



MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Bona fide representatives of the mass media -- press, photo, radio, television and film -- will be accredited for coverage of the meeting of the *Sixth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP6)* and the *Committee on Science and Technology (CST6)* as well as the *Second Session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation (CRIC 2)* of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification to be held in Havana, Cuba, from 25 August to 5 September 2003.

A. International press from abroad

1. Visa issuance:

- Deadline: 15 July 2003
- To bring to the Cuban embassy or consulate:
 - An official letter from the press organization asking for accreditation
 - A list of professional equipment to be taken to Cuba
 - A passport valid for at least until 6 months after the application
- A D-6 visa will be issued upon approval and the cost for visa issuance varies from country to country

2. Pre-Accreditation with UNCCD:

- Deadline 1 August 2003
- To avoid delays upon arrival at the Conference, please submit to the Press Accreditation the following documentation:
 - completed accreditation form (available at www.unccd.int)
 - a copy of valid press card
 - a copy of a valid passport
 - a valid passport-size photo (If possible, JPG file)
 - a letter of assignment from the Editor-in-Chief of the media concerned on whose behalf accreditation is requested

Press Accreditation:

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- Please note that you will still be required to bring with you the required supporting documents to Havana. (see item 3b. REGISTRATION AT THE PALACIO DE CONVENCIONES)

3. Upon arrival at Havana

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a. Registration with the Cuban International Press Center (CPI)

(Centro de Prensa Internacional or CPI at 23 and O streets, Vedado, Havana; Open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Tel: (537) 8-320526/27/28)

- To bring:
 - 2 pictures
 - US\$60.00 in cash, for local fees
 - [Registration form](#)
- For journalists wishing to access the Conference and Press Centers by car, please register them at CPI.
- The registration will allow you to engage in journalistic work throughout Cuba, but you must inform in advance the CPI for reporting outside of COP 6. The CPI will coordinate the reporting.
- Please note that you must be registered with the CPI in order to be accredited by the Secretariat of the UNCCD and obtain your COP media badge. The badge issued by CPI is only pre-accreditation. Only the UNCCD badge is acknowledged at the conference center and you must still be accredited with the UNCCD in order to have access to the Conference.

b. Press passes at the Palacio de Convenciones de la Habana:

(Street 146 with 11 and 13, Playa. Tel: 22-6011 to 19)

The registration area is on the ground floor of Hotel Palco, adjacent to the Palacio.

Hours:

Friday, 22 August	3- 6 pm
Sunday, 23 August	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Monday 25 Aug – 5 Sept	8 am – 6 pm

Press passes will be issued upon presentation of:

- your professional press card and ID
- the pre-registration badge issued by the CPI.

** Please note that journalists accredited to cover the meetings, coming from outside of Havana, should make their own flight and hotel bookings. Some information in that regard is available on the UNCCD web page (www.unccd.int).

B. Press accompanying Heads of State from abroad

Up to a maximum of 3 journalists will be allowed to accompany Heads of State. The same accreditation procedures established for the international press travelling from abroad will apply with the exception of the US\$60.00 fee that will be waived.

C. International press in Cuba

International press permanently accredited to Cuba must follow steps 2 and 3b. For journalists wishing to access the Conference and Press Centers by car, please register your cars with CPI.

D. National press

National press in Cuba must register with the Agencia de Información Nacional (AIN) (Street 23, cornering Streets J and Vedado. Tel: (537) 8 321269), which will provide the necessary forms and follow steps 2 and 3b.

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E. Press releases

For press releases and other information on the conference, please contact:

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