

# The **Evaluation** **Advisory Panel** of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD

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The **main purposes** of the Evaluation Advisory Panel (EAP) are to:

- provide the Director of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) with systematic advice, by reviewing and commenting various aspects of IOE's work to enhance the professionalism of the evaluation function;
- serve as a critical friend to IOE, drawing on its substantive experience and expertise to help improve IOE's independence, credibility and utility;
- on invitation, engage with IFAD Management, the Executive Board and Member States solicit feedback on IOE's work, with a view to improve IOE's alignment to the accountability architecture, including that of the donors; and
- meet annually with the IOE team to provide insights and recommendations on the work undertaken.

## The **Members of the EAP:**

- are selected and appointed by the Director, IOE based on their international record of accomplishment, linked to institutional legacies and resultant networks; and
- shall have their views respected as individual contributors while also being required to perform an established role for IOE.

For 2021, the Members are:

### **Rob van den Berg**

formerly Director of the Independent Evaluation Office of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and President of the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS)

### **Donna Mertens**

Emeritus Professor at Gallaudet University, international scholar on mixed-methods research and evaluation and social justice

### **Bagele Chilisa**

Professor at the University of Botswana, international specialist on indigenous and culturally responsive evaluation

### **Gonzalo Hernández Licona**

Director of the Multidimensional Poverty Network at the University of Oxford, formerly Executive Secretary of the National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy of Mexico

### **Hans E. Lundgren**

formerly Head of the Evaluation Unit at the Development Co-operation Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Prior to commencement, IOE shall provide the Members with a virtual orientation on the work programme. IOE will describe the structure, products, resources and specific methodologies used by the sections to deliver the products.

**The Members' key contributions** at the overarching level shall include the following.

## 2021

- Comments on the IOE multi-year Evaluation Strategy (late May 2021)
- Comments on the IOE Evaluation Manual (Part I) (early June 2021)
- Comments on the Annual Report on Results and Impact (ARRI) (mid-June 2021)
- Comments on the Thematic Evaluation on Climate change adaptation (June 2021)



## First half of 2022

- Half-day (virtual) event with the Evaluation Committee, IFAD Management and IOE staff

## **Additional ad hoc seminars for IOE staff (and selected IFAD/Rome-based agency staff on invitation)**

- Evaluation for social justice (by Donna Mertens)
- Indigenous evaluation perspectives (by Bagele Chilisa)
- Evaluation and transformative change (by Rob van den Berg)
- Evaluation and multidimensional poverty (by Gonzalo Hernández)
- The rise, apogee and adaptation of the international evaluation criteria (by Hans E. Lundgren)