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The Minister of External Relations, H.E MBELLA MBELLA hereby informs national and international public opinion that, as from **30 April 2023**, all applications for entry visas to Cameroon shall be completed exclusively online, by accessing www.evisacam.cm. This reform, instructed by **HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC**, aims at the digital transformation of Cameroon's diplomatic apparatus. The e-visa is the first step in that direction.

It should be noted that the new procedure for issuing Cameroon electronic visas is governed by Decree No. 2023/147 of 02 March 2023 to lay down the implementation modalities of Law No. 97/012 of 10 January 1997 to lay down the conditions of entry, stay and exit for aliens in Cameroon.

In this regard, the Minister of External Relations hereby invites any applicant to kindly login to the dedicated website in order to be issued an electronic visa by following the **4 steps** below :

1. **Online pre-enrolment** by the applicant, by creating a user account in the platform, filling out the online form and validating it, after which a notification of confirmation shall be sent to the applicant by SMS or email ;
2. **Online payment of requisite fees**, choosing from among a flurry of payment options (Mastercard, Visa, Paypal, Mobile Money, Orange Money, Mloov, Wave, Safaricom, Airtel, Vodacom, Africell). The applicant receives a notification of proof of payment by email or SMS;
3. **Processing of the Application**. This shall be done by the competent Diplomatic Mission or Consular Post or the closest one, geographically. For applicants in areas far-flung from Diplomatic Missions or those not covered by a Mission, **an online visa issuance authorization, together with a QR Code**, shall round off this phase. *For those residing in cities with a competent Diplomatic Mission, a notification shall be sent to them via email or SMS, scheduling an appointment to proceed with the biometric enrolment. Either procedure shall be completed within 72 hour from the date of pre-enrolment. This deadline shall be reduced to 24 hours in the case of express visa applications;*
4. **Affixing of the visa sticker**. It is done either at the entry Border Post for holders of the online visa issuance authorisation, or at the competent Diplomatic Mission or Consular Post for applicants having completed their biometric enrolment at the said Mission or Consular Post. **This phase culminates in the affixing of the visa sticker on the applicant's passport or travel document.**

The E-visa system shall, gradually but steadily, be installed at the various land and maritime border posts sooner than later.

All in all, Cameroon's E-visa system is part of an effort to turn Cameroon into a more attractive destination, while at the same time addressing some of the concerns of Cameroon's Diaspora and aligning our consular system with the highest international standards.

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