



INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF EVALUATION OF IFAD (IOE) LEARNING EVENT

Thematic evaluation of IFAD support to smallholder farmers' adaptation to climate change

Location and time

Virtual platform: Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://ifad.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ed-SKnqfSauJKWOrQtZkWg

Date and Time: May 19, 2022 14:00 – 16:00 CET

Rationale and Objective

To promote ownership and use of its evaluations, IOE organizes dissemination events around its major evaluation products. The dissemination event for the above Thematic Evaluation will address the request by the Executive Board (EB) to elaborate on the key evaluation findings and recommendations.

The key audience are: EB members, IFAD Senior and Middle management involved in designing and implementing Climate Response, and the Regional Climate and Technical Specialists of ECG, and PMI.

Approach

The event will be held remotely and content managed by IOE. It is envisaged to have two components, following the brief introduction.

Introduction: The Director of IOE will introduce the purpose and structure of the session as well as the panel. This will be followed by a brief summary of the developments in providing CCA responses since the evaluation was completed by the AVPs of SKD and PMD. (15 minutes)

Session 1: Presentation of the Evaluation by IOE: The key findings and recommendations will be presented by the Team Leader of the evaluation team. The brief 15-minute presentation will be followed by a Q&A for 30 minutes (Total 45 minutes).

Session 2: A Panel Discussion in the format of "Firing Line" – Three Questions will be posed by a 3-member IOE team; a 4-member IFAD team will provide response.



The questions will be from the following three themes:

1. Conceptualizing climate resilience in projects
2. Ensuring environmental sustainability of climate solutions (Agriculture – eco system nexus) and implications for SECAP and IFAD Climate Strategy and Action Plan (2019-2025)
3. Promoting Scaling up and KM related to CCA response

The four IFAD Panelists will represent the successful case studies identified by the Evaluation. The panel comprises of IFAD managers, as well as technical specialists involved with successful climate projects. Each Question will involve a 10-minute exchange [between IOE Team and IFAD Panelists] and during the last 30 minutes, the floor will be open to Q&A from all participants. (Total Time 60 minutes)

Panelists & Selection Criteria:

- Sara Mbago-Bhunu – Regional Director, East and South Africa (Successful projects in Kenya and Ethiopia)
- Rasha Omar– Country Director, Sudan and Djibouti (Sudan launched the influential LMRP project. Also, the country office was involved with successful environmental governance under crisis situation according to IOE's Country Strategy Programme Evaluation of Sudan (2020).
- Amath Pathe – Regional Climate and Environment Specialist, West and Central Africa region, and Project Technical Lead for a number of successful CCA interventions in Niger and West Africa region.
- Oliver Page – Regional Climate and Environment Specialist, LAC region, Project Technical Lead for NICADAPTA, the successful CCA response in that was scaled up in Nicaragua.

*IOE Team Presentation: S. Nanthikesan and Andy Rowe (Nexus methods)
IOE Firing Line: Messrs. Naidoo, Nanthikesan and Rowe.*

Expected results

- Full understanding of the evaluation findings by the EB members
- Improved understanding by IFAD managers of the key messages of the Evaluation (Ensuring environmental sustainability, Potential improvements to the SECAP 2020, more evaluable Development Effectiveness Framework for CCA, areas of improvement for the Climate Strategy and Action Plan (2019-2025).