



LEARNING FROM THE SUB-REGIONAL EVALUATION OF IFAD'S ENGAGEMENT IN FIVE SAHEL COUNTRIES AND NORTHERN NIGERIA

Date: 27 February 2023 **Time:** 14.30-16.00 CET (Rome time)

Venue: Zoom webinar

French/English interpretation available

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 14.30 – 14.40 Introduction by Indran A. Naidoo, Director, Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE)
- Presentation of the evaluation key findings and recommendations by Kouessi Maximin Kodjo, Lead Evaluation Officer, IOE
- 14.40 – 15.30 Panel discussion moderated by Mr Kodjo
- Panellists:
- Mr Bernard Hien, Regional Director, West and Central Africa Division, IFAD
 - Mr Diamoitou Guessibo Boukari, Secretary General, Ministry of Livestock of Niger
 - Ambassador Eric Tiare Yemdaogo, Executive Secretary of the G5 Sahel
 - Mr Blama Jallo, Regional Technical Coordinator, Réseau Billital Maroobé
- Themes for discussion
- Weak public institutions in fragile contexts: several WCA countries are facing this challenge and therefore, how can IFAD support governments in addressing these matters, to ensure effectiveness and sustainability of operations?
 - Transboundary issues: cross-border trade is of great importance in the sub-region, and cannot be only linked to one country strategy; the same applies for pastoralism issues (transhumance), which triggers conflicts within the sub-region. How can IFAD contribute addressing these on a regional basis?
 - Poverty–conflict nexus: how can IFAD address it to enable rural transformation? What can we learn from another IFAD region, e.g. Near East, North Africa and Europe?
- 15.30 – 15.50 Q&A
- 15.50 – 16.00 Closing session:
- Policy and operational perspectives by Nigel Brett, Director, Operational Policy and Results Division, IFAD
 - Concluding remarks by Dina Saleh, Director, NEN (representing Donal Brown, Associate Vice President, Programme Management Department)
 - Wrap-up by Indran A. Naidoo, Director, IOE

Related documentation will be made available on the event webpage: ioe.ifad.org