

MESSAGE TO OBSERVERS

Information for observers who require an entry visa to attend COP16/CMP6 in Cancun

Observers requiring an entry visa to Mexico (please check the following site to determine if you will need a visa <http://www.cc2010.mx/en/participants/visas/observers/>) please note the following:

1. As part of the efforts made by the Mexican government to facilitate visa issuance for observers attending COP16/CMP6 in Cancun, a temporary visa office was set up last August at the premises of the intersessional meetings held in Bonn.

In order to continue facilitating attendance of observers to the COP16/CMP6, a temporary visa office will as well be available at the premises of the next intersessional in Tianjin, China, from October 4th through 9th. The requirements to obtain a visa on site are the following:

- Copy of the badge issued by the Secretariat at the time of registration.
- A valid passport (minimum validity of 6 months).
- Visa application form duly filled out.
- Front view passport photo in color.
- Payment of the consular fee. Depending on the specific nationality some visas may be free of charge. (US\$36 or the equivalent in other currencies).

Likewise, from October 7th to 9th visas can be issued for observers not attending Tianjin. A member of the nominating organization can present passports and documents as well as visa-support letters* issued by the online registration system of the UNFCCC Secretariat and payment to the temporary Mexican visa office for those not attending.

2. As of October 7th and forward, observers residing in countries where there is no Mexican mission can obtain their visas through a third party at a location where Mexican embassies or consulates are available. It is highly recommended that civil society organizations with headquarters or offices in places where Mexican diplomatic or consular offices are available take care of the visa procedure for their members residing in countries where Mexican visas cannot be issued. Passports, duly filled out application forms, as well as passport photos and the visa-support letters* issued by the online registration system of the UNFCCC Secretariat will need to be sent to the third party, who will take them to a Mexican consular office for the visa to be issued.

In addition to visa offices located at embassies and consulates, the Mexican government has set up a temporary visa office at the Permanent Delegation before International Organizations in Geneva.

http://portal3.sre.gob.mx/english/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=48&Itemid=11

3. Since Mexican regulations do not allow for the issuance of visas at any port of entry, it is necessary to obtain an entry visa before participants begin their trip to Mexico. If none of the above mentioned options is convenient, observers could make a stopover before their last flight segment to Mexico in order to bring their passports and the necessary documents to the local Mexican consular office to get their visa.

*A visa support letter can be obtained from the Designated Contact Point of the nominating observer organization once the participant has been confirmed after the nomination deadline of 29 September.