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EVALUATION OF OFFERS TO HOST THE XIV WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

1. Following the invitation of the FAO Director General to all Members of FAO, State Members of the United Nations and to any of its Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency of 9 June 2010, to submit offers to host and organize the XIV World Forestry Congress in 2015, formal bids were received before the 1st of September 2010 from the Government of India and the from the Government of South Africa.
2. Both bids have been prepared according to the FAO guidelines and provide exhaustive information for the evaluation.
3. The host institutions are the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, New Delhi (MOEF) and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Government of South Africa.
4. The proposed venues are:
 - New Delhi, Pragati Maidan, with 62,000 square meters of covered exhibition halls and 10,000 square meters of open display area
 - Durban, the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Complex, comprising the ICC Convention Centre, the ICC Arena and ICC Exhibition Centre, able to accommodate 15,000 people under one roof and a total usable space of 76,000 square meters.
5. In both cases, the proposed venues have the necessary infrastructure and are equipped to provide the services to host a large event and are well located in terms of accessibility. Delhi international airport is a regional/international hub serviced by direct flights, while flights to Durban may entail transfers.

6. The cities of Delhi and Durban have a large number of hotel rooms, a very good public transport network and multiple opportunities to organize study tours of importance to the forestry community.
7. Both proposals include a financial commitment of the respective governments to cover the costs associated with the organization and hosting the World Forestry Congress, including initiatives to mobilize funds from the donor community to support participation of experts coming from developing countries.
8. Considering the rotation among the regions for the location of the Congress, the last four events of this kind were held in South America (2009), North America (2003), Central Asia (1997) and Europe (1991). The VIII Congress was held in Indonesia in 1978 and the IV Congress was held in India in 1954. No Congress has taken place so far in the African continent.