
- Bus: **Deutsche Welle**

The central phone number for Bonn taxis is +49 (0)228 555 555.

Please follow any additional accreditation, badge collection and security instructions circulated by the Sharks MOU Secretariat before the meeting.

4. Security requirements at the UN campus

Please note the standard security requirements that you need to be familiar with when you visit us here at the UN Campus in Bonn:

- All participants will receive an **identification badge** to access the venue. You are requested to wear this badge during your stay at the UN Campus.
- No friends or family members are allowed to enter the UN Campus unless they are participants.
- Participants should not use the facilities of other offices on the conference floors.
- Smoking is only allowed outside the building.
- All participants will be checked against their passports/national ID cards.
- The participants are not allowed to move throughout the building unless attended by Secretariat staff.
- Please report any loss of conference ID badge to the security for corrective action regarding the access.

- Participants should not leave their personal items of value unattended.
- Participants should aim to arrive at the guardhouse half an hour before the start of the meeting.

5. Registration

On-site registration will open **at 08:30** on Monday 10 May 2027, in the lobby of “Langer Eugen”. The way to meeting room 1916 will be signposted from the building lobby.

6. Lunch and coffee breaks

Coffee breaks will be outside the meeting room.

Regarding lunch, at own expense, there are a few options around the UN Campus:

- Café “Alter Schwede” at the Altes Abgeordneten-Hochhaus (AAH) building (inside the UN Campus).
- Varying food trucks on Heussallee.
- Canteen at Deutsche Welle.
- Lunch at the Radisson Blue (Restaurant Konrads).
- Business Lunch at Remise Restaurant.
- Business Lunch at Forissimo (Italian restaurant).
- Bakery “Bundesbüdchen”, outside the main gate of the UN Campus.
- Kiosk “Rheinbiss” (accessible through the gate by the Rhine).

You can also bring your own lunch and use the canteen area on the 29th floor or the lounge on the ground floor of “Langer Eugen” to enjoy it.

Participants should be aware that **most shops in Germany are closed on Sundays and public holidays**, with limited exceptions such as some shops at railway stations and airports. Participants arriving during a weekend may therefore wish to plan accordingly.

Tap water in Germany is potable.

7. Accessibility and special requirements

Bonn UN Campus and conference rooms are wheelchair accessible. Participants requiring accessibility arrangements or other assistance are encouraged to inform the Sharks MOU Secretariat **as early as possible before MOS5**, allowing time for appropriate arrangements to be made.

8. Accommodation

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation.

The following areas are particularly convenient:

- **Bundesviertel / Gronau:** closest to the UN Campus and convenient for walking to the meeting;
- **Südstadt:** attractive residential area between the city centre and the UN Campus;
- **Bonn city centre / Hauptbahnhof:** large choice of hotels, restaurants and convenient public transport; and
- **Bad Godesberg:** south of the UN Campus, with good public transport connections.

Participants are encouraged to **book accommodation early**, particularly as Bonn regularly hosts international conferences and events.

The following are examples of booking tools that participants can use to find accommodation in Bonn:

- Booking.com: hotels and other accommodation, with map views and filters for price and guest ratings.
- Bonn tourism accommodation service: the city's official accommodation page, with access to the Bonnhotels booking system and a free reservation service through Bonn-Information.
- HRS: hotels, including business and conference hotels in Bonn.
- Expedia: hotels, apartments and aparthotels, with filters for facilities and location.
- Airbnb: private rooms, apartments and entire homes, including self-catering options.
- trivago: comparison of hotel prices across booking websites; bookings are completed with the selected provider.

Before booking, participants should check the total price, cancellation conditions, breakfast inclusion and travel time to the meeting venue.

9. Practical information about Bonn

- **Currency and payments**

  Germany's currency is the **EURO (€)**.
  Credit and debit cards are widely accepted. Nevertheless, participants may find it useful to carry a **small amount of cash**, particularly for smaller purchases.
  ATMs are widely available in Bonn, including at the UN Campus.

- **Electricity**

  Germany uses **230 V / 50 Hz electricity** and principally **Type F electrical sockets**, which also accept the common Type C Europlug.
  Participants travelling from countries using other socket types should bring an appropriate adapter.



- **Language**

  The official language in Germany is **German**. English is widely used at the UN Campus and is commonly understood in hotels, restaurants and many services in Bonn.
  The official languages of Sharks MOS5 are **English, French and Spanish**.

- **Weather**

  May in Bonn is springtime, and weather conditions can vary. Participants are encouraged to check the forecast shortly before travelling.
  Iti s advisable to bring: a waterproof jacket and/or umbrella; comfortable walking shoes; layers suitable for changing temperatures; and appropriate business or business-casual clothing for the meeting.

- **Time Zone**

  In May, Bonn observes **Central European Summer Time (CEST, UTC+2)**.
  International participants may wish to take this into account when arranging calls, virtual meetings and onward travel.

- **Useful contacts**

  Sharks MOU - CMS Secretariat
  Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
  United Nations Campus
  Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1
  53113 Bonn, Germany
  Email: cms-secretariat@un.org (cc: andrea.pauly@un.org)
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- **Useful numbers**
  - Country dialing code: +49
  - City dialing code: 0228
  - Police: 110
  - Fire department / Ambulance: 112
  - Railway Station Bonn: +49 (0) 228 19419
  - +49 (0) 228 19257 (Medical emergency)

More information on Bonn under: http://www.bonn-region.de/english.html

10. Before you travel: quick checklist

Before leaving home, please remember to:

☐ Check whether you require a **Schengen visa**

☐ Check the validity and applicable entry requirements for your **passport/travel document**

☐ Complete your **MOS5 registration**

☐ Carry the original **meeting credentials** to the meeting and share an electronic copy with the Secretariat in advance

☐ Keep your meeting invitation/registration confirmation accessible while travelling

☐ Bring the **passport or official photographic ID to be granted access to the UN Campus and to register on-site**

☐ Arrange appropriate **travel and medical insurance**

☐ Inform the Secretariat in advance of any **accessibility requirements**

We look forward to welcoming you to Bonn!

Participants are encouraged to make their travel, accommodation and visa arrangements **as early as possible** and to keep copies of important travel and meeting documents accessible during their journey.

We wish you a safe journey and look forward to welcoming you to Sharks MOS5 at the UN Campus in Bonn from 10 to 13 May 2027.