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Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve the postponement of the visit to Egypt to 25-29 October 2021 and the revised rolling plan for the 2022-2024 period.

Country visits of the IFAD Executive Board 2022-2024 and date of visit to Egypt

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 new rules were applied for the annual country visits from 2014 onwards.
3. Based on the above, the Executive Board approved Egypt as the destination for 2020 at its 123rd session, and the following rolling plan at its 129th session:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Recent evaluation</i>	<i>Fragile/LDC</i>
2021	West and Central Africa (WCA)	Sierra Leone	Country strategy and programme evaluation 2019	LDC
2022	East and Southern Africa (ESA)	Uganda	Country strategy and programme evaluation 2020	LDC
2023	Near East and North Africa (NEN)	Tunisia	Country strategy and programme evaluation 2019	

4. As no consensus was reached on the dates for the 2021 visit to Sierra Leone, Management proposed the October dates which were voted on and approved by correspondence.
5. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the visit to Egypt planned for 2020 was cancelled. Management therefore proposes that this visit be moved to 2021, subject to the ongoing pandemic and formalization with the Egyptian authorities. The dates that had been approved for the visit to Sierra Leone – 25-29 October 2021 – would be used for this purpose.
6. The rolling plan would then be moved forward by one year, resulting in the following sequence:

Year	Region	Country	Recent evaluation	Fragile/LDC
2022	West and Central Africa (WCA)	Sierra Leone	Country strategy and programme evaluation 2019	LDC
2023	East and Southern Africa (ESA)	Uganda	Country strategy and programme evaluation 2020	LDC
2024	Near East and North Africa (NEN)	Tunisia	Country strategy and programme evaluation 2019	

7. The Executive Board is therefore invited to approve the visit to Egypt in October 2021 with the mentioned conditions, and the rolling plan for the 2022-2024 period.

Summary table of Evaluation Committee/Executive Board member visits:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>
2004	Syrian Arab Republic	NEN
2005	Indonesia	APR
2006	Mexico	LAC
2007	Mali	WCA
2008	Philippines	APR
2009	India	APR
2010	Mozambique	ESA
2011	Brazil	LAC
2012	Ghana	WCA
2013	Viet Nam	APR
2014	United Republic of Tanzania	ESA
2015	Morocco	NEN
2016	Brazil	LAC
2017	Bangladesh	APR
2018	Ethiopia	ESA
2019	Cameron	WCA
2020	Cancelled	
2021	Egypt	NEN
2022	Sierra Leone	WCA
2023	Uganda	ESA
2024	Tunisia	NEN