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Evaluation Committee – 109th Session
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For: **Review**

Revised Provisional Agenda of the Evaluation Committee for 2020

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 revised programme of work for the Evaluation Committee for 2020.
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. At the 108th session of the Evaluation Committee, the draft action plan for the implementation of the main actions and recommendations of the External Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at IFAD report was revised. The Committee's provisional agenda for 2020 has therefore been aligned accordingly. Further amendments proposed by the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) and Management have also been included in the programme of work for the Evaluation Committee. For ease of reference, deletions are shown in strikethrough and additions are underlined.
4. **Dates of Evaluation Committee sessions.** This document includes dates for the four Committee sessions planned for 2020. 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 105th session in June 2019, the Evaluation Committee reviewed and approved the proposed dates for its sessions in 2020 in order to avoid scheduling conflicts with other major events planned during the same period. However, given the change of dates of the World Food Programme Executive Board session, the 109th session of the Evaluation Committee initially scheduled on 1 July 2020 needs to be rescheduled. The new proposed date for the 109th session is 19 June 2020. The Evaluation Committee is requested to approve the new date.²
5. **Objective.** The proposed agenda will enable the Committee to carry out its roles and responsibilities in accordance with its Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure, and the IFAD Evaluation Policy. The aim is 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) **Evaluation reports prepared by IOE and IFAD Management throughout the year.** This includes all corporate-level evaluations (CLEs), selected country strategy and programme evaluations (CSPEs), project performance evaluations (PPEs), impact evaluations and evaluation synthesis reports.
 - (c) **Operational policy and strategy proposals.** These proposals arise from evaluation lessons and recommendations, and include IOE's comments on proposals before they are considered by the Executive Board.
6. **Criteria for the selection of evaluations to be presented to the Evaluation Committee.** Reviewing past committee agendas, IOE found that each year, the Committee considered all CLEs, a select number of CSPEs and PPEs, and one impact evaluation. The selection of evaluation reports to be considered by the Evaluation Committee is based on evaluation exercises recently concluded and on the necessity of

¹ EB 2011/102/R.47/Rev.1.

² The Committee approved this date at its 107th session.

informing decision making, such as for the approval of new country strategic opportunities programmes by the Executive Board. These criteria have been taken into account in preparing this provisional agenda.

7. **Decision.** The Committee is requested to consider the information contained in the following table, and decide on the proposed agenda for its four planned sessions in 2020. In accordance with its Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure, the Evaluation Committee may decide to hold additional sessions during the year – over and above the four planned for 2020 – in order to discharge its oversight functions effectively.

Dates and provisional agenda of the Evaluation Committee in 2020

<i>Session and date</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Provisional title</i>
108th session Wednesday, 1 April	1	Evaluation synthesis on community-driven development
	2	Country strategy and programme evaluation for Sierra Leone
	3	Approach paper: thematic evaluation on IFAD's contribution to smallholder adaptation to climate change
	4	Potential project restructuring level 1
	5	First draft: revised Terms of Reference of the Evaluation Committee
	6	Other business
109th session Friday, 19 June	1	Country strategy and programme evaluation for Nepal
	2	Country strategy and programme evaluation for Ecuador
	3	Proposed dates for sessions of the Evaluation Committee in 2021
	4	Draft Revised IFAD Evaluation Policy-Results from IFAD10 sensitivity analyses and implications for IFAD11
	5	Draft Revised Terms of Reference of the Evaluation Committee-Oral update by the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) on the programme of work for 2020
	6	IOE note on the revised product mix
	7	Management review of its self-evaluation products
	68	Other business
110th session Wednesday, 2 September	1	IOE multi-year strategy and preview of the results-based work programme and budget for 2021 and indicative plan for 2022–2023 <u>Preview of the results-based work programme and budget for 2021 and indicative plan for 2022–2023</u>
	2	2020 ARRI with Management's response
	3	2020 RIDE with IOE comments
	4	2020 PRISMA with IOE comments
	5	Corporate-level evaluation on IFAD's support to innovations for inclusive and sustainable smallholder agriculture
	6	Revised IFAD Evaluation Policy (to be confirmed)
	6	Other business
	111th session Thursday, 22 October ³	1
2		Impact evaluation of the Community-based Integrated Natural Resources Management Project in Ethiopia
3		Country strategy and programme evaluation for Sudan
4		<u>Draft Revised IFAD Evaluation Policy</u>
5		<u>Draft Revised Terms of Reference of the Evaluation Committee</u>
6		<u>Note by the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD on Revised Products</u>
7		<u>Note by Management on Self-Evaluation Products</u>
8		<u>Approach paper for the corporate-level evaluation on RBA collaboration</u>
49		Provisional agenda of the Evaluation Committee for 2021
510		Other business

³ In order to facilitate a strategic focus on items arising from the External Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at IFAD and on the approach paper for the corporate-level evaluation on Rome-based agency collaboration at the 111th session of the Evaluation Committee, it is proposed that consideration of the following items be postponed until the 112th session in March 2021:

- Impact evaluation of the Community-based Integrated Natural Resources Management Project in Ethiopia
- Country strategy and programme evaluation for Sudan