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Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve one of the two proposed dates for the 2020 Executive Board visit to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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1. The Office of the Secretary, with the assistance of the Programme Management Department, is responsible for managing the field visit programme for the Executive Board in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Peer Review of IFAD's Office of Evaluation and Evaluation Function, which was endorsed by the Executive Board at its ninety-ninth session (EB 2010/99/R.6).
2. In December 2012, the Executive Board approved a new modality for country visits, which required the Board to decide on the destination of future annual visits. Under the new procedures, country visits would be open to participation by Executive Board members that were not members of the Evaluation Committee. Nine members would participate in the visits: four from List A, two from List B and three from List C. The Lists would decide on the participation, and the visits would be fully funded by IFAD. The Board also stipulated that a maximum of three additional members of the Executive Board that were not members of the Evaluation Committee could join the country visits on a self-financing basis. These rules were to be applied for the annual country visits from 2014 onwards.
3. Based on these rules, the following plan for country visits in 2018-2020 was presented at the 120th session of the Executive Board for approval:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Recent evaluation</i>	<i>Fragile/least developed country (LDC)</i>
2018	East and Southern Africa (ESA)	Ethiopia	Country programme evaluation 2016	LDC
2019	West and Central Africa (WCA)	Cameroon	Country strategy and programme evaluation 2017	
2020	Near East, North Africa and Europe (NEN)	Sudan	Country strategy and programme evaluation 2018	Fragile

4. The destinations for 2018 and 2019 were approved and it was decided to rediscuss the destination for the 2020 visit at a future session. At the 123rd session, Management proposed Egypt as the destination for 2020 as a replacement for Sudan and this was approved by the Executive Board.
5. Regarding the proposed dates for the 2020 country visit, the common calendar of meetings of permanent representatives¹ has been consulted and two possible periods have been identified. These are:
 - (i) 31 May to 4 June 2020; and
 - (ii) 22 to 26 November 2020
6. The Executive Board is invited to approve one of the periods above for the 2020 Executive Board country visit.

¹ Maintained by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, IFAD and the World Food Programme.