January 25th, 2016 - January 29th, 2016

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Country Support Program Activities
Expanded Constituency Workshops

January 26-28
GEF Introduction Seminar
*World Bank J Building - J B1-080, Washington, DC*

February 16-19
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe (10)
*Gaborone, Botswana - Lansmore Masa Square Hotel*

March 1-4
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts And Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago (17)
*Trinidad and Tobago - Venue TBD*

March 16-19
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine (12)
*Becici, Montenegro - Hotel Splendid Conference Center*

April 5-8
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam + Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka + China (15)
*Thailand – Venue TBD*

April 19-21
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay + Brazil, Colombia, and Ecuador (9)
*Argentina - Venue TBD*

May 3-6
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, and The Gambia (9)

May 10-13
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Togo (8)

May 24-27
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and Venezuela (8)
*Guatemala - Venue TBD*

June 28-30
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan + Armenia, Belarus, and Russian Federation (10)
*Kazakhstan - Venue TBD*

July 19-22
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Southern Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda (14)

September 8-11
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo,
Congo DR, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon 2015, and Sao Tome and Principe (8)

**October 6-9**  
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu (17)  
*Fiji - Venue TBD*

**November 1-4**  
**Expanded Constituency Workshop** - Afghanistan, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Syria, and Yemen + Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia + Iran, Turkey (14)
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| 5363   | 5194  | FP   | Climate Change  | CEO endorsement of FSP  | UNDP      | Philippines | Development for Renewable Energy Applications Mainstreaming and Market Sustainability (DREAMS) | Ming Yang       | 27-Jan-16     |

**WWF-US**

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