Access to the ITU HQ Premises

Please note that as of 28th February 2018, access to the ITU HQ premises has been revised for event delegates, with the installation of new security equipment and systems that are a part of the Security Modernization Project at Headquarters’ premises. The Tower SASs are operational as of the 28th February 2018, and the Varembé SASs should be operational as of mid-March 2018.

It is recalled that the main objective of the security modernization project is to enhance the security of staff, delegates, visitors, and security of ITU assets by installing new modern technology. To this effect the Tower Building and Varembé Building access points will be equipped with electronically monitored security airlock systems (SASs). Each SAS will be activated by access control technology that will require individual identification prior to entering or exiting the premises. This new access control equipment prevents opportunistic access, commonly referred to as “piggy backing” (i.e. an attempt to access a controlled area by following closely behind another authorized person).

All accredited delegates and announced visitors that are issued a Mifare event photo badge – without biometric data - will only be allowed to ENTER the premises via the Montbrillant Building access point, however these same accredited delegates will be authorized to EXIT from all three access points once they are operational (i.e. Tower, Varembé, and Montbrillant).

In line with the security enhancement strategy of the modernization project, accredited long-term delegates (who hold accreditation for one-year validity or more) that are issued with the new biometric Smartcard will be able to ENTER or EXIT at the Tower, Varembé, and Montbrillant Access points (the issuance of smartcards to long-term delegates is expected to start in April 2018).

It is important to note that the Montbrillant Building will become the principal access point for all ITU business operations, where new security speedgates will be installed in April 2018. The area will also have a new Security Control Operations Hub that will be staffed on a 24-hour basis.

Registration and badge distribution for all delegates and announced visitors will be done in this area. In addition, self-check-in kiosks will be installed in the near future that can be used by registered delegates and visitors to be issued new event MiFare badges or updated access rights on their biometric Smartcards (kiosks will be similar to those found in airports where passengers are able to self-register, print boarding passes and check-in luggage).

From 1st September 2018 onwards, all un-badged delegates and visitors will be required to undergo security controls similar to those at an airport (i.e. metal detectors and x-ray tunnels for bags).

Reference to the project objectives as well as decisions, can be seen in Council documents C16/72, C16/70, and C17/63.