

A Joint Evaluation by IFAD and AfDB on Agriculture and Rural Development in Africa

**Presentation of the Key Elements
of the Inception Report
at IFAD (Rome) on 11 January
and
AfDB (Tunis) on 14 January 2008**

Background

- The Presidents of AfDB and IFAD launched the idea of a joint evaluation - as an opportunity to further strengthen the results of and partnership between the two organisations
- At the end of 2006, the Executive Boards of the two organisations approved the undertaking of such an evaluation
- Memorandum of Understanding signed in July 2007 between IFAD and AfDB

How Joint?

- A common agreed upon evaluation methodology, process, deliverables and timeframe
- A single evaluation team, selected jointly by AfDB and IFAD
- One joint final report to be issued by both institutions
- Pooling of funds for undertaking the evaluation
- Co-ordinated communication throughout the process

Main Objectives

- Determine the relevance of IFAD and AfDB policies and operations in agriculture & rural development (ARD) in Africa, in light of current and emerging issues affecting ARD in the continent
- Assess the performance and impact of AfDB and IFAD policies and operations in ARD in Africa
- Evaluate the strategic partnership between IFAD and AfDB, between the two organisations and with other prominent ARD actors in the continent
- Understand the proximate causes for AfDB and IFAD relevance and performance, and develop recommendations to enhance their development effectiveness, including partnerships between them and others

Some Methodological Aspects

- Adopt a common methodology and rating scale, including internationally recognised evaluation criteria
- Develop a clear evaluation framework, linking key questions to evaluation objectives and expected evaluation results
- Evidence trail and triangulation

Main Evaluation Phases

- 1. Evaluation design: Development of an approach paper and inception report.
- 2. Desk review phase: Preparation of an interim report, based on four components: (i) a review of emerging challenges and opportunities for ARD in Africa; (ii) a meta-evaluation; (iii) a review of partnerships; and (iv) an assessment of business processes.
- 3. Country work phase: Visits of selected countries and operations in the continent to validate emerging findings; interaction with partners, and collection of additional data and information. Synthesis report on country visits produced.
- 4. Report writing phase: Two-pronged approach: draft final report and final report.

Governance and Management

- **Oversight Committee:** Composed of IFAD Office of Evaluation Director (Luciano Lavizzari) and AfDB Operations Evaluation Department Director (Colin Kirk)
- **Senior Independent Advisers:** Mr Robert Picciotto (Italy), Mr Per Pinstруп-Andersen (Denmark), and Mr Seydou Traoré (Mali)
- **Joint Evaluation Secretariat (JES):** IFAD responsible for administration and financial management. JES located in IFAD - composed of Administrative Assistant (Linda Danielsson) and two focal points, Detlev Puetz (AfDB) and Ashwani Muthoo (IFAD); supported by Andrew Brubaker (IFAD), Emelly Mutambatsere (AfDB) and Michael Carbon (IFAD)

Evaluation Team

- **Mr Roger Slade:** Consultant Team Leader
- **Interim phase:**
 - Mr Roger Slade, Mr Michael Carbon and Ms Emelly Mutambatsere (Meta Evaluation);
 - Mr Hans Binswanger and Mr Alex McCalla (ARD contextual review); and
 - Others under consideration for partnerships and business process reviews
- **Country work phase:** To be recruited, especially national consultants

Communication

- Communication Plan
- Dedicated web-page about to be launched
- Key deliverables shared with the managements of AfDB and IFAD for comments
- Multi-stakeholder workshops to discuss interim report and draft final report

Time line: AfDB-IFAD Joint Evaluation Agriculture and Rural Development in Africa

