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Programme and draft Terms of Reference for the 2013 country visit of the IFAD Evaluation Committee to Vietnam

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Annual country visit of the IFAD Evaluation Committee to Vietnam - Programme, 19-24 May 2013

Date and Time	Details	Responsible parties
<p>Sunday, 19 May</p> <p>18.30 – 21.00</p>	<p>Arrival of EB members and IFAD staff to Ho Chi Minh City airport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pick up at Tan Son Nhat Airport and travel to Ben Tre City - Check in at Viet Uc Hotel http://hotelvietuc.com/ - Welcome party hosted by Provincial Government Leaders of Ben Tre held at Ham Luong Hotel 	<p>Times of arrivals to be confirmed by IFAD HQ</p> <p>PPMU Ben Tre</p> <p>PPMU has booked the Hotel (25 single room has been reserved at Viet Uc for the whole Delegation)</p> <p>Hosted by PPC Ben Tre (Government and Party Leader)</p>
<p>Monday, 20 May</p> <p>7.45-8.00</p> <p>8.00-9.00</p> <p>9.30-11.30</p> <p>11.30 -13.30</p> <p>13.30 – 16.00</p> <p>16.00 -</p>	<p>Pick up to PPC office</p> <p>An overview of 2011 CPE main recommendations</p> <p>Brief introduction of the Developing Business with Rural Poor (BDRP) Project: main outcomes and impacts, introduction on coconut value chain</p> <p>Plenary discussion</p> <p>Visit Coconut Processing Company (Betrimex): an enterprise participating in coconut value chain to produce many kinds of coconut-based products for export and creation of jobs for local people; visit a coconut satellite managed by Betrimex at Thanh Tan commune, Mo Cay Bac district</p> <p>Lunch hosted by PPC Ben Tre at Lan Vuong Garden Restaurant</p> <p>Visit Vinh Thanh and Long Thoi communes, Cho Lach district to see Thanh Private Enterprise and CIGs in cooperation with producing ornamental trees, seedlings, and trees for leaves, creating jobs for poor farmers</p> <p>Depart from Cho Lach district to Tra Vinh province</p> <p>Close programme in Ben Tre province and cross to Tra Vinh Province</p>	<p>PPMU</p> <p>IFAD IEO</p> <p>Project Director</p> <p>IFAD Delegation and PPC Ben Tre</p> <p>Betrimex introduces its production and arrange a field visit to a satellite in project commune</p> <p>PPC Ben Tre (PPMU)</p> <p>IFAD Delegation and PPC, Cho Lach DPC, Thanh Private Enterprise</p> <p>PPMU Ben Tre takes to and PCU Tra Vinh receives the delegation at Co Chien Ferry Station</p>
<p>19.00 – 21.00</p>	<p>Dinner Reception with Province People's Committee of Tra Vinh at the Cuu Long hotel.</p> <p>Night stay in the same hotel (hotel address: 999 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, Tra Vinh, tel: 0084-74-3962615)</p>	<p>PPC of Tra Vinh</p>

<p>Tuesday, 21 May 8.00 – 9.30</p> <p>9.30 – 11.30</p> <p>11.30 – 13.00</p> <p>13.00 – 16.00</p> <p>16.00 – 18.00</p>	<p>Meeting with PPC of Tra Vinh and introduction of the Improving Markets Participation of the Poor (IMPP) Project</p> <p>Visit to Sai Gon Mekong Fisheries Processing Company Ltd. (A company producing, processing and trading the catfish has created jobs for the poor through partnership with the IMPP in vocational training and purchasing fishes from farmers)</p> <p>Lunch at Hoang Chau river-side garden restaurant</p> <p>Visit to Phong Phu commune, Cau Ke district to see activities of IMPP at the commune (market-oriented participatory socio-economic planning, contract farming and development of farmer's rice production groups, off-farm jobs creation and vocational training in partnership with private sector)</p> <p>Travel to Can Tho City Dinner and night stay at the Victoria Resort Hotel http://www.victoriahotels.asia/en/our-hotels-in-viet-nam/can-tho-resort</p>	<p>PPC of Tra Vinh</p> <p>Sai Gon Mekong and IMPP PCU</p> <p>IMPP PCU</p> <p>IMPP PCU IFAD</p>
<p>Wednesday, 22 May 5.00 – optional</p> <p>9.00 – optional</p> <p>14.30</p>	<p>Visit to floating market in Can Tho river (seeing all agriculture products in Mekong Delta region)</p> <p>Visit to fruit gardens through waterways Free time for shopping and visiting the city Departure to the airport Flight to Hanoi at 16.30</p>	<p>Can Tho Tourism Company</p>
<p>Thursday, 23 May</p>	<p>Morning: Meeting with Mr Truong Chi Trung, IFAD Governor, Vice Minister, Ministry of Finance,</p> <p>Meeting with Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) on ARD national policies and programmes</p> <p>Afternoon: Meeting with Minister of Planning and Investment on Country Programme Evaluation, COSOP and feedback from the EC visit</p>	<p>IFAD ICO</p>
<p>Friday, 24 May</p>	<p>Morning: Meeting with Country Director of UNDP Vietnam</p> <p>Meeting with World Bank</p>	<p>Ha Noi</p>
<p>Friday, 24 May (evening) or Saturday 25 May</p>	<p>Departure for Rome</p>	

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Annual Country Visit to Viet Nam****Background**

1. In line with its terms of reference and rules of procedure, the IFAD Evaluation Committee (EC) decided at its 66th session in March 2011 that it would undertake its 2013 Annual country visit to Viet Nam. Prior visits of the Committee since 2000 took place in Syria, Indonesia, Mexico, Mali, the Philippines, India, Mozambique, Brazil and Ghana. The members of the EC are Brazil, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Indonesia, India, Luxembourg (Japan will take over at the 108th session of the Executive Board, in April 2013), Norway and Nigeria.

Overall Objective

2. To gain knowledge and experience of IFAD 's work in the field. In doing so, the EC will be able to provide general guidance related to evaluation matters to the Executive Board, IFAD Management and the Independent Office of Evaluation (IOE) on a more informed basis and be more competent in its duties.

Objectives

3. The main objectives of this Annual Country visit by the Evaluation Committee are: (i) to visit projects co-funded by IFAD and the Government of Viet Nam to increase the Committee's awareness of activities on the ground and allow committee members to meet stakeholders; (ii) to promote dialogue with Government officials regarding , among other themes, IFAD's role in Viet Nam; and (iii) to gain insight on the themes addressed by the recent Viet Nam Country Programme Evaluation, namely: opportunities and challenges in strengthening partnerships, the market-oriented approach and addressing credit environment for smallholders.
4. During the field trip, the EC will visit selected communes of the Viet Nam's southern provinces (Ben Tre and Tra Vinh provinces); the EC will have the opportunity to meet programme clients, understand their constraints and appreciate and also seek their views on the support received.
5. Further at the central level, the EC will meet with the Deputy Minister of Finance, who is the Governor for IFAD, and the Ministers of Planning and Investment and Agriculture and Rural Development to discuss the Government vision and framework for IFAD activities for the next five years. Members will also hold discussions with selected multilateral aid agencies such as the World Bank, and the UN Country team on how contribute to more effective synergies and/or to the scaling up of the successful models supported by IFAD over the last 20 years.

The EC, through its chair, will report to the Executive Board from its experience during the Annual Country visit on its findings regarding the work and processes and give recommendations to IFAD Management and IOE for future field visits regarding the scope, content and logistical aspects.