



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2022/064

Geneva, 2 September 2022

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## NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

### Important visa information

1. This notification is published at the request of Panama.
2. As indicated in Notification to the Parties No. 2022/061, the following countries require a visa to enter Panama:

Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Azerbaijan; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Benin; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; China; Congo; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Egypt; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Haiti; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Iraq; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanon; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Malawi; Mali; Mauritania; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Nepal; Niger; Nigeria; Oman; Pakistan; Philippines; Rwanda; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Somalia; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Eswatini; Syrian Arab Republic; Tajikistan; Togo; Tunisia; Turkmenistan; Uganda; United Republic of Tanzania; Uzbekistan; Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

3. There are **two possible visa exemptions for the nationals of the countries listed above**:
  - a) If you have a diplomatic, consular or other official passport, you do not need to apply for a visa to enter Panama, but need to write to [citestravel@miambiente.gob.pa](mailto:citestravel@miambiente.gob.pa) **by 15 September 2022** to inform them of your travel so that they can liaise with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama to authorize your entry into the country. Please send a copy of your priority pass and of your visa support letter when contacting the Panamanian authorities.
  - b) If you have a valid visa or residence, duly issued by:
    - Australia;
    - Canada;
    - any Member State of the European Union;
    - Japan;
    - Republic of Korea;

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- Singapore;
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; or
- United States of America;

you can enter Panama, as a tourist, without the need for an entry visa, if you have a resident permit or if the visa for the countries listed above meet the following three conditions:

- i) has been granted for multiple entries and exits;
- ii) has been used at least once to enter the issuing country; and,
- iii) is valid for at least six (6) months at the time of entering Panamanian territory.

If you cannot avail yourself of the two exemptions outlined above:

4. Nationals of China; Cuba; the Dominican Republic; Egypt; Haiti; India; Indonesia; Jordan; Morocco; Philippines and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela are requested to approach the embassy in their country **by 15 September 2022** with a complete visa application form with supporting documents, including the visa support letter provided by the Secretariat. The Secretariat provides a visa support letter ONLY to delegates listed in the official nomination letters. See Notification No. 2022/061 for further details.
5. Due to the fact that Panama does not have any embassies or consulates in the following countries:

Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Azerbaijan; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Benin; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; Congo; Côte d'Ivoire; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Iran (Islamic Republic of) ; Iraq; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanon; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Malawi; Mali; Mauritania; Mozambique; Myanmar; Nepal; Niger; Nigeria; Oman; Pakistan; Rwanda; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Somalia; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Eswatini; Syrian Arab Republic; Tajikistan; Togo; Tunisia; Turkmenistan; Uganda; United Republic of Tanzania; Uzbekistan; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

The Host Country has set up a special procedure so that registered CoP19 participants do not have to travel abroad to request a visa.

6. **Registered participants** (i.e. those duly registered with the CITES Secretariat to attend CoP19, including meetings SC75 and SC76) must please send **by 15 September 2022 to [citestravel@miambiente.gob.pa](mailto:citestravel@miambiente.gob.pa)** the following information:
  - a) Completed visa application form (see Annex 1);
  - b) A scanned copy of all the pages of your passport or travel document with a least six (6) months' validity;
  - c) Flight reservation with itinerary of trip continuation or electronic ticket;
  - d) Copy of a valid I.D. or resident card from the country of residence of the applicant;
  - e) One digital passport photo;
  - f) Visa support letter issued by the CITES Secretariat; and
  - g) Power of attorney signed by the participant and stamped by a notary in their country of origin, scanned in colour (see Annex 2).

7. The Ministry of Environment of Panama will present to the National Migration Service (SNM) all the documentation in folders for each participant and the visa application process will begin, which implies the evaluation of the profile through the National Security Council followed by the visa approval.
8. Once the participant is approved, they will be able to travel to the country, showing a letter from the National Migration Service (SNM) as proof of their approval of entry. Upon arrival in Panama, the participant will show the letter from SNM and the CITES visa support letter.
9. All CoP19 participants who are gaining entry through this special procedure are requested to arrive at the airport one (1) hour earlier than required by the airline in order to avoid any unforeseen complication.