



Second Regional Forum of WHO Collaborating Centres in the Western Pacific

28–29 November 2016, Manila, Philippines

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Welcome message

I am pleased to welcome you to the Second Regional Forum of the WHO Collaborating Centres in the Western Pacific. This is among the Region's largest events for networking, providing a platform to exchange ideas and experiences.

Since the first forum in 2014, our partnership has grown stronger. I look forward to even more reports on progress during this forum.

Our numbers have also grown to more than 190 WHO collaborating centres in the Region. We constantly bolster outreach and collaboration programmes with new mechanisms and ideas while continuing to uphold the highest standards in public health.

The global health landscape is always changing. In 2015, world leaders endorsed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Together with other key global and regional health events, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are changing the way WHO does business. The SDGs call for all-of-society approaches and work across technical and sectoral boundaries will be a key focus of our discussions. We aim to take this opportunity to further our collaboration in this new SDG era.

Keeping countries at the centre remains a constant in our work. As we share good practices through the work of WHO collaborating centres in countries, we hope that more institutions will be inspired to engage with WHO, in supporting Member States.

Your expertise and enthusiasm continue to be indispensable. Your work enhances and extends the Organization's reach. Working together, we can help all people to attain the highest possible level of health and well-being.

Thank you once again for your participation. I look forward to an exciting event.



Dr Shin Young-soo

Regional Director

WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific

Forum Details:

Second Regional Forum of WHO Collaborating Centres in the Western Pacific

Objectives of the Forum:

- to promote, report and share successful progress since the first forum by identifying opportunities, implementation challenges and good practices and using these towards promoting better implementation, reporting, networking and communication;
- to propose innovative collaboration mechanisms to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through universal health coverage, using multidisciplinary, interprofessional approaches to existing and emerging challenges; and
- to discuss how to improve alignment of WHO collaborating centres support activities with the needs and priorities of Member States.

Registration and badges: Participants will receive their ID badges on check-in at the hotel. Please ask the hotel front desk if you do not receive your badge, or inquire at registration.

On Day 1 of the Forum, 28 November 2016, registration will take place from 7:30 to 8:30 in the Conference Hall foyer at WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific.

Venue: The venue for 28 and 29 November is the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, on the corner of United Nations and Taft avenues, Ermita, Manila. Plenary sessions will be held in the Conference Hall. Parallel sessions will be held in different meeting rooms. Maps of the Regional Office are provided at the back of this booklet.

Guidance on the seating plan: Chief delegates of each WHO CC will have a seat at the main Conference Hall. Member delegates are to sit at the Conference Hall gallery (2nd floor).

Transport: Daily transport will be provided to and from the Regional Office for participants staying at Diamond Hotel Philippines, Pan Pacific Manila and New World Manila Bay. In case of unfavorable weather, WPRO will also provide transportation for participants who are staying at the Waterfront Pavilion hotel.

On the evening of 28 November 2016, transportation to the Regional Director's Reception at the Manila Hotel will be available for all participants. At the end of the evening, return transport will be provided to all participants to their respective hotels.

Transport schedule		
Date	Shuttle departure from hotels	Shuttle departure from the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO)
28 November	07:15	17:30 to Manila Hotel for the Regional Director's Reception (all participants) Shuttles to hotels will depart at the end of the Reception
29 November	07:45	17:00 from WPRO to hotels

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http://www.wpro.who.int/whocc_forum

Programme overview

Time	DAY 1: 28 November 2016
07:30–08:30	Registration
08:30–10:00	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Dr Takeshi Kasai, WHO Director of Programme Management • Introduction of WHO collaborating centres by country • Keynote speech by Dr Shin Young-soo, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific
10:00–10:20	Group photo
10:20–10:50	Mobility break
10:50–11:50	Plenary session 1: Taking stock – Identifying opportunities, implementation challenges and good practices in networking and partnerships Using these towards promoting better implementation, reporting, networking and communication for greater impact at country level
11:50–13:45	Lunch, seminar and poster sessions
13:45–14:45	Plenary session 2: Transforming our world – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Building a common understanding of the SDGs and their impact on the work of WHO in the Region
14:45–17:30	Parallel sessions 1: WHO technical units and WHO collaborating centres discuss their activities and priorities (mobility break 15:45–16:15)
18:30–20:30	The Regional Director's Reception
Time	DAY 2: 29 November 2016
08:30–09:30	Plenary session 3: Aligning the work of WHO collaborating centres to the needs of Member States Discussing ways to increase alignment of the activities of WHO collaborating centres with Member State priorities and needs
09:30–10:00	Mobility break
10:00–11:00	Parallel sessions 2: Cross-cutting thematic discussion groups Improving understanding of cross cutting issues and how they intersect with and contribute to WHO and country priorities (Universal health coverage; Antimicrobial resistance, Public health law, Addressing health inequities; Health security)
11:15–12:15	Parallel sessions 3: Cross-cutting operational discussion groups Improving effectiveness of work in countries (Research to support country needs, Training for impact at country level, Communicating for better results)
12:15–14:00	Lunch, seminar and poster sessions
14:00–15:00	Parallel sessions 4: Supporting Member States to achieve the SDGs Discuss actions, plans and strategies to improve collaborative mechanisms to support Member States in the achievement of the SDGs
15:00–15:30	Mobility break
15:30–16:30	Plenary session 4: Moving forward Share emerging activities and priorities from the individual technical group discussions and identify the way forward
16:30–17:00	Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks by Dr Shin Young-soo, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific

Full programme

Time	Day 1: Monday, 28 November 2016				
08:30	Opening session - Conference Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by Dr Takeshi Kasai – Director of Programme Management, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific• Introduction of Forum participants• Keynote speech - Dr Shin Young-soo – WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific				
10:00	Group photo on the Lawn				
10:20	Mobility break - Upper and lower conference hall lounge and Al Fresco				
10:50	Plenary session 1 – Conference Hall Taking stock – Identifying opportunities, implementation challenges and good practices in networking and partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report from the Secretariat – Dr Takeshi Kasai, Director of Programme Management, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific• Experiences working through effective partnerships and collaboration:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. National Centre for Global Medicine (NCGM), Japan - WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Systems Research2. National Institute of Food and Drug Safety Evaluation (NIFDS) of Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS), the Republic of Korea – WHO Collaborating Centre for Standardization and Evaluation of Biologicals3. Centre for Food Safety, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong SAR (China) – WHO Collaborating Centre for Risk Analysis of Chemicals in Food				
11:50	Lunch Cafeteria and Alfresco		Poster session 1 (12.45-13.30) Conference Hall upper and lower lounge and foyer		
13:45	Plenary session 2 – Conference Hall Transforming our world – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – panel session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Vivian Lin, Director, Health Systems• Dr Mark Jacobs, Director, Communicable Diseases• Dr Susan Mercado, Director, NCD and Health through the Life-course• Dr Li Ailan, Director, Health Security and Emergencies				
14:45	Parallel sessions 1: Technical session for WHO CCs by themes				
Mobility break 15:45-16:15 various locations	Malaria, other vector-borne and neglected tropical diseases Lead: Rabindra Abeyasinghe Room: 421	Tuberculosis Lead: Nobuyuki Nishikiori Room: 404	HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and sexual transmitted infection Lead: Ying-Ru Lo Room: 409-D	Noncommunicable diseases Lead: Hai-Rim Shin Room: 212	Health promotion Lead: Tara Kessaram Room: 212
	Health research, ethics and law Lead: Ki-Hyun Hahm and Luke Elich Room: 406-E	Essential medicines, health technology and biologicals Lead: David Newby Room: 210-A	Health information and e-health Lead: Gao Jun Room: 310 Blue wave	Service delivery and financing Lead: Rasul Baghirov and Xu Ke Room: 208-E	Health workforce Lead: Indrajit Hazarika Room: 414-A
17:30	Transport to the Regional Director’s Reception				
18:00	Regional Director’s Reception – Ballroom, Manila Hotel				

Day 1 Seminar - Conference Hall (12.45-13.30) Overview on policies and procedures related to WHO collaborating centres Facilitators: Matias Tuler and Rasul Baghirov					
Healthy diet and oral health Lead: Katrin Engelhardt Room: 212	Tobacco Free Initiative Lead: Katia De Pinho Campos Room: 212	Mental health and substance abuse Lead: Xiao Sobel Room: 402	Reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health Lead: Howard Sobel Room: 410	International Health Regulations: emerging diseases and food safety Lead: Peter Hoejskov Room: 403 EOC	
Traditional medicine Lead: Yu Lee Park Room: 321	Disability and rehabilitation Lead: Darryl Barrett Room: 210-B	Environmental health Lead: Rifat Hossain Room: 313-S	Occupational health Lead: Nasir Hassan Room: 314 Narra	Library and publications Lead: Marie Villemain-Partow Room: Library	

Time	Day 2: Tuesday, 29 November 2016				
08:30	Plenary session 3 – Conference Hall Aligning the work of WHO collaborating centres to the needs of Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nagasaki University – emerging infectious diseases in Vietnam – WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Tropical and Emerging Virus DiseasesCentre for International Child Health – coaching in Early Essential Newborn Care in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic – WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Child and Neonatal HealthPacific Paramedical Training Centre – Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science in the Pacific – WHO Collaborating Centre for External Quality Assessment in Health Laboratory Services				
9:30	Mobility break - Upper and lower conference hall lounges and Al Fresco				
10:00	Parallel sessions 2 – cross-cutting thematic group discussions				
	Health promotion Lead: Hai-Rim Shin Room: Upper and lower conference hall lounges	Universal health coverage Leads: Xu Ke and Rasul Baghirov Room: 212		Health security Lead: Frank Konings Room: 210	
11:00	Move to meeting rooms for Parallel sessions 3				
11:15	Parallel sessions 3 – cross-cutting operational group discussions				
	Research to support country needs			Training for impact at country level	
	Group 1 lead: Jun Gao and David Newby Room: 410	Group 2 lead: Nobuyuki Nishikiori Room: 414-A		Group 1 lead: Elaine O’Leary Room: 212	
12:15	Lunch Cafeteria and Al Fresco	Poster session 2 (13:00 – 13:45) Conference hall upper and lower lounge and foyer			
14:00	Parallel sessions 4 – technical groupings – Supporting Member States to achieve the SDGs				
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15:00	Mobility break - Upper and lower conference hall lounge and Al Fresco				
15:30 - 17:00	Plenary session 4 – Conference Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none">Report back from parallel sessions on key highlights and way forward Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none">Closing remarks - Dr Shin Young-soo – WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific				

	Addressing health inequities Leads: Anjana Bhushan, Britta Baer Room: 208-E	Public health law Leads: Luke Elich, Ki-Hyun Hahm Room: 410	Antimicrobial resistance Leads: Sarah Paulin, Babatunde Olowokure Room: 414-A		
		Communicating for better results			
	Group 2 lead: Howard Sobel Room: 210	Group 1 lead: Angela Pratt Room: 208-E	Group 2 lead: Eloi Yao Room: 403 EOC		
	Day 2 Seminar - Conference Hall (13:00 – 13:45) Overview on policies and procedures related to WHO collaborating centres Facilitators: Matias Tuler and Rasul Baghirov				
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Meeting details

Opening session and Plenary session 1: Taking stock – identifying opportunities, implementation challenges and good practices in networking and partnerships

Objective: To identify good examples of networking and partnerships that can be used towards promoting better implementation, reporting, networking and communication for greater impact at country level

Venue: Conference Hall

Schedule:

- Opening session: 08:30–10:00, 28 November 2016
- Plenary session 1: 10:50–11:50, 28 November 2016

Opening session

- Welcome by Dr Takeshi Kasai, Director, Programme Management, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific
- Introduction of WHO collaborating centres and WHO responsible officers for WHO collaborating centres
- Keynote speech by Dr Shin Young-soo, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific

Plenary session 1

Report from the Secretariat: Dr Takeshi Kasai, Director of Programme Management, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific

Proceedings: Representatives from selected collaborating centres are invited to share their experiences of working through effective partnerships and collaboration

- Dr Masato Kasuga, National Centre for Global Medicine (NCGM), Japan - WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Systems Research
- Dr Sangjin Park, National Institute of Food and Drug Safety Evaluation (NIFDS) of Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS), the Republic of Korea – WHO Collaborating Centre for Standardization and Evaluation of Biologicals
- Dr Samuel Yeung, Centre for Food Safety, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong SAR (China) - WHO Collaborating Centre for Risk Analysis of Chemicals in Food

Plenary session 2: Transforming our world – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Objective: To review how the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) impact on the work of WHO in the Region and the contribution of WHO collaborating centres in supporting the SDG agenda

Venue: Conference Hall

Schedule: 13:45–14:45, 28 November 2016

Proceedings: A panel session will be held, introduced by Dr Takeshi Kasai, Director, Programme Management, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific and followed by a Q&A session.

Panel members:

- Dr Vivian Lin, Director, Health Systems, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific
- Dr Mark Jacobs, Director, Communicable Diseases, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific
- Dr Susan Mercado, Director, NCD and Health through the Life-course, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific
- Dr Li Ailan, Director, Health Security and Emergencies, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific

Plenary session 3: Aligning the work of WHO collaborating centres to the needs of Member States

Objective:

1. To appreciate the work of WHO collaborating centres and identify ways to bring the expertise of WHO collaborating centres into WHO's country support
2. To motivate WHO collaborating centres to go beyond national/technical boundaries and proactively support other countries through WHO

Venue: Conference Hall

Schedule: 08:30–09:30, 29 November 2016

Opening remarks: Dr Takeshi Kasai, Director, Programme Management, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific

Moderator: Associate Professor and Deputy Director, Regina Lee, WHO Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services at the School of Nursing at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Proceedings: A series of panel presentations will be given on examples of successful support to countries

1. Emerging infectious diseases in Viet Nam
 - Dr Lokky Wai, WHO Representative in Viet Nam (by videoconference)
 - Dr Kouichi Morita, Nagasaki University, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Tropical and Emerging Virus Disease
 - Dr Frank Konings, Acting Medical Officer for International Health Regulations and Technical Officer for Laboratory, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific
2. Early Essential Newborn Care in the Lao People's Democratic Republic
 - Dr Juliet Fleischl, WHO Representative in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (by videoconference)
 - Dr Kim Mulholland, Centre for International Child Health, WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Child and Neonatal Health
 - Dr Howard Sobel, Regional Advisor: Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific
3. Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science in the Pacific
 - Dr Corinne Capuano, Director of Pacific Technical Support and WHO Representative in the South Pacific (by videoconference)
 - Mr Philip Wakem and Mr Navin Karan, Pacific Paramedical Training Centre, WHO Collaborating Centre for External Quality Assessment in Health Laboratory Services
 - Ms Elaine O'Leary, Technical Officer: Capacity-building, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific

Plenary session 4 and Closing session

Objective: To report back from parallel sessions on key highlights, share emerging activities and priorities, and identify the way forward

Venue: Conference Hall

Schedule: 15:30–17:00, 29 November 2016

Plenary session 4

Chair: Dr Takeshi Kasai, Director, Programme Management, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific

Proceedings:

- Dr Anjana Bhushan, Coordinator: Equity and Social Determinants, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, will report back and present main highlights of parallel thematic sessions and indicate agreed recommended actions to take collaborative work forward
- Participants will discuss the adoption of the 2nd Forum's Outcome Statement

Closing session

- Closing remarks from Dr Shin Young-soo, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific

Lunch time seminars: Overview on policies and procedures related to WHO collaborating centres

Objective: To update participants on policies and procedures related to WHO collaborating centres and answer questions in regard to different aspects of designation and redesignation

Venue: Conference Hall

Schedule: Seminar is repeated on both days

- Day 1 Seminar 12:45–13:30, 28 November 2016
- Day 2 Seminar 13:00–13:45, 29 November 2016

Facilitators:

- Matias Tuler, Programme Officer: Policy and Information, WHO headquarters
- Rasul Baghirov, Coordinator: Integrated Service Delivery, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific

Poster sessions

Objective: To understand better the technical expertise and resources of WHO collaborating centres relevant to the current and future collaboration with WHO and their way of operating

Venue: Conference hall upper lounge, lower lounge and foyer

Schedule of poster sessions:

- Poster session 1: 12:45–13:30, 28 November 2016
- Poster session 2: 13:00–13:45, 29 November 2016

Parallel session 1

Technical session for WHO collaborating centres by themes

Objectives: To take stock of 2014 Forum recommendations; explain how SDG goals, targets, and indicators link to programmatic areas; and to present priority areas within existing workplans

Venue: Meeting rooms (see below table for details)

Schedule: 14:45–17:30, 28 November 2016

Invitees: All participants are invited to attend the sessions based on their area of work (see below table for details).

Parallel session 1: 14:45–17:30, 28 November 2016		
Topic	Lead Facilitator/s	Meeting Room
Malaria, other vector-borne and neglected tropical diseases	Rabindra Abeyasinghe	421
Tuberculosis	Nobuyuki Nishikiori	404
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Parallel session 2

Cross-cutting thematic group discussions

Objective: To improve understanding of cross cutting issues and how they intersect with and contribute to WHO and country priorities

Venue: Meeting rooms (see table for details)

Schedule: 10:00–11:00, 29 November 2016

Invitees: All participants are invited to attend the sessions based on their area of work (see each session synopsis for further details).

Synopsis of thematic groups

Health promotion in the age of urbanization and ageing

Health promotion action works towards improving the conditions of daily life by building healthy public policies, creating supportive environments, strengthening community action, developing personal skills and reorienting health services. Health promotion is a cost-effective way for countries to improve public health and reduce economic costs of illness. This session will aim to examine ways in which the effectiveness of technical support to countries can be enhanced through health promotion frameworks (http://www.wpro.who.int/health_promotion/en/).

Achieving UHC: a synergized action addressing equity quality efficiency and financial protection

Universal health coverage (UHC) is defined as all people having access to quality health services without suffering the financial hardship associated with paying for care (WHO, 2010). It is the overarching vision for health sector development and is critical to sustainable development. This session will offer the opportunity to better understand UHC in the context of SDGs and identify where WHO CCs can support WPRO in the UHC work. The WPRO's UHC work follows Universal Health Coverage: Moving Towards Better Health action framework, that was endorsed by the Regional Committee in 2015 (<http://www.uhcwpr.info/>).

Health security, including public health preparedness and response to emergencies and disasters

The Western Pacific Region is vulnerable to health security and emergency risks. WHO's new Health Emergencies Programme aims to help countries prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from emergencies quickly, in a more predictable, dependable and accountable way, whether these are caused by disease outbreaks, disasters or conflict. This session will bring together WHO CCs interested in supporting countries to address public health preparedness and response to emergencies and disaster and explore collaboration needed beyond technical boundaries (http://www.wpro.who.int/about/administration_structure/dse/about_us/en/).

Tackling the social roots of health inequities

Health equity is described by the absence of unfair and avoidable or remediable differences in health among social groups. The SDGs focus strongly on equity and human rights, informed by social determinants of health. The integration of equity, human rights, gender and social determinants into WHO policies, programmes and institutional mechanisms are vital in upholding the ideals at the heart of the SDGs. This session will present equity in Universal Health Care and the SDGs and discuss how CCs can contribute to better health equity through an examination of where equity intersects with current work plans, the types of activities can address health inequities and how we can assess our performance on health equity (http://www.wpro.who.int/topics/equity_health/en/)

Public health law: effective use of legislation to support public health policy objectives

Law is a powerful policy tool that can support improved health outcomes and the achievement of the SDGs in many different ways. However, it can be difficult to use effectively. Laws are oftentimes developed without regard to existing evidence and expertise, and not effectively implemented or enforced. Laws are poorly designed and not effective in supporting the underlying policy objective or have unintended impacts that are harmful to population health. This session will briefly discuss some of the challenges and provide the opportunity for WHO collaborating centres to discuss and share their experiences and lessons learnt in the development, implementation and/or review of legislation as it relates to their areas of work.

Antimicrobial resistance a need for global response

Antimicrobial resistance is as a global health and development challenge. It is a complex problem that affects all of society and is driven by many interconnected factors. Single, isolated interventions have limited impact. Coordinated action is required to minimize the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance. This session will examine AMR in the context of the SDGs and provide an overview of WHO's ongoing work at the global, regional and national level to support countries in developing and implementing national action plans on antimicrobial resistance (<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs194/en/>)

Parallel session 2: 10:00–11:00, 29 November 2016		
Topic	Lead Facilitator/s	Meeting Room
Health promotion in the age of urbanization and aging	Hai-Rim Shin	Conference Hall upper and lower lounges
Achieving UHC: a synergized action addressing equity quality efficiency and financial protection	Xu Ke and Rasul Baghirov	212
Health security, including public health preparedness and response to emergencies and disasters	Frank Konings	210
Tackling the social roots of health inequities	Anjana Bhushan and Britta Baer	208-E
Public health law: effective use of legislation to support public health policy objectives	Luke Elich and Ki-Hyun Hahm	410
Antimicrobial resistance a need for global response	Sarah Paulin and Babatunde Olowokure	414-A

Parallel session 3

Cross-cutting operational group discussions – Improving effectiveness of work in countries

Objective: To better understand the factors that contribute to greater relevance and effectiveness of work plans and activities in countries

Venue: Meeting rooms (see table for details)

Schedule: 11:15–12:15, 29 November 2016

Invitees: All participants are invited to attend the sessions based on their area of work (see each session synopsis for further details).

Synopsis of cross-cutting operational group discussions

Research to support country needs

Building sustainable institutional capacity based on the evidence-base is among the WHO core functions. WHO depends on many partners such as WHO CCs to generate such evidence. WHO and its research partners are duty-bound to ensure the research it relies on is transparent, complete, free of perceived or real conflicts of interest, and provided in a way that is most useful for our Member States. Research is essential for fostering innovation and promoting development. It can play an important role in informing policy development, health interventions and education and training. Research does not end with publication; it should inform policy development and improve health outcomes. This session will consider how research could be made more relevant and better applied in countries.

Training for impact at country level

Training for knowledge transfer and skills development is an important activity and can be a valuable contributor to health workforce capacity development in countries. However, the measure of training effectiveness is often limited to participant reaction to training based on training feedback surveys. While a good training experience is an important starting point, it will not necessarily lead to important behavioral changes and application of those new skills in the workplace. This session will discuss and share experiences on how we can improve the design of training programmes and their review for greater effectiveness.

Communicating for better results

Communications can be a powerful tool for improving the effectiveness of activities. It can build support for health development, promote advocates for reform, galvanize support and encourage more informed decision-making at all levels. Communications should therefore be an integral part of the planning of any initiative, rather than a process that is undertaken at the end of an activity. This session will consider the key aspects of communications and how it may be used to increase the effectiveness of our collaborations, partnerships and activities in countries.

Parallel session 3: 11:15-12:15, 29 November 2016		
Topic	Lead Facilitator/s	Meeting Room
Research to support country needs	Jun Gao, David Newby	410
	Nobuyuki Nishikiori	414-A
Training for impact at country level	Elaine O'Leary	212
	Howard Sobel	210
Communicating for better results	Angela Pratt	208-E
	Eloi Yao	403 EOC

Parallel session 4

Technical groupings - Supporting Member States to achieve the SDGs

Objectives: To reflect on the previous parallel sessions, discuss actions, plans and strategies to improve collaborative mechanisms to support Member States in the achievement of the SDGs and develop recommendations for the way forward

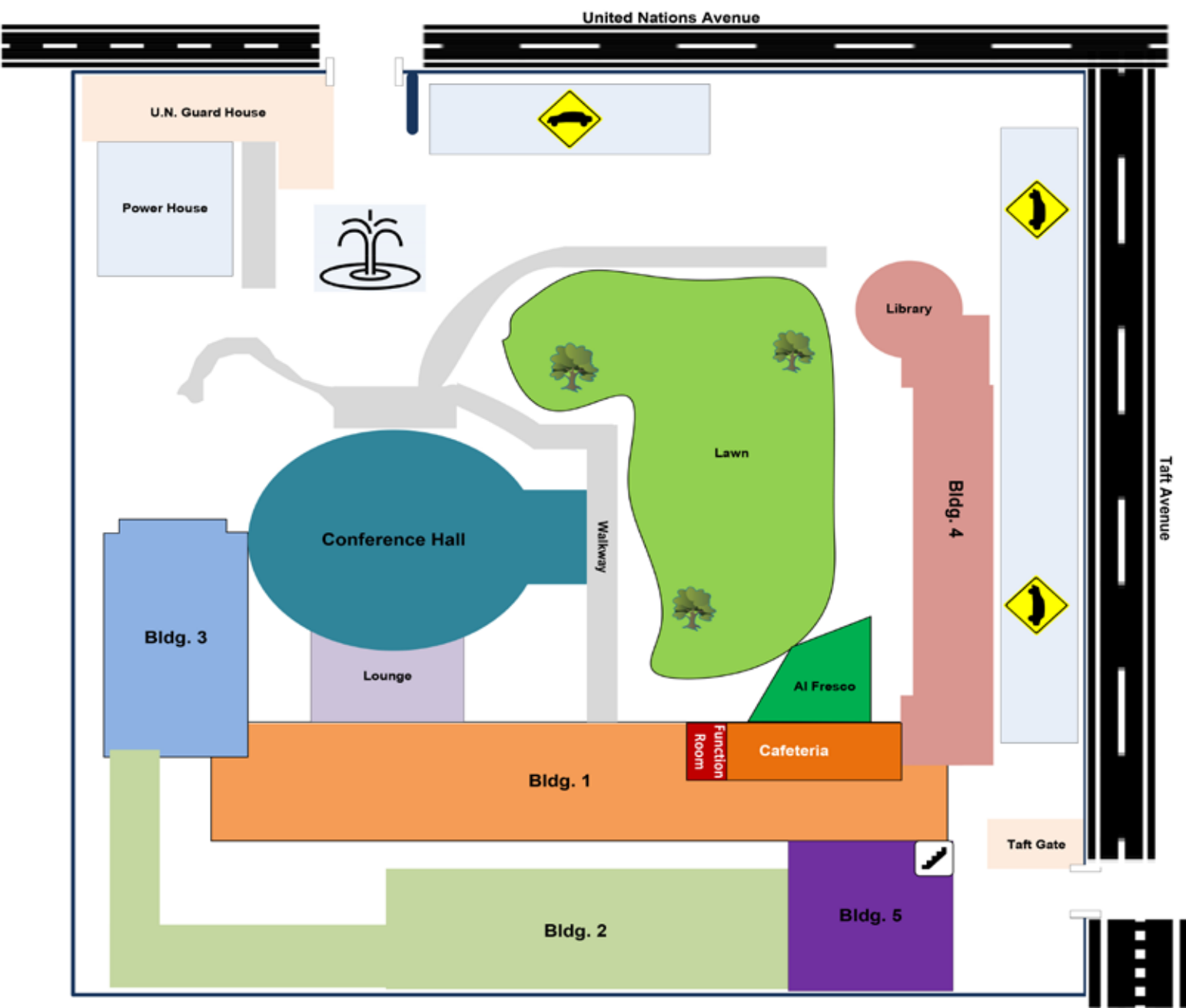
Venue: Meeting rooms (see below table for details)

Schedule: 14:00–15:00, 29 November 2016

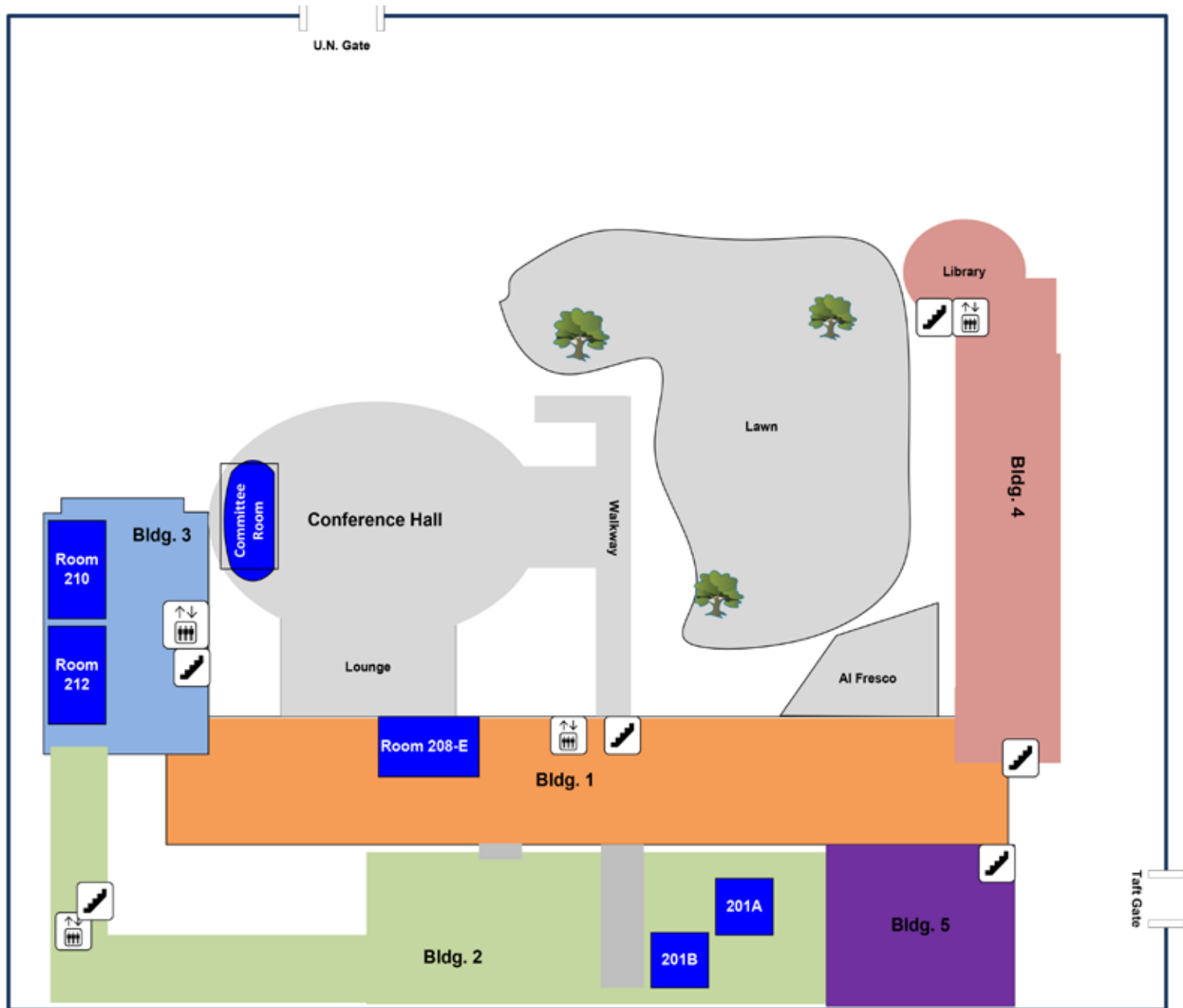
Invitees: All participants are invited to attend the sessions based on their area of work.

Parallel Session 4: 14:45–17:00, 29 November 2016		
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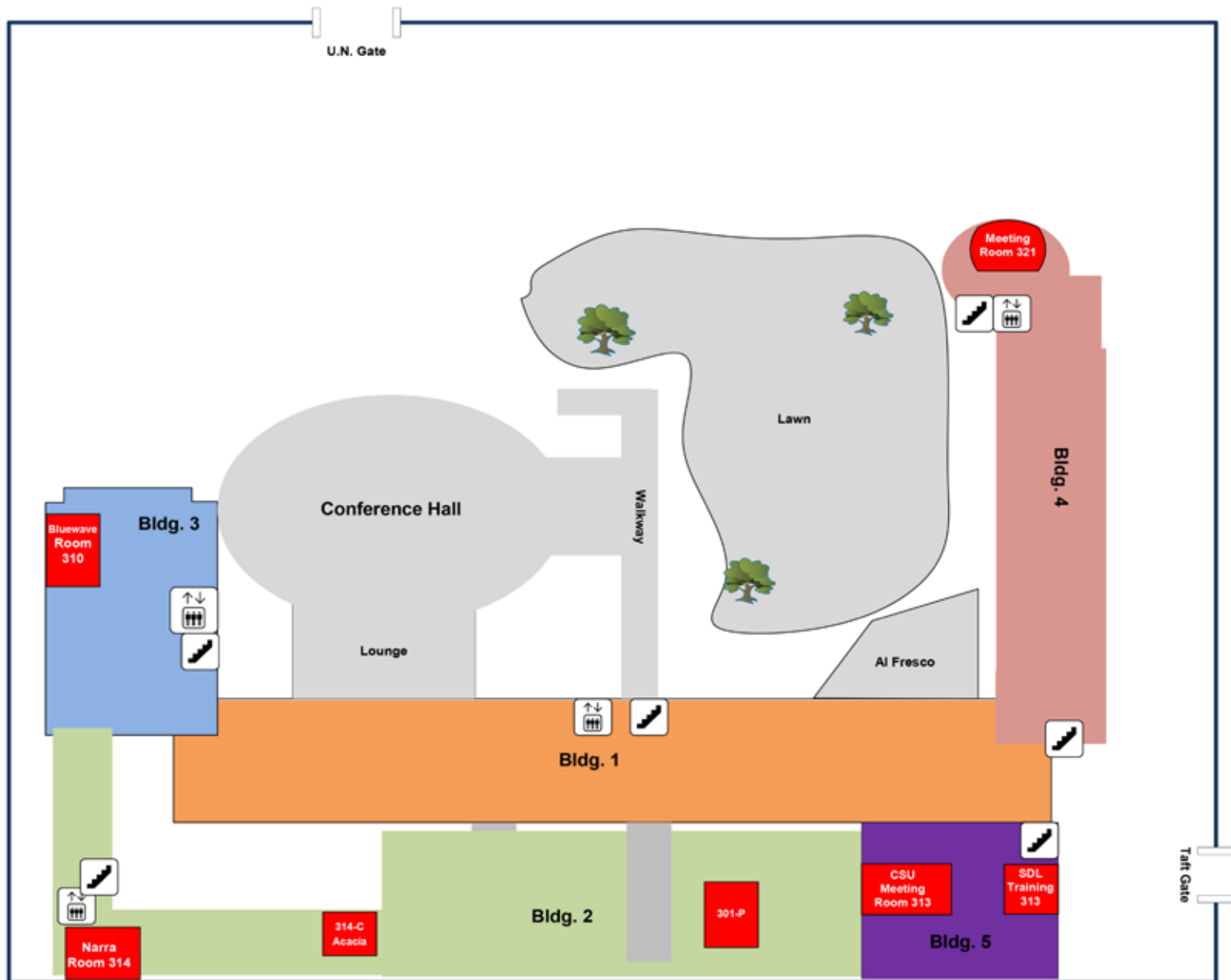
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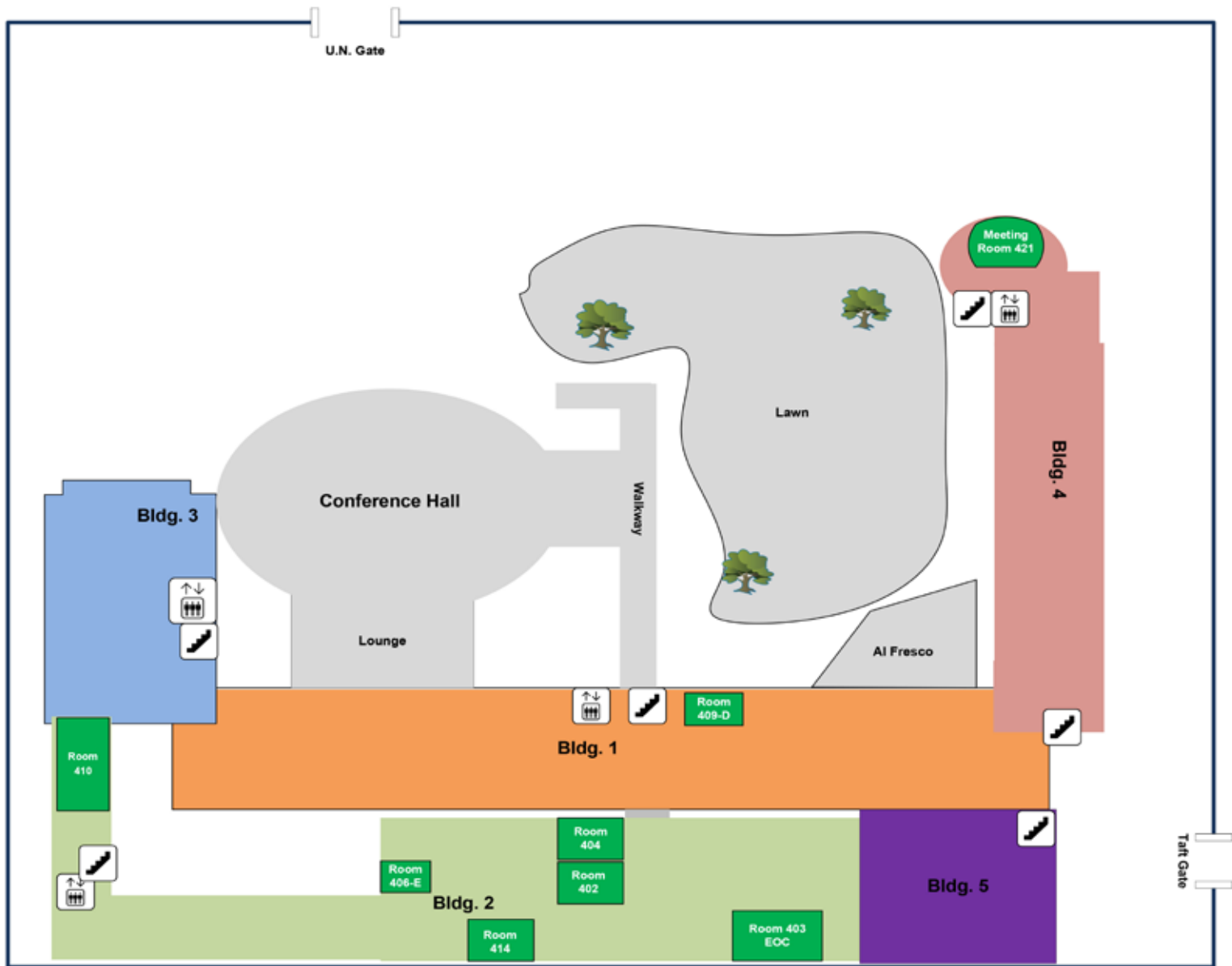
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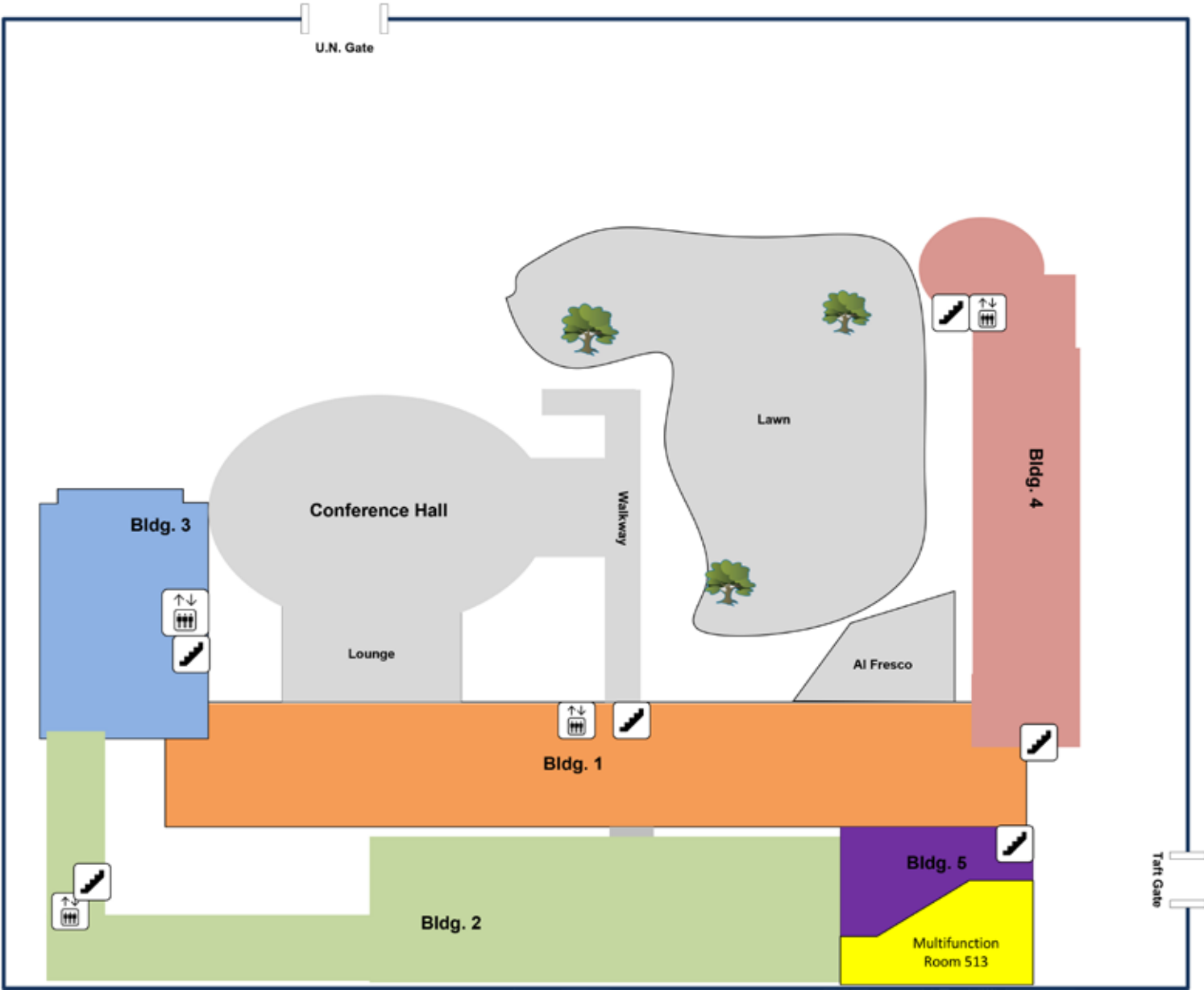
Third floor plan



Fourth floor plan



Fifth floor plan



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