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## Important Visa & Travel Information for ACIST 2026 (Kumasi, Ghana)

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Dear ACIST 2026 Attendee,

As we prepare for an inspiring gathering at the **Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)** in Kumasi this coming **6th – 7th August 2026**, we want to ensure your travel preparations go as smoothly as possible.

Unless you are a citizen of an ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) member country or another visa-exempt nation, you will need a [valid visa to enter Ghana](#). Please review the mandatory requirements and steps below to secure your travel documents on time.

### The Absolute Must-Haves (Health & Passport)

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Before doing anything else, ensure you satisfy these two primary border requirements:

- **Passport Validity:** Your passport must be valid for at least **six (6) months** beyond your planned date of departure from Ghana and have at least one completely blank page for stamps.
- **Yellow Fever Card (Mandatory):** All travelers entering Ghana (including those from visa-exempt countries) **must** present a valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate upon arrival. The vaccine must be administered **at least 10 days before you travel** for the certificate to be legally valid.

### Required Supporting Documents

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When submitting your visa application (whether via your local Ghanaian Embassy/High Commission or the official online electronic portal), you will typically need to provide:

- **Official ACIST Invitation Letter:** Proof of your conference registration and a formal letter from the organizing committee. *(If you have not received yours yet, please reach out to the ACIST organizing team via the contact form on the website).*
- **Flight Itinerary:** Copy of your round-trip or onward flight bookings.
- **Proof of Accommodation:** A confirmed hotel reservation or official lodging details in Kumasi.
- **Host/Venue Reference Details:** You will be asked for a reference in Ghana. Use the conference venue info:
  - *Host Venue:* Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)
  - *City/Region:* Kumasi, Ashanti Region, Ghana

## How to Apply

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All applications visa application are handles here <https://evisa.immigration.gov.gh/> Depending on your country of residence, you have a couple of primary paths to secure your entry permit:

- **Option A: Ghanaian High Commission / Embassy:** Most attendees should apply directly through the nearest Ghanaian diplomatic mission. Many embassies now utilize an online application portal where you fill out the forms, upload documentation, pay the processing fee, and then mail or drop off your physical passport.
- **Option B: Official Ghana eVisa Portal:** Check if your nationality is eligible to apply via the official digital portal ([evisa.immigration.gov.gh](https://evisa.immigration.gov.gh/)) for a streamlined electronic entry clearance.
- **Option C: Visa on Arrival (Emergency Entry Visa):** This is **not** a standard walk-in option. It requires a pre-approval letter arranged by a local host in Ghana several days prior to your flight. We strongly recommend securing your visa *before* boarding your flight to avoid structural delays.

**Apply Early:** Standard single-entry visas are usually valid for entry within 90 days from the date of issue. Because processing times fluctuate significantly by location, we highly recommend starting your application process **4 to 6 weeks before August**.

Safe travels, and we look forward to exploring "**The Next Generation and Africa's Digital Future**" with you in Kumasi!

Warm regards,

**The ACIST 2026 Organizing Committee**

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