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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. **Opening of the session**

The forty-eighth session of the Evaluation Committee will be held on Friday, 7 September 2007 at IFAD headquarters, located at Via del Serafico 107, Rome. The full-day session will be opened in Room B201 (Building B) at 9 a.m. and will end at 5 p.m.

2. **Adoption of the agenda**

The provisional agenda is contained in the present document (EC 2007/48/W.P.1).

3. **Corporate-level evaluation on the Field Presence Pilot Programme**

Document EC 2007/48/W.P.2 contains the executive summary and agreement at completion point of the corporate-level evaluation on the Field Presence Pilot Programme (FPPP). The full report will be made available by the Office of Evaluation to all Committee members before the session. The FPPP evaluation will also be considered by the Executive Board at its ninety-first session.

4. **Preview of the Office of Evaluation's work programme and resource issues for 2008**

Document EC 2007/48/W.P.3 contains the preview of the Office of Evaluation's work programme and resource issues for 2008. The preview will be included in the strategic priorities and programme of work of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2008, which will be discussed by the Executive Board in September. Following the guidance and comments of the Committee at this session and the Board during its ninety-first session, the Office of Evaluation will produce its work programme and budget for 2008. This will be discussed with the Committee on 10 October 2007, prior to finalization and presentation to the Executive Board in December 2007.

5. **Review of the President's report on the implementation status of evaluation recommendations and management actions, together with comments of the Office of Evaluation**

Document EC 2007/48/W.P.4 contains the fourth report of the President on the status of implementation of evaluation recommendations prepared by the Programme Management Department. As required by the IFAD Evaluation Policy (paragraph 49), it also includes the Office of Evaluation's comments on this report (as an annex).

6. **IFAD Innovation Strategy, together with comments of the Office of Evaluation**

As per the terms of reference of the Evaluation Committee, the Committee is invited to discuss the IFAD Innovation Strategy, together with the comments of the Office of Evaluation on the document. The strategy will also be reviewed by the Board at its ninety-first session in September 2007.

7. **Other business**

Under this item, the Committee will consider any additional topics that are not included in the provisional agenda and that may be proposed by members of the Committee and/or the Office of Evaluation.

