

Agenda Item: LOCATION OF 2022 governance meetings

Summary:

As Covid-19 begins to ease in some parts of the world, there is an increasing need to rethink our current approach with a view to holding in person meetings that are deemed mission critical, safely and responsibly. For IPPF there are two critical areas for consideration; a) that the BoT have an opportunity to safely meet in person; and b) that the GA go ahead as planned. This is a key event where the new 2023-2028 strategic plan will be approved by all MA's and where the Federation will celebrate its 70th birthday.

A process was developed to guide the principals of rotating meetings, with care given to how potential locations were identified. This is now complete.

Action Required:

7.1 Approve Spring BoT (Morocco)

7.2 Approve General Assembly (Colombia)

Background

IPPF has many meetings of importance to the Federation. It is increasingly important to IPPF trustees and staff that these meetings are rotated across different IPPF settings. The last Federation-wide meetings have rotated across four regions: Johannesburg (Africa Region) hosted the 60th Anniversary Meeting, Bangkok (ESEAOR) held the strategic framework global gathering and the last in person Board of Trustee meeting and General Assembly were held in SARO - Delhi, India in 2019. Prior to that London (Europe) has consistently held the overwhelming majority of past Governing Councils. For this reason, the DLT invited MAs in the Arab region to apply to host the next Board of Trustees meeting; and conscious of the enormous effort required – particularly for a newly established regional office – we asked ACRO to enquire whether ProFamilia would be willing to work with them to host the upcoming General Assembly meeting to be held in November 2022.

Due Diligence was completed to anticipate the minimum required elements for both the upcoming and future Board of Trustee meetings and the IPPF General Assembly.

The DLT considered all elements of a proposal in making its decision and paid special attention to elements such as convenience to international airports, personal safety of meeting participants, meeting space, network infrastructure, and ability of local hosts to support logistics.

It also considered proximity of the meetings and the main hotel where delegates would reside.

Future rotations for ROs/MAs interested in hosting will be communicated at the next General Assembly. IPPF will continue to evaluate the proposals and select the host for the event. Regional support for a particular proposal will remain an important consideration.

Core values

In doing its due diligence the DLT sought to minimise situations in which onerous country entry regulations inhibit, discourage, or prevent participants from attending meetings. We explored existing restrictions on any individuals travelling from specific countries. Where restrictions existed, the local host was asked to indicate how these difficulties will be addressed to ensure the widest participation possible.

We also considered laws that effectively excluded people on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, health status, national origin or citizenship.

Results of the due diligence

Based on the above parameters, applications from a number of locations were considered, with preference given to Morocco for the Spring BoT (Annex 1).

ProFamilia has confirmed their interest in hosting the 2022 General Assembly in Colombia for the November GA (7.2) and will start planning for such eventuality.

Annex 1



Morocco MA -BoT
hosting evaluation for