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**Summary of Submissions to Host the XVI World Forestry Congress 2027**

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1. This document presents a summary of offers received to host the XVI World Forestry Congress (WFC) in 2027, to facilitate the work of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) in making a recommendation to the 176th Session of the FAO Council to be held from 2 to 6 December 2024. More information on world forestry congresses can be found in document COFO/2024/7.3.
2. In early 2024, the FAO Director-General announced to all States that are Members of FAO, the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency that the XVI World Forestry Congress was scheduled to be held in 2027, and invited governments interested in hosting the event to communicate their formal offers to the Organization.
3. Offers have been received from the Governments of Germany and Peru. The offers are available on the COFO website:
  - [www.fao.org/assets/COFO27/WFC\\_Offers/WFC27-Offer-Germany.pdf](http://www.fao.org/assets/COFO27/WFC_Offers/WFC27-Offer-Germany.pdf)
  - [www.fao.org/assets/COFO27/WFC\\_Offers/WFCXVI\\_Peru\\_en.pdf](http://www.fao.org/assets/COFO27/WFC_Offers/WFCXVI_Peru_en.pdf)
4. The Committee may wish to consider, in particular the following information when formulating its recommendation for consideration by the FAO Council.
5. The proposed host institutions are:
  - The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Government of Germany supported by a network of federal governmental and research institutions as well as institutions at the level of “Laender” (federal states).
  - The Ministry of Agricultural Development and Irrigation (Ministerio de Desarrollo Agrario y Riego), together with the National Forestry and Wildlife Service (Servicio Nacional Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre), Government of Peru.
6. Both offers outline the strong interest of each respective country in hosting the congress, and demonstrate the rich history in, and strong commitment to sustainable forest management.
7. The proposed venues:
  - Bonn, Germany: World Conference Center Bonn<sup>1</sup>, which is a major conference facility in Germany that hosted several major meetings, the biggest so far being the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP 23) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in 2017. The Center can accommodate 7 000 participants.
  - Peru did not indicate the venue of the Congress in their offer.
8. The venue proposed by Germany has adequate infrastructure and capacity to provide the services to host the event and is well-located and accessible to international participants, offering also safe and economical transportation options from the airport to the venue.
9. The city of Bonn, Germany offers many hotels able to meet different needs at various prices and close to the venue, able to comfortably accommodate Congress participants.
10. The offer of Germany indicates the intention to organize forest excursions throughout the country to provide opportunities to demonstrate sustainable forest management practices in Germany. The offer of Peru does not specify field excursions or study tours but refers to their vast experience in sustainable forest management integrating innovative practices in collaboration with local communities and Indigenous Peoples and commitment to environmental conservation. Considering the above, Peru indicated in its offer, that its cultural and natural diversity would provide enriching and productive experiences for all attendees.
11. The offer of Germany includes a financial commitment of up to Euro 15 million to cover the costs associated with the organization and hosting of the XVI WFC, including the necessary costs for

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<sup>1</sup> [www.worldccbonn.com/en/](http://www.worldccbonn.com/en/)

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the venue, interpretation, logistics, travel support for eligible countries and the organisation of manifold forest excursions throughout the country.

12. The offer of Peru does not provide financial information.