

IOE



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Independent Office of Evaluation

Procedure to select the IOE Director following the 2026 EPR

Suggested amendments to Revised Evaluation Policy Annex

**134th Evaluation
Committee**

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- This presentation will:
 - Present the **proposed revision to the annex of the evaluation policy**, following the 2026 **External Peer Review** (EPR) that was presented to the Evaluation Committee on 18 June 2026.
 - Outline **IOE's position** as inputs to the Evaluation Committee deliberations. It accompanies a paper submitted to the Member State platform on 25 June 2026.
 - Provide inputs for the Committee's deliberation on the **next steps for the recruitment of the IOE Director**. The outgoing Director's term ends on 28 February 2027.



Global Credibility

IOE is a leading independent evaluation office globally — EPR 2026 confirmed its reputation for rigor and independence



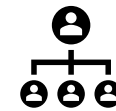
Independence = Integrity and Trust

Independence means evaluations that are free from influence and based solely on evidence. It results reports Board can trust and that help IFAD meet global challenges



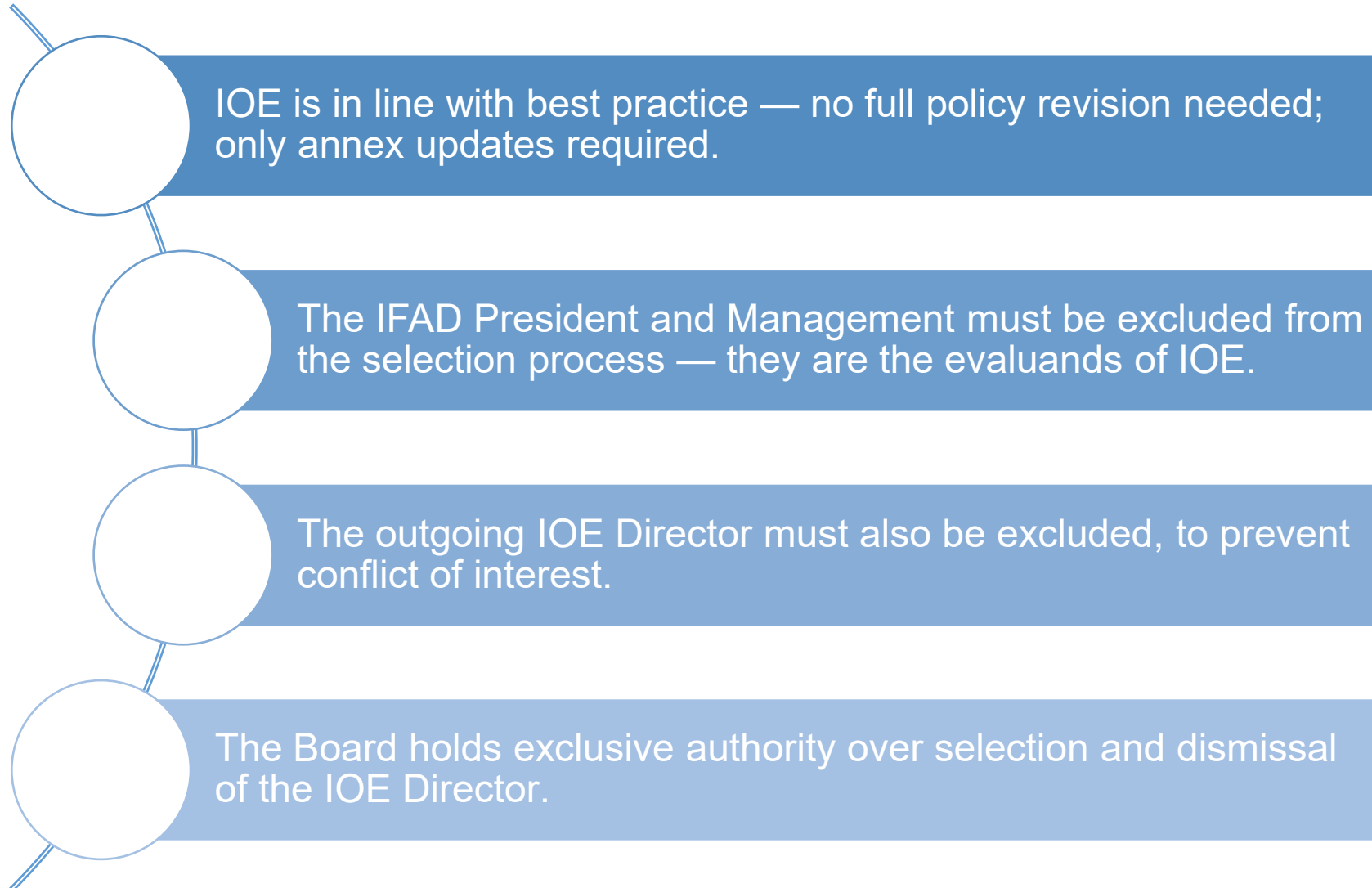
Real Risks

Globally, less independent evaluation functions have been undermined or restructured. IFAD must not follow that trend, and remain aligned with MDB practice



The role of leadership

The Director's role is to safeguard independence and credibility. A Director chosen through a compromised process undermines the entire evaluation function



Proposed policy annex revisions

Targeted edits to Section A — Selection and Appointment of the Director, IOE

Paragraph 1 — Add as first sentence	“The Executive Board is exclusively responsible for selecting and dismissing the IOE Director.”
Paragraph 6 — Revise as noted	“After the search panel completes its work, the chairperson of the panel consults with the IFAD President <i>as needed</i> .”
Paragraph 7 — Remove second sentence	“This report clearly mentions the views of the President with respect to the suitability of the recommended candidates, the order in which they are ranked, and any other concern the President may have about the candidates.”
Paragraph 8 — Remove phrase from second sentence	“taking into due account the President’s views”



The EC's decision today is to uphold independence principles, abide by its authority and ensure full integrity of the selection process.

Thank you for your attention