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**Invitation to the book launch on Information and Communication
Technologies for Development Evaluation
Rome 7 October 2019**

Distinguished Representatives,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the book launch on **Information and Communication Technologies for Development Evaluation** to be held on **Monday, 7 October** 2019 from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Italian Conference Room (S-105) at IFAD headquarters in Rome.

The book was edited by myself and Prashanth Kotturi, Evaluation Analyst, and presents important contributions made by a team of expert practitioners as the result of an [international conference](#) held in IFAD in 2017 on the topic.

The event aims to foster international dialogue and exchange of knowledge on this topic through a panel discussion: "**Innovative Solutions for Evidence Driven Development**". Ms **Alison Evans**, Director General and Senior Vice President, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank Group, will chair the panel discussion.

Ms **Cornelia Richter**, Vice-President of IFAD, will address the opening of the event while the Associate Vice-President of the Strategy and Knowledge Management Department will be participating in the closing of the event.

Growing technologies such as big data analytics, machine learning and remote sensing present new opportunities for development practitioners and development evaluators, particularly when measuring indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The book offers an overview of information and communication technologies in the context of evaluation, looking at the theory and practice, and discussing how the landscape may unfold.

Further information, including [agenda](#) and relevant documentation will be available on the [IFAD website](#).

I sincerely hope you will be able to join us on this important occasion.

Accept, Distinguished Representatives, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Oscar A. Garcia
Director, Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD

To all Representatives of IFAD Member States