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## Provisional agenda

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**Action:** The Evaluation Committee is invited to adopt the provisional agenda for its 124<sup>th</sup> session, as set out in this document.

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6. Subregional evaluation on IFAD's experience in the Dry Corridor of Central America (EC 2024/124/W.P.5 + Add.1)<sup>1</sup>
7. Update on the IFAD12 impact assessment<sup>2</sup>
8. Other business

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<sup>1</sup> This item has been added to the provisional agenda for the 124<sup>th</sup> session of the Evaluation Committee. It was originally due to be presented at the 127<sup>th</sup> session in October 2024.

<sup>2</sup> This item has been added to the provisional agenda for the 124<sup>th</sup> session of the Evaluation Committee.

## Annotations

### 1. **Opening of the session**

The 124<sup>th</sup> session of the Evaluation Committee will be held on Friday, 22 March 2024, at IFAD headquarters, Via Paolo di Dono 44, Rome. The session will take place in the Oval Room (S-120) from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 2. **Adoption of the agenda**

The provisional agenda of the 124<sup>th</sup> session is contained in the present document.

### 3. **Country strategy and programme evaluation for the Republic of Rwanda**

The country strategy and programme evaluation for the Republic of Rwanda is the third such evaluation conducted in the country by the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE). It covers the period 2013–2022. The evaluation assesses the results and performance of the IFAD-financed strategy and programme in Rwanda and presents findings and recommendations for the future partnership between the Government and IFAD. The Committee is also invited to review the related agreement at completion point signed by the Government and IFAD Management, which is contained in the addendum.

### 4. **Project cluster evaluation on rural finance in the East and Southern Africa Region**

The Evaluation Committee is invited to review the report on the project cluster evaluation (PCE) on rural finance in the East and Southern Africa Region. This evaluation is the second of its kind, as the PCE is a relatively new evaluation product used by IOE. It combines the assessment of several projects in the same thematic area and aims to synthesize results through a comparative analysis. The focus on a single region, namely East and Southern Africa, makes the comparison between different projects more meaningful, as many countries in the region face similar challenges related to the expansion of rural finance markets. The Committee is also invited to review Management's response, which is contained in the report.

### 5. **Approach paper for the thematic evaluation of IFAD's support to nutrition**

As the first overarching evaluation of IFAD's work on nutrition, this thematic evaluation will provide evidence of the organization's work in this area across a range of IFAD lending and non-lending activities since 2016. The findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation will inform IFAD's continued engagement on nutrition and will feed into the nutrition priorities for IFAD's new Strategic Framework and IFAD's third Nutrition Action Plan, both starting in 2026. The approach paper for this evaluation is presented for the Committee's consideration. The document contains the background to the evaluation, along with the objectives and planned evaluation methodology and process, including evaluation questions, time frame and deliverables. The Committee is invited to review the paper before its finalization.

### 6. **Subregional evaluation on IFAD's experience in the Dry Corridor of Central America**

This is the second subregional evaluation carried out by IOE. Its objectives are to: (i) identify IFAD's development challenges and strategic opportunities in the Central American Dry Corridor; (ii) analyse IFAD-supported intervention approaches and results achieved; and (iii) provide learning that IFAD can use to strengthen results in collaboration with national authorities and other national and subregional partners. The evaluation concentrates on four countries: El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, covering the period 2008–2023. The evaluation aims to assess the performance of both completed and ongoing operations, and the evolution of approaches implemented. The Committee is also invited to review Management's response, which is contained in the addendum.

7. **Update on the IFAD12 impact assessment**

An oral update will be provided for the information of the Committee on the approach and progress of the IFAD12 impact assessment (IFAD12 IA). The update will cover the background and objectives of IFAD12 IA, present the current status and progress on the tier II development impact indicators of the IFAD12 Results Management Framework, discuss the approaches undertaken to ensure quality standards governing IFAD's impact assessment programme, and summarize the way forward to the presentation of the IFAD12 IA report in 2025.

8. **Other business**

Under this item, Management will present the following two items:

- (a) Update on the online tracker for the President's Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA); and
- (b) The 2023 digital Report on IFAD's Development Effectiveness (RIDE) translated into all four IFAD official languages.

The Committee may consider additional topics that are not included in the provisional agenda but may be proposed by members of the Committee, IOE and IFAD Management.