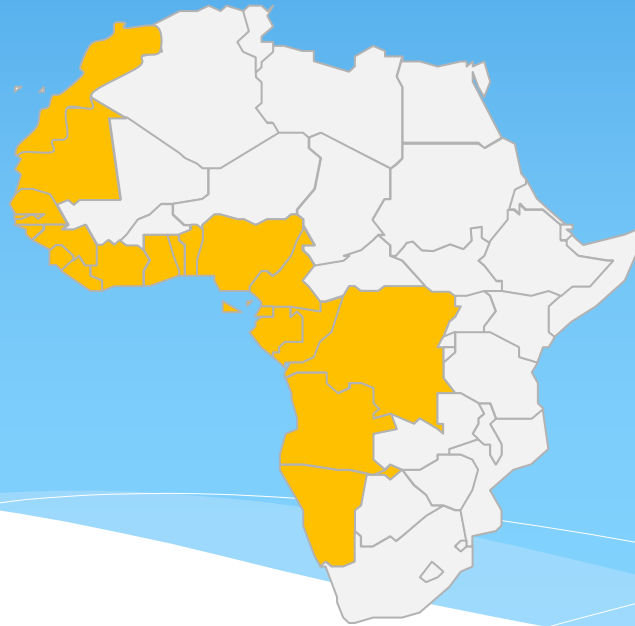




Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean (ATLAFCO/COMHAFAT)



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Casablanca 25-26 April 2019





CITES CoP 18



Date, venue and registration

- ❑ The 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18) will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 23 May to 3 June 2019
- ❑ It will be held at the following address:
Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall Bauddhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07, Sri Lanka
- ❑ All Parties have received a unique registration link sent on 10 or 11 January 2019 to the email addresses of the Management Authorities listed in the CITES online directory
- ❑ To obtain a priority pass and a letter of invitation for visa purposes, an advanced copy of the credentials has to be sent to registration@cites.org



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Credentials for Parties

- ❑ In accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties, representatives of Parties must have been granted powers by a proper authority to represent the Party at a meeting.
- ❑ The **Standing Committee** has endorsed Guidance for submission of credentials of representatives of Parties to CoP meetings, which can be found on the **CITES website**.
- ❑ All credentials must be issued by the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister of Foreign Affairs or an alternate signatory (in a temporary or acting capacity).
- ❑ All credentials should be sent to registration@cites.org no later than **16 May 2019**.
- ❑ Originals can be delivered to the Secretariat at the meeting of the Conference of the Parties.





Visa for travel to Sri Lanka

The following information has been provided by Sri Lanka to facilitate the visa procedure for CoP18.

- ❑ The Host Country has generously agreed to waive visa fees for all officially registered participants
- ❑ Visa for accredited participants (i.e. those in possession of a Priority Pass) will be processed by the Department of Immigration & Emigration of Sri Lanka
- ❑ Accredited participants are encouraged to apply for visa, immediately upon accreditation with the CITES Secretariat in Geneva, to avoid delays in granting gratis visa
- ❑ The following countries have been declared as yellow fever endemic countries by the Ministry of Health of Sri Lanka
- ❑ Therefore, delegates from such countries will need to carry the yellow fever vaccination certificate to be submitted to the immigration officer at the port of entry:

Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ghana, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal and Togo.





Visa Procedure

- ❑ Accredited participants are requested to submit the following documents by email to acvisa@immigration.gov.lk when applying for a visa:
 - ❑ Duly filled visa application form
 - ❑ Copy of the passport
 - ❑ Copy of the letter of invitation issued by the CITES Secretary General
 - ❑ Copy of the Priority Pass issued by the CITES Secretariat
- ❑ Accredited participants **who encounter a problem while applying for visa** are requested to contact the
 - ❑ Department of Immigration and Emigration of Sri Lanka at the designated email: acvisa@immigration.gov.lk with copy to cites2019@mbs.gov.lk
 - ❑ Contact Person: Ms. Harshani Amarathunge, Assistant Controller (Visa), Contact No: 0094 77 29 24 417
- ❑ Non-accredited persons or accompanying spouses and families should apply for a tourist visa through the online platform: <http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/>



Accommodation

Hotel reservations

- ❑ ATLAFCO Secretariat has made a reservation for all its sponsored Member States delegates based on B&B at the following hotel:

Marino Beach Colombo

Address : 590 Marine Drive, Colombo 00300, Sri Lanka

Telephone : +94 112 375 375

- ❑ Sponsored persons will receive a DSA once they arrive to Colomba from **Mr. Mohammed HADDAD**, the financial officer of ATLAFCO
- ❑ ATLAFCO will cover the cost for economy air travel

