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Fiscal Year '16
Country Support Program Activities
Expanded Constituency Workshops

**TBD**
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 15-18**
Expanded Constituency Workshop - Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine (12)
_Becici, Montenegro - Hotel Splendid Conference Center_

**March 29 - April 1**
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 18-22**
Expanded Constituency Workshop - Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay + Brazil, Colombia, and Ecuador (9)
_Argentina - Venue TBD_

**April 22-29**
Expanded Constituency Workshop - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and Venezuela (8)
_Guatemala - 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)

**June 21-24**
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)
## Requests Received from GEF Agencies

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