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In Bangkok, FIFA is set to conduct a three-day meeting from May 15-17, 2024, focusing on governance standards and future soccer events. Key issues include the rollback of reforms instituted after the 2015 corruption scandal and decisions on women's soccer development and anti-racism measures.

Gianni Infantino, FIFA's president since 2016, originally championed reforms including term limits and reduced presidential powers. However, recent proposals seek to expand committees, increase presidential authority, and remove term limits within the Asian Football Confederation. This shift comes despite criticisms and previous endorsements of strict governance by the U.S. Department of Justice, which now denies endorsing FIFA’s reform effectiveness.

Decisions during the congress will also include hosting future men's and women's World Cups, with Saudi Arabia expected to host the 2034 event. Specific decisions regarding women's soccer, including the 2027 World Cup host, are anticipated. As FIFA navigates these changes, the organization's commitment to the reforms promised in 2015 is under scrutiny.

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