



MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY DELEGATES TO THE 147TH ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

1. What type of visa will delegates have to apply for?
 - Delegates will have to apply for one of the following types of visa: Diplomatic Visa (diplomatic passports), Official Visa (service passports) or Courtesy Visa (regular passports).
2. What is the duration of the visa's validity after it is granted?
 - The visa is valid for entry into Angola within 60 days of issue.
3. What is the duration of the visa's validity after entering Angola?
 - The visa is valid for a stay in Angola of up to 30 days.
4. What documents must be submitted with my passport at the Embassy/Consulate of the Republic of Angola?
 - Visa applicants are required to submit the following documents:
 - Completed visa application form, downloaded from https://www.ambassadeangola.ch/Download/consular/visto_angola.pdf
 - Visa type to be selected: either Diplomatic (diplomatic passports), Official (service passports) or Courtesy (regular passports);
 - Passport valid at least 6 months beyond the visa expiry date;
 - Two passport-size photos (i.e. 3.5 by 4.5 cm);
 - An invitation letter from the organizer of the event in Angola (available online: <https://ipu147.ao/visa-information>);
 - Official signed and stamped letter from the Head of delegation requesting the entry visas.
5. How long will it take to receive the visa?
 - The time for visas to be granted is usually around 5 days.
6. If the visa expires while in Angola, what can be done?
 - The visa will not expire because it has a validity period of 30 days from the arrival date. As a general rule, it is expected that delegations will stay in Luanda between 19 and 27 October.
7. What passport validity is required in order to apply for a visa?
 - Passports must be valid at least 6 months beyond the visa expiry date.

8. Where can I obtain further information regarding the visa application for Angola?
 - The information can be obtained from the website of the 147th IPU Assembly (<https://ipu147.ao/visa-information>). It can also be obtained from the website of the Angola Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the relevant Embassy website.
9. If my passport or visa is stolen/lost, what administrative procedure should be followed?
 - In such cases, a laissez-passer can be issued by the relevant diplomatic/consular representation in Angola.
10. What should be done if the visa is damaged?
 - The delegate will have to re-apply for a visa in his/her country of origin. If the delegate is already in Angola, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will communicate with the Immigration Services to allow the delegate to depart without constraints.
11. If there is no Embassy/Consulate of the Republic of Angola in my country, what is the administrative procedure to be followed in order to receive a visa upon arrival at Luanda International Airport?
 - The delegate should send a copy of his/her passport to the Host Parliament (147IPU.visa@parlamento.ao). Delegates will receive, ahead of travel, an official authorization letter confirming that entry visas will be delivered upon arrival, so as to facilitate their travel to Angola.
12. How long will it take to receive the authorization letter to obtain a visa upon arrival in Angola?
 - It usually takes around 5 days.
13. Are there countries exempt from the requirement for a visa to enter Angola?
 - Visas are not required for holders of passport of States whose nationals, through international agreements signed by Angola, are entitled to stay in the country for up to 30 to 90 days. A list of such countries can be found on the website of the 147th IPU Assembly.
14. Is there an Accompanying persons' programme?
 - An accompanying persons' programme will be available, including visits to tourist sites in Luanda and its surroundings. For this purpose, tourism agencies will be available at the venue of the 147th Assembly.
15. Are there local freelance photographers available for hire?
 - Local freelance photographers are available for hire. Delegates interested in their services should contact the Host Parliament.
16. Is there a Touristic Programme for delegates wishing to stay longer in Angola?
 - A Touristic Programme for delegates wishing to stay longer in Angola will be available and such delegates should contact the Host Parliament in advance (147IPU@parlamento.ao). For this purpose, tourism agencies will be available at the venue of the 147th Assembly.
17. What is the weather like in Angola in October?
 - Temperatures in October are on average 23 to 28°C.
18. What is the hotels' cancellation policy?
 - The hotels' cancellation policy, in general, is from 24 to 48 hours before the check-in date. However, delegates are advised to check directly with the hotels their individual cancellation policy. Any cancellations should be made directly with the hotel, requesting written confirmation of the cancellation from the hotel.

19. What measures are being taken to ensure the safety of all delegates?
 - The Host Parliament will take the necessary measures to ensure the security and safety of all participants and their belongings during the 147th IPU Assembly in the Republic of Angola. In this connection, delegates are requested to wear their 147th IPU Assembly badges AT ALL TIMES, both at the Assembly venue and at all official events to which they are invited. As part of the security arrangements, all persons and personal items (bags/luggage) will be screened at the entrance to the Assembly venue.

20. What kind of catering outlets will be available to delegates?
 - At the venue of the 147th IPU Assembly, self-service and/or buffet restaurants and coffee bars will be available for delegates to use at their own expense.

21. What system of transportation will be available for delegates?
 - Free local transport (shuttles) will be available for delegates on the following routes:
 - Airport – Hotel – Airport;
 - Hotel – Venue of the Assembly – Hotel;
 - Social events.

 - A car rental service is available for delegates and can be booked via the 147th IPU Assembly Website.

22. What are the health requirements for delegates?
 - First-aid services and medical staff will be available at the official hotels and the Assembly venue. All medical services will be at the participants' own expense. Please ensure that you have international health insurance. Persons under special medical treatment are advised to bring sufficient medication. The Secretariat of the Host Parliament must be informed of specific medical or other indications (dietary needs, allergy, limited mobility) as soon as possible (this information may be included during online registration) so that the necessary precautions or measures can be taken.

 - Eight hospitals will provide medical services in case of need during the event. Delegates are informed that, on 15 July 2023, by Presidential Decree, all national mandatory measures in the fight against COVID-19 were lifted, including the requirement to present proof of vaccination or testing upon arrival in Angola.

 - Please note that some airlines have been denying access to flights if the person is not carrying proof of vaccination against Yellow Fever. It is therefore advised that you are vaccinated against Yellow Fever ahead of travel to Angola and that you carry proof of vaccination. It is also recommended that persons travelling to Angola seek medical advice on malaria prevention measures before travel.

23. How are religious requirements among delegates being addressed?
 - Prayer rooms will be available for delegates during the event, at the Assembly venue.

24. Who should be contacted for any further enquires?
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