IISA-2024: Guidelines on obtaining an Indian visa

1. *Please consult the website of the Embassy (or Consulate or High Commission) of India in your country of residence:* If you need a visa to travel to India, the first place to consult is the website of the embassy, consulate, or high commission of India in the country or region of your residence. The website will have details about electronic visas or e-visas that many of you may be eligible for, regular or paper visas that some of you may need if India does not allow e-visas from your country, details of the application steps and charges, and an email address where you can ask questions and seek clarifications.

2. Residents and nationals of many countries are eligible for Indian e-visa. Please check the details here https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html. Here, you will find the list of countries/nationalities of those who are eligible to avail of the e-visa, instructions for applicants, answers to frequently asked questions, and so on. In particular, the first item under "General instructions" states that (accessed on August 29, 2024, 12.30 AM US Central Daylight Time):

    "e-Visa has 5 sub-categories viz. e-Tourist Visa(for 30 days/01 year/ 05 years), e-Business Visa, e-Medical Visa, e-Medical Attendant Visa and e-Conference Visa. A foreigner (other than those applying for e-Conference Visa) will be allowed to club activities permitted under these categories. Foreigners applying for an e-Conference visa will be permitted to club the activities permitted under e-tourist visa only (validity co-terminus with e-Conference Visa only i.e. 30 days). Only two e-Medical Attendant Visas will be granted against one e-Medical Visa."

3. In addition, a related Indian governmental website (https://conference.mha.gov.in/dont.aspx, accessed on August 29, 2024, 12.30 AM US Central Daylight Time) states that

    "Don't apply for a Conference visa if your sole objective of visiting India is not to attend a conference/seminar or workshop being held in India and only intended to explore the possibilities of Business/employment/study/research etc."

4. If you need an invitation letter or related statement from the conference organizers, please contact iisa2022@intindstat.org.