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Provisional Agenda of the Evaluation Committee for 2019

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For: Review

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1. Background. In accordance with the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Evaluation Committee of the Executive Board,¹ approved by the Executive Board in May 2011, this document contains the programme of work for the Evaluation Committee for 2019.
2. Rule 2 of the Committee's rules of procedure provides that "the Committee retains the prerogative to revise by adding, deleting, defining or amending items on the agenda during the course of the year".
3. Dates of Evaluation Committee sessions. The document also includes dates for the four committee sessions planned for 2019. The dates have been defined in consultation with the Office of the Secretary to avoid overlap with planned governing body meetings of the two other Rome-based agencies. Moreover, at its ninety-seventh session in July 2017, the Evaluation Committee reviewed and approved the proposed dates for its sessions in 2018 and 2019 to avoid scheduling conflicts with other major events planned during the same period.
4. Objective. The proposed agenda will enable the Committee to carry out its role and responsibilities in accordance with its terms of reference and rules of procedure, and the IFAD Evaluation Policy. It seeks to ensure that the Committee has the opportunity to review and comment on the main evaluation reports produced by the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) and IFAD Management. These reports fall into three categories:
 - (a) Evaluation reports produced annually by IOE and Management, as called for by the IFAD Evaluation Policy and the Committee's terms of reference and rules of procedure. This category includes the Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI), the work programme and budget of IOE, the Report on IFAD's Development Effectiveness (RIDE), and the President's Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA);
 - (b) A variety of evaluation reports prepared by IOE, including all corporate-level evaluations (CLEs), a selected number of country strategy and programme evaluations (CSPEs), project performance evaluations (PPEs), impact evaluations and evaluation synthesis reports; and
 - (c) All corporate operational policy and strategy proposals arising from evaluation lessons and recommendations, including IOE's comments on the proposals, before they are considered by the Executive Board.
5. Criteria for the selection of evaluations to be presented to the Evaluation Committee. IOE reviewed past committee agendas and found that each year the Committee considered all CLEs, a selected number of CSPEs, one or two PPEs, and one impact evaluation. Specifically, the selection of evaluation reports to be considered by the Evaluation Committee is based on evaluation exercises recently concluded, and on the necessity to inform decision-making processes, such as the approval of a new country strategic opportunities programme by the Executive Board. These criteria have been taken into account in preparing this provisional agenda.
6. Decision. The Committee is requested to consider the information contained in the following table, and to decide on the proposed agendas for its four planned sessions in 2019. In accordance with its terms of reference and rules of procedure, the Evaluation Committee may, during the year, decide to hold additional sessions – over and above the four planned for 2019 – in order to effectively discharge its oversight functions.

¹ EB 2011/102/R.47/Rev.1.

Dates and provisional agenda of the Evaluation Committee in 2019

<i>Session and date</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Provisional title</i>
104th session Thursday, 28 March	1	Country strategy and programme evaluation for Tunisia
	2	Country strategy and programme evaluation for Burkina Faso
	3	Project performance evaluation of the Project to Support Development in the Menabe and Melaky Regions in the Republic of Madagascar
	4	Joint project performance evaluation with the Asian Development Bank and IFAD of the Northern Region Sustainable Livelihoods through Livestock Development Project in the Lao People's Democratic Republic
	5	Country strategy and programme evaluation for Kenya
	6	Other business
105th session Wednesday, 19 June	1	Draft approach paper on the corporate-level evaluation on IFAD's support to innovation and productivity growth for inclusive and sustainable smallholder agriculture
	2	Evaluation Synthesis Report on Rural Finance
	3	Corporate-level Evaluation on IFAD's Engagement in Pro-poor Value Chain Development
	4	Draft report of the External Review of the Evaluation Function at IFAD
	5	Proposed dates for sessions of the Evaluation Committee in 2020 and 2021
	6	Other business
106th session Monday, 2 September	1	Preview of the results-based work programme and budget for 2020, and indicative plan for 2021-2022 of IOE
	2	2019 Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI) with Management's response
	3	2019 Report on IFAD's Development Effectiveness (RIDE) with IOE comments
	4	2019 President's Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA) with IOE comments
	5	Country strategy and programme evaluation for Sri Lanka
	6	Other business
107th session Tuesday, 29 October	1	Results-based work programme and budget for 2020 and indicative plan for 2021-2022 of IOE
	2	Impact evaluation of the Food Security and Development Support Project in the Maradi Region (PASADEM) in Niger
	3	Country strategy and programme evaluation for Mexico
	4	Evaluation synthesis report on innovation
	5	Provisional agenda of the Evaluation Committee for 2020
	6	Other business