

**Republic of Uganda**  
**Country Strategy and Programme Evaluation (CSPE)**  
**Virtual national workshop - 5 February 2021**

**CONCEPT NOTE**

**Background.** The Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) conducted a country strategy and programme evaluation (CSPE) in Uganda in 2020. The main in-country mission was conducted in July 2020 and the draft report was shared with IFAD and the Government of Uganda in November 2020. The report will be finalized in January 2021, taking into consideration comments from IFAD and the Government.

As a final step of the evaluation, a virtual national workshop will be co-organized by the Government of Uganda and IOE, in close collaboration with IFAD's East and Southern Africa Division (ESA). Due to the COVID-19 situation, this undertaking replaces the originally foreseen organization of a national workshop on-site in Kampala.

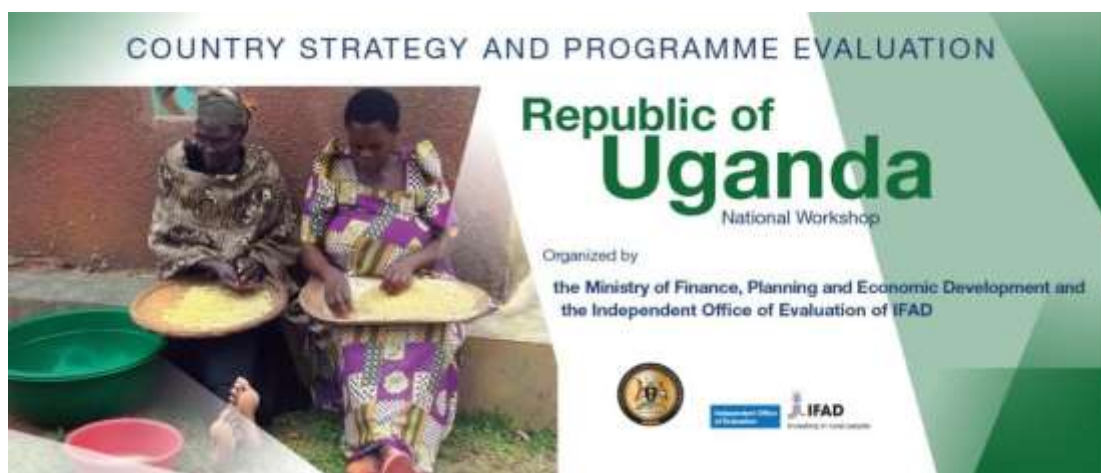
At the completion of the workshop, the Agreement at Completion Point (ACP) is signed prior to the presentation of the CSPE to IFAD's Evaluation Committee in March 2021. The ACP summarizes the main CSPE findings and recommendations, which the Government of Uganda (represented by the Ministry of Finance) and IFAD (represented by the Associate Vice-President of the Programme Management Department) agree to adopt and implement within a specific timeframe. The role of IOE is to facilitate the preparation and finalization of the ACP, which will be included in the Uganda CSPE final report.

**Main objectives.** The event will: (i) discuss the main findings, recommendations and issues emerging from the CSPE; (ii) reflect on opportunities and challenges in the IFAD-Government partnership and strategic priorities for IFAD's next country strategic opportunities programme; and (iii) agree to finalize and sign the evaluation's Agreement at Completion Point (ACP)..

**Connection and expected participants.** The platform to be used for virtual connection will be Zoom. The participants are expected from: **(a) Government of Uganda** - Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development; Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries; Ministry of Local Government; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and ongoing projects' managers; **(b) IFAD** - Programme Management Department (East and Southern Africa Division) and IOE; **(c) Partners** - development partners, civil society organisations, and private sector partners.

**Background documents.** Relevant evaluation products will be posted as available on the event website: <https://www.ifad.org/en/web/ioe/event/asset/42204229>. They include the Uganda CSPE – Executive summary, Profile, Insights on engaging the rural poor in value chain initiatives, and final report.

**Communication and media coverage.** IFAD's ESA division, the Government of Uganda and IOE's Evaluation Communication Unit (ECU) will collaborate to determine and conduct specific communication activities to better disseminate information on the virtual workshop and key themes raised by the CSPE. Workshop information will be posted on IFAD's logon message as well as on the IOE website and on social media (LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook).



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**5 February 2021,  
11:30-13:30 (EAT in Kampala) / 9:30-11:30 (CET in Rome)**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

<b>Opening of Workshop</b>	
11:20-11:30	All participants are asked to connect through Zoom
11:30-11:35	Introduction by Master of Ceremony
11.35-11:45	Welcome remarks and opening statement by the Chair Person Hon. Gabriel Ajedra Aridru, Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development (in charge of General Duties)
11:45 – 11:50	Statement by Donal Brown, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD
11.50 – 12.00	Introductory Statement by Fabrizio Felloni, Interim Officer-in-Charge Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD
<b>Presentation of Country Strategy and Programme Evaluation (CSPE)</b>	
12.00 - 12.20	Presentation by Chitra Deshpande, Senior Evaluation Officer, on the CSPE main findings, conclusions and recommendations
12.20 - 13.00	Plenary discussion (question and answer session)
<b>Future Directions for IFAD country programme</b>	
13.00 - 13.10	Reflections by Lakshmi Moola, IFAD Country Director for Uganda on the future directions for the Uganda country strategy
13.10 - 13.15	Statement by Sara Mbago-Bhunu, Regional Director of the East and Southern Africa Division (ESA), Programme Management Department IFAD
<b>Closing of Workshop</b>	
13.15 - 13.20	Closing remarks by Fabrizio Felloni, Interim Officer-in-Charge Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD
13.20 - 13.30	Closing remarks by Hon. Baguire Aggrey, Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries

*Master of Ceremony: Ms Maris Wanyera*, Directorate of Debt and Cash Policy, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MFPED)