

Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
Country Strategy and Programme Evaluation (CSPE)
National workshop – 06 June 2023 (in-person)
CONCEPT NOTE (Draft)

Background. The Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) conducted the third Country Strategy and Programme Evaluation (CSPE) in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, covering the period 2015-2022. The CSPE (i) assesses the results and performance of the IFAD strategy and programme; and (ii) generates findings and recommendations for the future partnership between IFAD and Ethiopia for enhanced development effectiveness and sustainable rural development. The main in-country mission was conducted in November 2022 and the final report was shared with IFAD and the Government of Ethiopia in April 2023. As a final step of the evaluation, a national workshop will be co-organized by IOE, the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) and IFAD's East and Southern Africa Division (ESA).

Main objectives

- Discussing the main findings, recommendations and issues emerging from the CSPE;
- Appreciating opportunities and challenges of the partnership between IFAD and the Government in the near future and strategic priorities for IFAD's upcoming programme; and
- Clarifying main points to consider for the finalisation of the Agreement at Completion Point.

Agreement at completion point (ACP)

After the national workshop, the Agreement at Completion Point (ACP) will be signed prior to the presentation of the CSPE findings and recommendations at the 123rd session of the Evaluation Committee on 6th October 2023. The ACP is a document that presents the CSPE recommendations, which IFAD and the GoE agree to, and therefore define actions to be implemented within specific timeframes. It is included in the final CSPE report. The ACP will be signed by the GoE (represented by the Ministry in charge of Agriculture, IFAD's Governor) and IFAD (represented by the Associate Vice-President of the Programme Management Department). The role of IOE is to facilitate the process of the ACP preparation.

Workshop progress

The event will be in-person, happening on 06 June 2023 at Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa, from 09:00 am to 11:30 am. It includes six sessions (as per agenda below): (i) Opening remarks; (ii) Presentation of findings and QA; (iii) Panel discussion on recommendations and emerging issues; (iv) Main points of future IFAD's strategic orientations; (v) Main points of GoE perspectives; (vi) Closing remarks.

Expected participants. Representatives of the following categories. A detailed list is attached.

- **Government of Ethiopia:** (a) Ministry in charge of Agriculture; (b) Ministry in charge of Irrigation; (c) Ministry in charge of Finance; (d) Ministry in charge of Planning; (f) Development Bank of Ethiopia; (g) National Bank of Ethiopia; (h) Regional administrations; and (i) Ongoing projects' teams;
- **IFAD:** Programme Management Department and IOE;
- **Partners:** (a) International development partners; (b) National non-governmental implementing partners; (c) Civil society organisations; (d) Private sector (IMF, RuSACCOs and other private actors);
- **Beneficiaries:** groups of farmers (male and female) and for the management of infrastructures.

Background documents: CSPE Executive Summary; CSPE Infographic and CSPE Final Report (unedited)

Communication and media coverage. IOE's Evaluation Communication Unit (ECU) will coordinate the communication aspects of the event. IFAD's ESA division and the Government of Ethiopia will collaborate with ECU for the identification and conduct of specific communication activities, with the aim of ensuring a wider dissemination of key themes and messages raised by the CSPE. Key workshop information will be posted on IFAD's logon page as well as on the IOE website and on social media (LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook).