



**Consulate General of Italy
Lagos**

ENTRY VISA FOR “INVITATION”

The invitation visa allows entry, for the purpose of a short-term stay, to foreign nationals invited by well-known public or private bodies, institutions or organisations, as guests at specific political, scientific and/or cultural events and gatherings

To apply for the visa, the following must be submitted:

- 1) a duly completed and signed [application form](#);
- 2) a passport valid for at least three months beyond the duration of the stay;
- 3) a recent [ICAO-standard](#) photograph;
- 4) documentation proving the availability of adequate financial means to support oneself in Italy (Table from the Ministry of the Interior Directive of 1 March 2000);
- 5) a return flight booking;
- 6) health insurance providing a minimum cover of €30,000 for medical expenses, emergency hospitalisation and repatriation costs;
- 7) Proof of employment:
 - For entrepreneurs: a certificate confirming tax payments and a certificate of company incorporation.
 - For employees: a letter of employment stating the number of days' annual leave.
 - For academics (professors, scholarship holders, lecturers and assistants) and students, a letter from the school or university.
 - For businesspeople: evidence of commercial activities in Nigeria and abroad, for example bills of lading, receipt books, etc.
 - Any evidence of ties to Nigeria (marriage certificate, property deeds);
- 8) A letter of invitation from well-known public or private bodies, institutions or organisations to events and gatherings of a political, scientific or cultural nature. The letter of invitation must be written on letterhead, signed by the head of the inviting body and accompanied by a copy of their identity document.
- 9) If the inviting body is not covering all living expenses: proof of personal financial means (bank statements for the last 3 months) and proof of accommodation arrangements (hotel booking, declaration of hospitality, etc.)

PLEASE NOTE: The list of documents set out above is intended purely as a guide for applicants. The Office reserves the right to carry out further checks as necessary and to request any additional documentation.