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Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve that paragraph 54 of the revised IFAD Evaluation Policy (2011) be amended as set out in paragraph 6(a) of this document.

Revision to the IFAD Evaluation Policy

1. At its 115th session in September 2015, the Executive Board reviewed the Chairperson's report on the eighty-eighth session of the Evaluation Committee, held on 26 June 2015, as contained in document EB 2015/115/R.3.
2. In reviewing the document, the Board noted the information contained therein, including the endorsement by the Committee of the proposal to present the Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI) and the Report on IFAD's Development Effectiveness (RIDE) at the September session of the Board from 2016 onwards, and to introduce a corresponding amendment to paragraph 54 of the Evaluation Policy (2011), which covers the procedures for reporting, communication, disclosure and dissemination of evaluation reports produced by the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE).
3. Based on the above review, the Executive Board approved the recommendation set forth in document EB 2015/115/R.4 which entailed the shifting of the presentation of the ARRI and RIDE from the December to the September Board session, starting in 2016, as well as the required corresponding amendment to paragraph 54 of the Evaluation Policy, which currently states: "Every year, IOE shall present the ARRI to the IFAD Management, and thereafter to the Evaluation Committee and Executive Board in their December sessions." The Board noted that the Evaluation Policy would not need to be amended for a change in the timing of the RIDE, as the policy did not tie the presentation of the RIDE to any particular session of the Board.
4. The Board further noted that as a consequence, starting in 2016, the Evaluation Committee session scheduled in June would be moved to early September to accommodate the proposed change in the timeline for the presentation of the ARRI.
5. With respect to the proposed changes to the IFAD Evaluation Policy, the Board noted that the Evaluation Committee would review the final proposal at its ninetieth session in November 2015 and, as appropriate, would then submit it to the Executive Board in December 2015.
6. Therefore, the following amendment to the Evaluation Policy (change highlighted in bold) is proposed, in line with the decisions taken by the Executive Board at its 115th session in September 2015:
 - (a) Paragraph 54 would be amended to read as follows:

54. "Every year, IOE shall present the ARRI to IFAD Management, and thereafter to the Evaluation Committee and Executive Board at their September sessions."