

Forest Carbon Partnership Fund and REDD+ Partnership
Santa Marta, Colombia, June 24-July 2
VISAS

Aiming to make it easier for the delegates of the *Forest Carbon Partnership Fund and REDD+ Partnership* meetings, and other guests, the Colombian Government, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Coordination of Visas and Immigration, has taken the necessary measures to guarantee their entry to the country, particularly to those people from countries that need a visa to enter the country.

In this sense, the plan is to supply a Courtesy Visa for foreign citizens in need a visa to come to Colombia and who are able to prove their status of delegates, or guests, for the *Forest Carbon Partnership Fund and REDD+ Partnership* meetings. The Visa may be acquired at any Colombian Consulate, whether the foreigner is at his country of origin or not.

Foreign citizens who do not need tourist or visitor's visa will enter the country in compliance with the normal procedures of the Colombian migratory control authority, "Migración Colombia", which records their migratory movements under the modality of the so called *Entry and Permanence Permit as Temporary Visitors* which is stamped on their respective passports at the moment of entering the country.

Requirements to Apply for the Courtesy Visa

- Duly completed *Visa application form*.
- Valid passport with blank pages.
- Two recent pictures, frontal, colour, light background, 3X3 cms.
- Information of the round-trip ticket to Colombia.
- Invitation Letter

Note: Check the nearest Colombian Consulate in Annex 1: **List of Colombian Embassies and Consulates**.

The following chart provides the list of countries exempt from the Tourist or Visitor's Visa to enter the country, either by nationality or diplomatic passport.

Albania	Germany	Peru
Andorra	Greece	Philippines
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Poland
Argentina	Guatemala	Portugal

Armenia	Guyana	Qatar
Australia	Holy See	Republic of Korea
Austria	Honduras	Romania
Bahamas	Hungary	Russia
Barbados	Iceland	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belarus	Indonesia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belgium	Ireland	Samoa
Belize	Israel	San Marino
Bhutan	Italy	Santa Lucia
Bolivia	Jamaica	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Singapore
Brazil	Kosovo	Slovakia
Brunei-Darussalam	Kuwait	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Solomon Islands
Canada	Liechtenstein	South Africa
Chile	Lithuania	Spain
Costa Rica	Luxembourg	Suriname
Croatia	Macedonia	Sweden
Cyprus	Malaysia	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Malta	Trinidad and Tobago
Denmark	Marshall Islands	Turkey
Dominica	Micronesia	U.S.
Dominican Republic	Moldova	Ukraine
Ecuador	Monaco	United Arab Emirates
El Salvador	Montenegro	United Kingdom of England and Northern Ireland
Estonia	Netherlands	United States of Mexico
Fiji	New Zealand	Uruguay
Finland	Palau	Venezuela
France	Papua New Guinea	
Georgia	Paraguay	

People with a common, diplomatic or official passport from the following countries do NOT need a Visa to enter Colombia

Cuba
India
Iran
Morocco
People's Republic of China

Procedure for exceptional cases

Only for exceptional cases of foreign citizens accredited as **official delegates, participants or guests** to the *Forest Carbon Partnership Fund and REDD+ Partnership* meetings, who, in

need of a visa but for certain circumstances are unable to apply for it in any Colombian Consulate, the Colombian Government will guarantee their entry to the country by following an *ad hoc* procedure that will facilitate the Visas' issue at the event's venue in Santa Marta, during the 72 hours following their entrance to the country.

In such cases, the Visas and Immigration Office from the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs will request the respective airlines to allow boarding without visa for foreign citizens who submit the accreditation letter sent by the authority in charge for this purpose on behalf of the event's organization in Santa Marta. Participants are required to present in the boarding process the following documents that will be sent by the person in charge from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

1. Invitation letter from the Colombian Government,
2. "To whom it may concern" letter sent by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and
3. Letter addressed to the airline(s) sent by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For this exceptional procedure the World Bank will compile the list of final participants including the required documents (passport copy, final itinerary) and will send it to the Colombian Government. Upon the reception of these documents, the participants will receive through e-mail the support letters in order to board without a visa.

IMPORTANT: The Colombian Government is not responsible for the procedures and validity of transit visas required by the event's participants to move to and from our country.

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Exit tax is approximately USD\$ 66, which may be paid in American dollars or Colombian pesos, according to the exchange rate at the day of exit. This amount is subject to variations by the national aviation authorities.