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Evaluation Committee — Fifty-sixth Session
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Provisional agenda

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A. **Induction session for Evaluation Committee members**

   An induction session of the Evaluation Committee will be held on Tuesday, 23 June 2009 at IFAD headquarters, via Paolo di Dono 44, Rome. The session will begin in the Oval Room (S-120) at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 1 p.m.

   The session is intended to brief members on the functions of the Evaluation Committee and on the work of the Office of Evaluation (OE). There will be presentations and discussions on the IFAD Evaluation Policy, the Evaluation Committee’s Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure, the OE work programme and budget and its interaction with the work of the Programme Management Department, and other topics.

B. **Fifty-sixth session of the Evaluation Committee**

1. **Opening of the session**

   The fifty-sixth session of the Evaluation Committee will be held in the Oval Room (S-120) from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

2. **Adoption of the agenda**

   The provisional agenda is contained in the present document (EC 2009/56/W.P.1).

3. **Election of the chairperson of the Evaluation Committee**

   In accordance with rule 5 of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Evaluation Committee of the Executive Board (EB 2004/83/R.7/Rev.1), Committee members will be invited to proceed with the election of the chairperson of the Evaluation Committee. Document EC 2009/56/W.P.2 contains the necessary background information.

4. **Briefing on the Evaluation Committee’s provisional agenda for 2009 and options for the annual field visit**

   OE will brief incoming Committee members on the topics scheduled for the Committee’s sessions in 2009, as approved by the Executive Board in December 2008. Members will also be provided with information on options for the Committee’s 2009 field visit. Document EC 2009/56/W.P.3 contains the relevant background information.

5. **Other business**

   Under this item, the Committee will consider topics that members of the Committee or the Office of Evaluation may wish to propose that are not on the provisional agenda.