



Information on Visas

If you are planning to travel to the United States and live in a country that requires a Visa, we urge you to apply for one as early as possible. Below are suggestions to help you secure a Visa and Entry into USA.

- Apply at the appropriate location at least 5 months before intended travel. You can check on-line for the wait times for appointments.
- Be prepared to allow inkless fingerprinting and digital photographs upon entry to the US.
- Be accurate and specific in completing your application. Avoid mistakes. If needed, attach an additional explanation letter.
- Attach evidence of your previous visits to the United States and of your intended return trip to your home country.
- Acquire a police clearance, if possible.
- Bring all documentation proving your home country connections. Suggestions include: past Visas, bank accounts, family, professional position, home ownership and marriage license.
- If you are presenting a paper or speaking at the meeting, or are receiving an award or grant, bring copies of correspondence confirming that.
- Bring your **letter of invitation from the ICCFM World Assembly** (*Letter below*)

Very Important Note:

A Visa only allows you to travel to the US. You will still have to be admitted at your point of entry. Click here for information from Homeland Security on the **Entry Process**. <http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors>

Additional Information:

U.S. Visa policy permits citizens of certain countries to travel to the U.S. without a Visa, when they meet certain requirements, under U.S. laws. Please click here for more information about which countries participate in the **Visa Waiver Program**. <http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors>

Click here for information on **Temporary Visas** to participate in the ICCFM World Assembly or other temporary travel to the United States. <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visitor.html>

Click here for the United States Visa **Application Procedures**. <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html>