

Board of Trustees
23-24 November 2023

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agenda item 3.2

Agenda Item 3.2 Location Of Governance Meetings: June 2024 BoT & 2026 GA

For Board meetings in the first half of 2024 we propose:

- Virtual Board meeting Thursday March 14 and Friday March 15
- Face to face Board meeting in London starting with dinner on Wednesday June 19th followed by meetings on Thursday June 20th and Friday June 21st.

For the General Assembly, we have been working towards hosting it in the Africa Region in November 2025. After trying several options on the continent, given travel, visa, accommodation and security considerations the only feasible ones seem South Africa with three possible venues (Cape Town, Durban or Johannesburg) or Kenya (Nairobi). We are working with the collaborative partners and a conference organizer. We have a very detailed budget produced by a contracted third party: the Budget is high (2.3M USD) at current prices, compared to Colombia (1.8M USD) and it does not have a contingency.

IPPF currently has no MA in Kenya or South Africa. We have new, very dynamic and engaged collaborative partners. However, none of them have been in the organization long enough to understand the culture, the requirements from other MA or the style of meeting the general assembly is as none of them have participated in GAs or large IPPF gatherings.

Given the above, management suggests altering the order so we would have the **2025 General Assembly in ESEAOR** (Indonesia MA and regional office are willing and able) and have it go to Africa in 2028, when the MAs in Kenya and South Africa have got a bit more IPPF mileage on their balance sheet. We think this would be acceptable to all. The decision needs to be made now as we have learnt that hotel contracting and organizing with less than 2 years is an incredibly difficult task. We would try and secure a hotel contract that allows us to firm up participant numbers (whether 2 or 3 per MA) closer to the date.