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## **Minutes of the fifty-ninth session of the Evaluation Committee**

### **Amendments**

Evaluation Committee – Sixty-first Session  
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For: **Approval**

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This document is submitted for the approval of the Evaluation Committee.

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## **Recommendation for approval**

The Evaluation Committee is invited to approve amendments to the minutes of its fifty-ninth session as shown in the present document and to adopt the revised minutes.



## Minutes of the fifty-ninth session of the Evaluation Committee

The delegate for Sweden has requested that the minutes of the fifty-ninth session of the Evaluation Committee be amended as shown below. Revisions to the text are highlighted in bold for ease of reference.

### ARRI

Paragraph 8 will now read:

“One of the new features introduced in this year’s ARRI is the chapter on quality- at- entry review, which aims to assess the extent to which Management has internalized five key lessons captured in past ARRIs in all new COSOPs and selected project designs approved in 2008. In this regard, the Committee emphasized the need to ensure that this feature does not duplicate Management’s own efforts in quality enhancement and quality assurance for new COSOP development and project design. **Given that management and OE expressed different views on this matter, one member requested that the Peer Review, within the scope of its work, provide an opinion on this new feature of the ARRI.**”

### Mozambique country programme evaluation

Paragraph 14 will now read:

“Some members underlined the importance of promoting South-South cooperation, both in terms of both technical assistance and knowledge sharing, and asked for some information on how IFAD could contribute to this process. [*The following text has been deleted: ... especially with Lusophone countries like Brazil and others...*]”

Paragraph 21 will now read:

“Among other issues, the representative of the Government noted the importance attributed to combating HIV/AIDS, which is also reflected by the establishment of the national board on the topic in Mozambique. **The importance of better targeting was also raised by Committee Members. In this regard,** the representative also underlined that the Government has decided that all development planning would be done at the district level, and agriculture is central to promoting growth and development.”

### OE’s three-year rolling programme (2010-2012) and budget for 2010

Paragraph 26 will now read:

“OE provided further information and clarification on the points raised by the Committee. The division underlined that the final report of the joint Africa evaluation has been completed and will be presented to both the Evaluation Committee and Executive Board during their respective sessions in December 2009. As decided by the Board, the final report on the external peer review will be discussed in the April 2010 Board and the document sent to all members according to the established timelines. **In relation to the budget, OE provided additional details on costs, including costs for different types of evaluations. This complementary information was appreciated by the Committee and it was suggested that the same information could be provided to the forthcoming Audit Committee and Executive Board.** With regard to the planned work programme beyond 2010, the Director, OE noted that the activities listed to be undertaken in 2011-2012 are provisional, and that they are subject to further discussions with the IFAD Management and concerned regional divisions next year.”

## Other Business

Paragraph 34 will now read:

“Finally, on the fifth topic, discussion took place on the process for preparing the report of the Evaluation Committee Chairperson for the Board, and the way in which decision items on evaluation matters are determined and presented to the Executive Board. In this regard, the following two points were discussed: (i) the language used in the Chairperson’s report and Evaluation Committee minutes; and (ii) the process for the preparation of the report of the Evaluation Committee Chairperson for the Board. With regard to item (i), one member underlined the importance of ensuring that the language used should accurately reflect the discussions and decisions of the Committee. The Chair responded that all decisions taken in the Committee are duly captured in the oral summary at the end of each agenda item; this in turn forms the Chair’s written report to the Board. On item (ii), the same member suggested that the Chair consider sharing his draft report with members for comments, before the document is dispatched to the Board. The Chair clarified that the report is a report of the Chairperson and not the Committee, and that the Chair report is composed of the points summed up orally by him at the end of each agenda item. He also noted that the Committee minutes produced and circulated for comments after the session provide an opportunity to capture more widely the diversity of points raised by Committee members. On this issue, the Director, OE proposed that the customary oral account of the key points and decisions taken provided by the Chair at the end of each agenda item considered in the Committee could be circulated in written form among members **immediately following each Committee session for their information**. This would then form the basis for the Chair to prepare his written report for consideration by the Board.”

