

## VISA INFORMATION

Please note that invitation letters for visa purposes can only be issued to individuals who have completed the registration process and paid the registration fee. Visitors from non-EU countries must possess a passport valid for at least three months beyond the planned departure from South Africa. Please note that the visa application process can take up to 6 weeks.

Therefore, participants requiring a visa should apply as soon as possible to the consular office or South African Embassy in their home country to avoid any inconvenience. Please check the website of the [Department of Home Affairs of the Republic of South Africa](#) for more information, as the specific visa requirements vary depending on your nationality and your country's embassy or consulate regulations.

The Congress Secretariat assists delegates by processing official invitations upon request. These letters do not commit the Local Organiser to any financial obligation.

### Official invitation by Congress Organiser – required information:

- Your full name
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Country of citizenship (the country that issued your passport)
- Passport number
- Date of expiry of your passport

### Condition for the issuance of the invitation letter by the Congress Organiser:

- Payment of the registration fee

The invitation letter will be sent to your email as a PDF file upon receipt of all required information. However, should the embassy require an original invitation letter, we can deliver it in one of the following ways:

1. **Regular post** – Free of charge; however, delivery cannot be guaranteed as there is no way to track it. The organisers shall not be held responsible for any delay or failure in delivery.
2. **Express delivery service (FedEx, DHL)** – The fee must be covered by the participant in advance, along with the congress fee. The express delivery fee ranges from 30 to 60 EUR, depending on the destination country. The organiser strongly recommends this option as it is faster and includes a tracking number.

The invitation letter should be presented to the South African Embassy in your country to obtain a visa for the Congress.

We strongly advise you to apply at least one month prior to the Congress.