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- Evaluation Committee country visits since 2000 have been undertaken to Syria (2001), Indonesia (2004), Mexico (2006), Mali (2007), Philippines (2008), India (2009) and Mozambique (2010).
- The Committee had provisionally decided to travel to Yemen in 2011, but given the prevailing security circumstances and uncertainties it may cause for planning purposes, the Committee has suggested the IOE and the Management make an alternative proposal for 2011 as well as propose countries that may be visited in the subsequent two years (2012-2013). The Committee expressed preference to visit IFAD operations in Latin America region on a priority basis, given the last visit there was in 2006.
- Based on the principle of rotation among the five geographic regions and unfolding of IOE's evaluation work programme, it is proposed that the Evaluation Committee consider undertaking its country visits in the following three years to Brazil (2011), Vietnam (2012) and Jordan (2013). The Evaluation Committee has not visited any of these three aforementioned countries in the past, neither have they been included in the visits organised by the Management for Board members since 2000.

### **Brazil**

The visit to Brazil would provide an opportunity to interact with multiple partners and see IFAD's role in a MIC, where around still 30% of Latin America's poor people live. The Dom Helder Camara project is around USD 100 million project, including GEF resources and private sector co-financing. The project covers a vast geographic area with emphasis on environmental conservation, advancement women and youth, rural finance and rural finance. IOE is currently finalising the evaluation of the Dom Helder Camara project. The LAC division plans to design a further phase of the project in 2011 and the Government has already earmarked USD 42 million for the next phase, so the visit will provide an opportunity for members to discuss the evaluation and see activities on the ground before considering the design of the subsequent phase in the Board.

## **Vietnam**

The visit to Vietnam would provide opportunity for the Committee to visit a country moving away from command to a market economy, which has had significant success in reducing rural poverty. IFAD has a relatively large programme in the country, including a fairly developed country office with an outposted CPM. IOE has launched a CPE in Vietnam, which is expected to be completed by end 2011.

## **Jordan**

The division will commence a CPE in Jordan in 2011 to be finalised in 2012. Jordan remains a large programme in the NEN region, even though future engagement of IFAD in the country is under consideration given the growing economy and prosperity in the country.

- The proposed three countries would ensure visits to three of the five geographic regions covered by IFAD operations. Given the most recent country visit to Mozambique in 2010 in the Eastern and Southern Africa geographic region, the Committee would prioritise as appropriate – undertaking a country visit to Western and Central Africa in the subsequent three year cycle of country visits starting from 2014. This will ensure that all IFAD geographic regions are covered by Evaluation Committee country visits over a period of time.