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Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve one of the three proposed dates for the 2017 country visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Dates of the IFAD Executive Board country visit for 2017 to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

1. In December 2012, the Executive Board approved a new modality for country visits that required the Board to decide on the destination of future annual visits. As per the new procedures, country visits were open to participation by nine Executive Board members who were not members of the Evaluation Committee: four from List A, two from List B and three from List C, with the Lists to decide on the participation accordingly. The visits would be fully funded by IFAD. The Board also stipulated that a maximum of three additional members of the Executive Board who were not members of the Evaluation Committee could join the country visits on a self-financing basis. These new rules were to be applied for the annual country visits from 2014 onwards.
2. In September 2015, Management presented a rolling plan for the Executive Board's country visits for 2016-2018. The Executive Board approved Brazil as the destination for the 2016 country visit and, for the following two years, recommended a revision to the country selection criteria to include a higher number of least developed countries in future proposals.
3. Based on the above, in December 2015, Management reviewed the selection criteria in place with a view to including a higher number of least developed countries and presented a rolling plan for the Executive Board's country visits for 2017-2018. The Democratic Republic of the Congo and Bangladesh were approved as the destinations for the country visits in 2017 and 2018, respectively.
4. The common calendar of meetings of permanent representatives¹ has been consulted and three possible time periods have been identified for the 2017 Executive Board country visit. These are:
 - (i) 15 to 19 May 2017;
 - (ii) 19 to 23 June 2017; and
 - (iii) 27 November to 1 December 2017.
5. Accordingly, the Executive Board is invited to approve one of the three proposed dates for the 2017 Executive Board country visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

¹ Maintained by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, IFAD and the World Food Programme.