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STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME EVALUATION (CSPE) WORKSHOP AT THE
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, NAIROBI ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2018 .**

**Your Excellency, Mr. Donal Brown, the Associate Vice President of IFAD,
Mr. Oscar Garcia, Director, Independent Office of Evaluation, IFAD,
Dr. Gabriel Rugalema, FAO Representative in Kenya,
Ms, Esther Kasalu-Coffin, IFAD Country Director**

Other Development Partners,

Chief Administrative Secretaries present,

Principal Secretaries present,

Chairman, Council of Governors,

CEO, Council of Governors,

Governors present,

County Executive Committee Members present,

Representatives from Non-State Actors,

Senior Government Officials,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen



- I am pleased to join you this morning for the official launch of this important Country Strategy and Programme Evaluation workshop.
- I take this opportunity to once again welcome you to the CSPE Workshop which is being held in Nairobi for the second time. Let me appreciate the honor bestowed on us as a country to host this very important meeting.
- From the onset, let me note that this is not just a report we are launching; we are marking yet another great milestone in the relationship that Kenya and the Rome- based Organizations have enjoyed over the years and continue to enjoy.
- On behalf of the Government of Kenya, I thank IFAD and all other Development Partners for the cordial relations and support they continue to offer in our development agenda.
- I note with appreciation that the Government of Kenya and IFAD have had a long cordial relationship spanning over 40 years since the inception of development cooperation in 1979. During the period, IFAD has provided over US\$300 Million for implementation of development projects in Kenya in both loans and grants which have had positive impact to the people of Kenya. The Government is grateful for this assistance.



- Further I appreciate the fact that IFAD support focuses on agriculture which is the back bone of the Kenyan economy and that the support targets vulnerable people in the rural areas where majority of Kenyans live.
- I note with appreciation that, IFAD has to date invested in 18 agricultural and rural development programmes and projects. Five of these projects are ongoing, namely Kenya Cereal Enhancement Programme - Climate Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods Window (**KCEP-CRAL**) **2015-2022** ; Smallholder Dairy Commercialization Programme (**SDCP**) **2006-2020**; Programme for Rural Outreach of Financial Innovations and Technologies (**PROFIT**) **2010-2019**; Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Programme (**UTaNRMP**) **2012- 2020** and **Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP) 2018-2025**. The portfolio reflects a wide range of activities and sub- sectors

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- As you are aware, the government recently launched the **Big Four agenda** in an effort to spur economic growth and transform the lives of millions of the Kenyans as well as fast track realization of Vision 2030.
- IFADs focus on Value Chain Development, Rural Financing, climate change and Natural Resource Management resonates very well with Kenya's own BIG 4 Agenda and the Ministry's "Agriculture Sector Transformation and



Growth Strategy (ASTGS) 2018-2022 that expect to achieve 100% food and nutrition security, contribute to a healthy nation, employment and wealth creation through support to manufacturing and growth of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

- As you are aware, maximizing small holder production requires the means and capacity to adopt the best production practices. This means utilizing high quality inputs such as seeds and livestock breeds, getting well organized in order to aggregate their produce and maintaining high quality and sanitary standards in order to achieve maximum income. All these aspects have been addressed by the programs and projects supported by IFAD.
- The Government appreciates the multi-sectoral approach employed in IFAD supported projects which involves all the stakeholders to ensure successful implementation and achievement of the intended impact. This is also in line with the development effectiveness agenda agreed with our development partners.

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- Planning, monitoring and evaluation are key ingredients for any management at any level without which an organization or institution would fizzle out.
- I commend IFAD, Rome office for the elaborate monitoring and evaluation process that they undertake for their programs and projects.



- The independent evaluation process started in March 2017 and has involved many actors, stakeholders and beneficiaries. I extend my appreciation to all those who gave their valuable contributions that made the exercise successful.
- The evaluation report will inform the next IFAD planning cycle and will greatly inform decision making by all parties within the agriculture sector.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- And as I conclude, I have no doubt that the data and information contained in this report will contribute significantly towards the desired transformation in the agriculture sector.
- Once again, IFAD support has gone a long way in supplementing Government resources. On behalf of the Government and the people of Kenya, I wish to convey our gratitude for IFAD support to our development agenda. We hope that you will continue supporting our development agenda by scaling up these activities to other areas in our Country under favorable terms when we make such a request.

With these few remarks, it is now my great pleasure and honor to declare the workshop and the report officially launched for sharing.

Thank You