VISA PROCEDURES

Citizens of a number of countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter Switzerland. If you require a visa, you must apply for it from the embassy or consulate of Switzerland in your country. If there is no Swiss diplomatic representation in your country, then you should apply for the visa from the Swiss embassy or consulate in a country closest to your place of residence.

To apply for a visa to enter Switzerland, you are urged to read carefully the visa procedures available at: Swiss Confederation - Federal Office for Migration.

Participants who require visa support from ITU must tick the box corresponding to “Visa” during their online registration and provide the following information:

- Name as shown on passport
- Date and place of birth
- Passport number
- Passport issuance and expiry dates
- Country of issuance of passport

There is no need to send further documentation to ITU as the visa support request procedure is automated, and you will receive an acknowledgement of your request.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE SWISS MISSION CONCERNING THE OBTENTION OF VISAS!

Switzerland has implemented necessary measures to facilitate the issuance of visas for official delegates invited to take part in conferences and international meetings with organizations having concluded a headquarters agreement as well as other persons invited in the framework of good offices.

The time needed for a visa request to be processed may vary from case to case and could also depend on local circumstances. It is therefore strongly recommended to take the necessary steps well in advance so visas can be issued as required. In general, exceptions excluded, visa requests can be lodged at the earliest three months before the departure date and at the latest twenty-one (21) days before the departure date. All visa applicants should submit completed and signed application forms as well as all other necessary documents. Applications which are not complete will be delayed and not registered until complete.