Open Call for ICT Tech Fair

The Independent Office of Evaluation of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is organizing the international conference on ICT for Evaluation, which will take place on **6 and 7 June 2017** at **IFAD headquarters in Rome, Italy**. Read the concept note and draft agenda.

The conference will discuss the latest innovative approaches to using information and communication technology in development evaluation. It will gather a wide range of partners with expertise in development evaluation practice and application of ICTs in development and/or evaluation, and innovators pushing the boundaries of the use of technology in data collection, analysis and dissemination. Speakers and participants will include senior managers, experts and technical staff from the Evaluation Cooperation Group of multilateral development banks; the United Nations Evaluation Group; the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development network; academic institutions; bilateral development agencies; government officials; international financial institutions; non-governmental organizations; the private sector; think tanks and more. The event will also be webcast on https://webcasting.ifad.org/it_evaluation.

A **Tech Fair** will be held during the second day of the conference, on **Wednesday 7 June**. The purpose of the fair is to provide participants a more hands-on experience of the technologies discussed and presented during the conference, as well as other services relevant to the application of information and communication technologies in development evaluation. This will make visible and facilitate a broader understanding of the technological opportunities that are available today and what tomorrow will bring.

Opportunity for you

The **Tech Fair** will provide an excellent opportunity for you to showcase your organization and its products, reach out and communicate to a broader audience, both at the fair and through the publications which will follow the conference. In addition, participation in the Tech Fair will enable you to attend the conference, extend your networking opportunities and benefit from the exposure to other technology suites being used in development or that have implications for the field of development.

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is an international financial institution and a specialized United Nations agency. IFAD invests in rural people, empowering them to reduce poverty, increase food security, improve nutrition and strengthen resilience. Since 1978, it has provided US$ 18 billion in grants and low-interest loans to projects that have reached about 462 million people.

The Independent Office of Evaluation (IOE) conducts evaluations of IFAD-financed policies, strategies and operations to promote accountability and learning. The main purpose is to contribute to increasing the impact of IFAD's operations for sustainable and inclusive rural transformation.

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In order to make the Tech Fair the best possible experience, please fill in the application form and send it to the ICT4Eval secretariat at: **evaluation@ifad.org**. Applications must be received by **21 April**.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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