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### BASIC CONDITIONS

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### MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde Islands
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Comoros
- Congo
- Congo DR
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- São Tomé e Príncipe
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Swaziland
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe *

*NB: Excluded from Preliminary Competition: Zimbabwe*
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PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES

ROUND ONE
- The 26 lowest-ranked PMAs, PMA Rank 28 through to PMA Rank 53 (based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of July 2015), will contest Round One.
- The 26 teams will be paired into 13 home-and-away series.
- The matches are forseen to be played in the period 5-13 October 2015.
- The 13 series winners advance to Round Two.

ALLOCATION TO POTS:
- The 26 Round One teams will be allocated to two pots of 13 teams based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of July 2015.
- The top 13 teams will be placed in Pot 4; the remaining 13 teams will be placed in Pot 5.

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ROUND TWO
- The 13 Round One winners will then join the remaining 27 PMAs in Round Two.
- The 40 teams will be paired into 20 home-and-away series.
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period 9-17 November 2015.
- The 20 series winners advance to Round Three.

ALLOCATION TO POTS:
- The 27 PMAs who did not contest Round One will be allocated to three pots, one of 13 teams and two of 7 teams based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of July 2015.
- The top 13 teams will be placed in Pot 1; the next highest 7 teams will be placed in Pot 2 with the final 7 teams placed in Pot 3.

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DRAW PROCEDURE FOR ROUND ONE AND ROUND TWO:

- The draw starts with a ball from Pot 5. This team will play in Series 1 and will play at home in the first leg of the series. The draw continues with a ball from Pot 4. This team will complete the pairing of Series 1 for Round One and will play at home in the second leg of the series. The winner of the series advances to Series 1 of Round Two and will play at home in the first leg of the series. The draw then continues with a ball from Pot 1. This team will play the winner of Series 1 from Round One and will play at home in the second leg of the series for Round Two.
- The draw then continues by alternating between Pot 5, Pot 4 and Pot 1 until all balls have been drawn from Pot 5, Pot 4 and Pot 1 completing the 13 pairings for Round One as well as who the series winner will face in Round Two.
- The draw then continues with the drawing of a ball from Pot 3. This team will play at home in the first leg of their series for Round Two. The draw continues with the drawing of a ball from Pot 2. This team will complete the pairing for Series 14 for Round Two and will play at home in the second leg of the series.
- The draw then continues by alternating between Pot 3 and Pot 2 to determine Series 15 through 20 for Round Two.
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ROUND THREE:

- The 20 Round Two winners will take part in Round Three.
- The 20 teams will be drawn into five round-robin, home-and-away groups of four teams each.
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period 3 October 2016 to 14 November 2017.
- The five group winners will qualify for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.

DRAW PROCEDURE:
The draw date, location and procedure for Round Three will be confirmed by the end of Round Two by the Organising Committee for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.