

Visa related advice from Embassy of India, Berlin for delegates participating in the Asia-Pacific Conference of German Business (APK) scheduled to be held in India from 24-26 October 2024

- 1. Delegates who are traveling to India solely for the APK may apply for a Conference Visa. Information on applying for an e-Conference Visa along with the application process is available on the li https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html
- 2. For e-Conference Visa, the validity would be 30 days from the date of arrival in India with single entry. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has accorded clearance for participation of delegates from Germany in the APK Conference. Copy of MEA Clearance accorded to invited delegates from Germany is enclosed at Annexure I. Copies of MEA Clearances accorded to delegates from other countries (Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Darussalam, Cambodia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Maldives, Sri Lanka, UAE, UK and USA) are enclosed at Annexure II and Annexure III.
- 3. Visa applicants could upload the respective MEA Clearance with their online visa application. They would need to also upload the invitation letter for participation in the APK Conference.
- 4. Delegates from Germany who are traveling to India for the APK Conference may alternatively opt to apply for physical (regular) Conference Visa at the locations specified on the websites of the Embassy or Consulates of India in Germany, along with their passport and required documents (same as for e-Conference visa).
- 5. The delegates having a Conference Visa (e-Conference visa or regular Conference Visa issued by the Embassy or Consulates) can combine tourism with attending the conference.
- 6. Delegates who intend to combine participation in the APK with business meetings in India (prior to or after the APK) and intend to stay in India for a period beyond 30 days, are advised to apply for a physical (regular) Conference Visa at the locations specified on the websites of the Embassy or Consulates of India in Germany.
- 7. FAQs on Conference Visa are available on the link below:

https://conference.mha.gov.in/events/FAQ.aspx

8. Delegates who intend to also attend other conferences in India, apart from the APK (prior to or after the APK), and where the period of stay in India, including travel time and participation in both conferences, does not exceed 30 days, are advised to apply for a single Conference Visa (e-Conference visa or regular Conference visa issued by the Embassy or Consulates). However, where the period of stay in India, including travel time and participation in both conferences, exceeds 30 days, the applicants are advised to apply for a regular Conference Visa at the locations specified on the websites of the Embassy or Consulates of India in Germany. Alternatively, such applicants may opt to apply for separate e-conference visas for both conferences.

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