



Country Programme Evaluation
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
National Round-table Workshop

Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD

Dhaka, 7 June 2015

Agenda

09:00 Registration of participants

Workshop Chairman: Mr Abul Basher Md. Zahurul Islam, Additional Secretary (Coordination and Nordic), Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance

Morning session

- 09:30 Welcome remarks by the Chairman
- 09:40 Statement by Mr Oscar Garcia, Director, Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD
- 09:50 Statement by Mr Brian Baldwin, Senior Operations Advisor, Programme Management Department, IFAD
- 10:00 Statement by Ms Begum Vikarum Nessa Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture (on behalf of Mr Shyamal Kanti Ghosh, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture)
- 10:10 Statement by Honourable Mr M.A. Mannan, State Minister, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Government of Bangladesh (Chief Guest)
- 10:20 PowerPoint presentation on the findings and recommendations of the Bangladesh Country Programme Evaluation (CPE), and the three workshop themes by Mr Miguel Torralba, Lead Evaluation Specialist, and Mr Nurul Alam, lead senior consultant
- 10:55 *Group photo*
- 11:00 *Coffee break (Lobby cafeteria)*
- 11:15 Plenary discussion, Questions and Answers
- 12:45 Overview on the organization of the three working groups by Mr Miguel Torralba
- 12:50 *Lunch (13th Floor, Amaya Food Gallery)*

Afternoon session

- 14:15 Break out into three working groups. Each working group to consider one of the workshop themes
- Working group I:** Ensuring long-term sustainability and scaling up of results: developing broad based institutional partnerships and further investment in knowledge management in Bangladesh
Facilitator: Mr Md. Mahbub-ul Islam, Joint Secretary, Economic Relations Division
Venue: Eden Ball Room (Ground Floor)
- Working group II:** Opportunities for IFAD further focus and engagement in agriculture in the face of emerging challenges in Bangladesh (demographic, spatial, environmental)
Facilitator: Dr Md. Abdur Razzaque, Project Director, National Agricultural Technology Project
Venue: Ankita (14th Floor)
- Working group III:** Ensuring access to finance for IFAD's target group; gaps and opportunities
Facilitator: Mr Fazlul Kader, Deputy Managing Director, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation
Venue: Karishma (14th Floor)
- 16:15 End of working group discussion – *Coffee break*
- 16:25 Plenary reconvened: Feedback from working groups and discussions facilitated by workshop chairperson
- 17:05 Reflections on the future directions by Ms Hoonae Kim, Director of IFAD's Asia and the Pacific Division, and Mr Hubert Boirard, IFAD, Country Programme Manager for Bangladesh
- 17:25 Remarks by Mr Oscar A. Garcia, Director, Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD
- 17:35 Closing statement to be delivered by the Chairman