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Evaluation Committee — Sixty-sixth Session
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Annotations

1. **Opening of the session**

The sixty-sixth session of the Evaluation Committee will be held on Thursday, 3 March 2011 at IFAD headquarters, via Paolo di Dono 44, Rome. The session will be opened in the Oval Room (S-120) at 9 a.m. and will end at 5 p.m.

2. **Adoption of the agenda**

The provisional agenda of the sixty-sixth session is contained in the present document (EC 2011/66/W.P.1/Rev.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 are invited to proceed with the election of the chairperson of the Evaluation Committee. Document EC 2011/66/W.P.2 contains the necessary background information.

4. **Minutes of the sixty-fifth session**

As requested by Committee members, document EC 2011/66/W.P.3 contains the minutes of the sixty-fifth session of the Evaluation Committee for approval by members.

5. **Annual country visits of the Evaluation Committee 2011-2013**

Under document EC 2011/66/W.P.4, the Committee is invited to consider the proposed options for its annual country visits for the period 2011-2013, jointly prepared by the Programme Management Department and the IFAD Office of Evaluation (IOE).

6. **Draft approach paper on the corporate-level evaluation of efficiency**

As requested by the Committee during its sixty-fifth session, document EC 2011/66/W.P.5 contains the draft approach paper for the corporate-level evaluation of efficiency, prepared by IOE, for consideration by Committee members.

7. **IFAD's engagement with middle-income countries**

In line with the decision taken by the Committee at its sixty-fifth session, document EC 2011/66/W.P.6 contains the proposal for IFAD's engagement with middle-income countries, together with IOE's comments thereon.

8. **Progress report on the action plan for the implementation of the findings and recommendations of the Peer Review of IFAD's Office of Evaluation and Evaluation Function**

Document EC 2011/66/W.P.7 contains the progress report on the action plan for the implementation of the findings and recommendations of the Peer Review of IFAD's Office of Evaluation and Evaluation Function for consideration by Committee members. Mr Bruce Murray, the consultant selected by the Committee to monitor and support the implementation of the action plan, will participate by video conference in the discussion of this agenda item and that of agenda item 9.

9. **Draft revised IFAD Evaluation Policy**

As a follow-up to the Peer Review of IFAD's Office of Evaluation and Evaluation Function, the Evaluation Committee is invited to discuss and comment upon document EC 2011/66/W.P.8, which contains the draft revised IFAD Evaluation Policy.

10. **Other business**

Presentation on the emerging findings from the corporate-level evaluation of IFAD's Private-Sector Development and Partnership Strategy

IOE proposes to make a PowerPoint presentation on the emerging findings from the corporate-level evaluation of IFAD's Private-Sector Development and Partnership Strategy in order to capture the Committee's feedback prior to finalizing the main evaluation report, which is due for submission to the Committee at its sixty-seventh session planned on 19-20 April 2011.