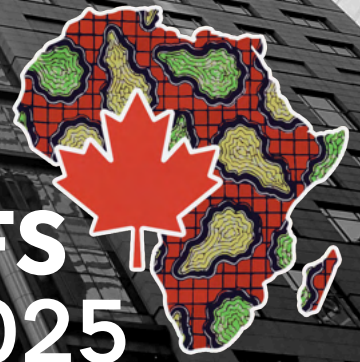


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CANADA VISA APPLICATION GUIDE

This guide is prepared for the **Canada Africa Fintech Summit** taking place from **August 5th to 8th, 2025** in **Toronto, Canada**, in collaboration with **Beyond Borders Law**, a trusted Canadian immigration law firm.

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Guide to Applying for a Canadian Visitor Visa

GENERAL INFORMATION & SUMMIT DETAILS

The **Canada-Africa Fintech Summit (CAFS)** will be held from **August 5 to 8, 2025** in **Toronto, Ontario**. The summit brings together fintech leaders, investors, and policymakers from both continents to explore cross-border innovation, sustainable finance, and partnership opportunities.



KEY EVENT DETAILS

Dates: August 5-8, 2025

Location: Toronto, ON, Canada

Purpose of this Guide: To help attendees prepare their Canadian visitor visa application.

Summit Website:
[Canada-Africa Fintech Summit](#)

Invitation Letter: An official invitation letter will be provided upon registration for the summit.

This guide is intended to assist attendees of the Canada Africa Fintech Summit (CAFS) 2025, in applying for a Canadian Temporary Resident Visa.

This information is for guidance only and applicants should always refer to the official Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website and the specific instructions provided by the visa office in their region.

APPLYING FOR YOUR VISA ONLINE

Many Canadian visa applications can be submitted online through the IRCC Portal. Here's how to get started:

1. Create Your IRCC Portal Account: If you don't already have one, you will need to create an account to apply online. You may need an invitation code to create an account.

- **Get an Invite Code (if required):** [Find out how to get an invite code for the IRCC Portal](#)
- **Create your account:** [Sign up for an IRCC secure account](#)

2. Once your account is set up, you can fill out the application forms, upload your documents, and pay the fees online.



IRCC Portal Create Your Account

Government Fees

- **Application Fee:** CAD \$100
- **Biometrics Fee:** CAD \$85
- **Total per applicant: CAD \$185:** Fees are paid online through the IRCC portal when submitting your application.

Important Information

- **Provide complete and truthful:** information. Misrepresentation can result in refusal and a five-year ban.
- **Upload clear, legible copies only:** Documents are generally not returned.
- **Submit All Documents Together:** All required documents must be submitted at the same time as your application and processing fee.

KEY STEPS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Based on the Temporary Resident Visa instructions from the Lagos Visa Office and general Canadian visa requirements for conference attendees, here is a checklist of common requirements.

I. Passport & Travel Documents

- **Passport Copies:** Photocopies of current/previous passports: bio page and all non-blank pages.
- **Travel:** Provisional airline booking required. Do not buy tickets before visa approval.

II. Purpose of Travel & Invitation

- **Trip Purpose:** Explain travel purpose, itinerary (length of stay, destination, contacts).
- **Include:** CAFS invitation letter (with visit details), proof of registration, hotel confirmation, and event itinerary if available.

III. Proof of Financial Support

- **Proof of Funds:**
 - Bank statements (last 3 months).
 - Other proof: employment letter, pay slips, pension proof, business registration/investments.
- **If Sponsored:**
 - Letter from sponsor.
 - Sponsor's passport/photo ID copy and bank certificate (proving funds).
 - Describe the relationship to the sponsor.

IV. Proof of Ties to Home Country

- **Ties to Home:**
 - Proof of employment/business.
 - Marriage/birth certificates (if applicable).
 - Property/lease documents.
 - Family details

Sample Purpose of Visit Letter - CAFS 2025

[Your Full Name and Contact Information]

Date: [Insert Date]

Visa Officer
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Purpose of Visit - Canada Africa Fintech Summit (CAFS 2025), Toronto

Dear Visa Officer,

I am writing to support my application for a Temporary Resident Visa to attend the **Canada Africa Fintech Summit (CAFS 2025)**, scheduled to take place in **Toronto, Ontario**, from **August 5 to 8, 2025**.

I am employed as a **[Job Title]** at **[Company Name]**, where I have worked since **[Year]**. Attending CAFS 2025 presents a valuable opportunity to connect with fintech professionals, participate in industry discussions, and contribute to the ongoing growth of innovation in the financial technology sector.

I intend to arrive in Canada on **[Arrival Date]** and depart on **[Departure Date]**. I have made provisional travel and accommodation arrangements and will fully cover the costs of my trip. My application includes my **invitation letter, proof of registration, financial documents**, and evidence of **strong ties to my home country**, including employment confirmation and family obligations.

I am committed to complying with all visa conditions and will leave Canada at the end of my stay. I respectfully request that you consider my application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

NEXT STEPS: BIOMETRICS, DECISION & TRAVEL

Biometrics Appointment

Once you submit your application, you'll receive a **Biometric Instruction Letter (BIL)**. Book your appointment immediately at a Visa Application Centre (VAC).

Bring to your appointment:

- Biometric Instruction Letter
- Original passport
- Appointment confirmation

Application Tracking & Passport Submission

- **Apply Early:** Average processing time from Nigeria: **8–12 weeks**.
- If approved, you'll get a **Passport Request Letter (PPR)**. Submit your passport promptly to a VAC (no appointment needed).
- Visa stamping usually takes **1–2 weeks**.

Travel Preparation

Once your visa is issued:

- **Verify:** Name, passport number, and visa expiry date are correct.
- **Book travel:** Finalize flights and accommodation.
- **Carry these documents when travelling:**
 - Passport with visa
 - CAFS invitation letter
 - Proof of summit registration
 - Return flight itinerary

If Your Visa Is Refused

*If your application is refused, IRCC will issue a **refusal letter** explaining the reasons (e.g. insufficient funds, weak ties to home country, unclear travel purpose). Review the letter carefully to understand what can be improved.*

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **How long does visa processing take?**
 - Processing times vary, but from Nigeria it typically takes **8 to 12 weeks**. Apply as early as possible.
2. **When should I apply?**
 - Ideally by **May or early June 2025** to allow enough time for processing and biometrics.
3. **Do I need to book a flight before applying?**
 - No. A **provisional flight booking** is enough. Do not buy tickets before your visa is approved.
4. **What documents are most important?**
 - Your **passport, invitation letter, proof of registration, financial documents**, and **evidence of ties to your home country** (job, property, family) are key.
5. **Do I need to submit original documents?**
 - No. Upload **clear, legible scans** of your documents. Originals are generally not required unless IRCC requests them.
6. **What happens after I submit my application?**
 - You'll receive a **Biometric Instruction Letter**. Book your appointment at a Visa Application Centre and provide fingerprints and a photo.
7. **What if my visa is refused?**
 - You'll get a refusal letter explaining why. You can reapply with stronger documents. Fees are **non-refundable**. Contact the summit organizers to ask about virtual or deferred attendance options.
8. **Can I attend other events or visit family while in Canada?**
 - Yes, as long as your visa is valid and you remain within the permitted stay (usually **up to 6 months**). You must still leave Canada before your authorized stay expires.

GET READY FOR **CAFS 2025!**

EVENT REGISTRATION AND INQUIRIES

Contact CFS for help with event registration, obtaining an invitation letter, or confirming your attendance.

We recommend reaching out early to ensure you receive all necessary documents in time for your visa application.



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If you need help preparing your visitor visa application or legal review, please reach out.



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