



Visa requirements for the second session of the Preparatory Conference for the establishment of the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

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Aiming to make it easier for the delegates of the “The second session of the Preparatory Conference for the establishment of the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation”, 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 to foreign citizens that need a visa to come to Colombia and who are able to prove their status of delegates, or guests at the “The second session of the Preparatory Conference for the establishment of the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation”. 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, the DAS, 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.

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.



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

Andorra	Greece	Paraguay
Antigua and Barbuda	Guatemala	Peru
Argentina	Guyana	Philippines
Australia	Holy See	Poland
Austria	Honduras	Portugal
Bahamas	Hungary	Romania
Barbados	Iceland	Russian Federation
Belgium	Indonesia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belize	Ireland	Samoa
Bhutan	Israel	San Marino
Bolivia	Italy	Santa Lucia
Brazil	Jamaica	Singapore
Brunei Darussalam	Japan	Slovakia
Canada	Korea Republic	Slovenia
Chile	Latvia	Solomon Islands
Costa Rica	Liechtenstein	South Africa
Croatia	Lithuania	Spain
Cyprus	Luxembourg	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Czech Republic	Malaysia	Suriname
Denmark	Malta	Sweden
Dominica	Marshall Islands	Switzerland
Dominican Republic	Mexico	Trinidad and Tobago
Ecuador	Micronesia	Turkey
El Salvador	Monaco	United Arab Emirates
Estonia	Netherlands	United Kingdom of Great Britain
Fiji	New Zealand	United States of America
Finland	Norway	Uruguay
France	Palau	Venezuela
Germany	Panama	
Granada	Papua New Guinea	



People with common Passports from these countries DO require a Visa (those with diplomatic/official passports from these countries DO NOT require a Visa):

People's Republic of China Cuba	India Iran	Morocco
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Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Resolution N. 5707, dated November 5th 2008

People with diplomatic, official or ordinary Passport from countries that DO require a Visa to enter Colombia:

People with ordinary, diplomatic or official passports from countries not listed in the previous table do need a visa to enter Colombia. In such cases, foreign citizens must apply for a visa according to the requirements established, in the nearest Colombian Consulate:

Requirements to Apply for the Courtesy Visa

- Duly completed *Visa application form (Annex 1)*.
- Valid passport with blank pages.
- Two recent pictures, frontal, colour, light background, 3X3 cms.
- Information of the round-trip ticket to Colombia.
- Invitation Letter to the “The second session of the Preparatory Conference for the establishment of the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation”. Foreign citizens will receive this letter in an attached file through the accreditation e-mail once you have finished the inscription process.

Note: Check the nearest Colombian Consulate in Annex 2: **List of Colombian Embassies and Consulates.**



Procedure for exceptional cases

Only for exceptional cases of foreign citizens accredited as **official delegates, participants or guests** to the “The second session of the Preparatory Conference for the establishment of the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation”, 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 Cali, during the 48 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 Cali.

For this exceptional procedure it is recommended to send a notification e-mail to **diana.cifuentes@cancilleria.gov.co** after receiving the aforementioned accreditation letter, copy of the passport information page, the detailed itinerary with the full names of the airlines and cities, and the e-mail and fax number of the airlines. Likewise, consults regarding the specific issue of visas may be requested to that e-mail.

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.

Airport fees

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.