

Republic of Türkiye
IFAD's Country Strategy and Programme Evaluation (CSPE)
Final (in-person) Workshop
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Closing remark by Mr Indran Naidoo, IOE – Director

- Distinguished representatives of the Government of Türkiye,
- Distinguished representatives of partner Institutions of IFAD in Türkiye,
- Dear colleagues,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

The Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD has undertaken an impartial and evidence-based evaluation of the IFAD's country strategy and programme of Türkiye. I believe that today's candid and engaging discussion has provided better insights that will help translating the evaluation findings and lessons into actions, for greater impacts of the strategic partnership between IFAD and the Government of Türkiye.

I also hope that the workshop has provided valuable inputs for the finalization of the agreement at completion point - a short document that will summarize the main evaluation recommendations and follow-up actions agreed upon. Moreover, I believe that the recommendations will be used to finalize the next Country strategic opportunities programme between IFAD and the Government of Türkiye.

As we are concluding today's event, which has been a great success, I would like to reiterate my gratitude to the Turkish Government officials, especially to the Director General of Agricultural Reform Department, and the Deputy Director General of Forestry Department, who participated in all sessions of the event. My acknowledgements also go to the members of government teams that collaborated for the success of the evaluation, including this final workshop.

I am thankful to my colleagues of IFAD, especially Mr Donal Brown, Associate Vice President – PMD, Ms Dina Saleh, NEN regional Director and the IFAD country team led by Mr Liam Chicca, for their contribution to the effectiveness of this event.

I also thank the UN Resident Coordinator and all representatives of development partners, for their fruitful collaboration throughout the evaluation process, including for this final workshop. To all the resource persons who provided insights during the discussion of today, I do express my sincere appreciation.

Finally, I warmly thank all of you who have participated in this event. To the evaluation team led by Max Kodjo, assisted by Daniela Asprella, and to the IOE communication team, I express my appreciation for this successful event organised.

I hope that today's workshop will spark further exchange and discussion amongst stakeholders of IFAD supported country strategy and programme to enabling inclusive and sustainable rural transformation in the remote uplands of Türkiye.

Thank you.