

2023 EPE Event
Evaluating Sustainable Pathways to Climate Resilience:
Recent experiences from evaluations of IFAD, FAO, and GEF
29 March 2023; 15:00-16:00

Objective: This session will explore emerging experience from recent evaluations in terms of methods, guidance and tools to help evaluators assess the climate change related aspects of interventions in food systems

Target Audience: UNEG members and external participants (evaluators/experts of climate change adaptation and environmental sustainability)

Rationale: Climate threats are increasing in frequency and intensity (such as floods, droughts, and cyclones), consequences of which disproportionately affect the most marginalized in the agricultural sectors. At the same time, agri-food systems account for more than one third of global greenhouse gas emissions that caused climate change (FAO 2021). Given that we have only 7 years to meet the targets of the Agenda 2030, there is an urgent need to ensure that food security is attained along with strengthened resilience of people and ecosystems and, at the same time, that agri-food systems are transformed to be part of the solution.

Given this, it is imperative that evaluations of climate responses take into account environmental sustainability and, in particular, climate change. Very little evaluative experience is available in this area. To begin address this gap, we would like to bring to focus to recent evaluation efforts within UNEG that deal with this important issue.

Event Outline:

Ice-breaker: [5 minutes]

Three brief presentations will bring together the following perspectives (total 30 minutes):

- a. IFAD (S. Nanthikesan) – will discuss the highlights of the method and approach developed in the recent Thematic Evaluation of Climate Change adaptation to assess the effects on the eco system
- b. FAO (Luisa Belli and Lis Pinero) – will present the guidance being developed by OED to mainstream climate change into evaluations of agri-food systems interventions.
- c. GEF (Anupam Anand) – will elaborate on the use of spatial technology to evaluate interventions at the nexus of climate change, environmental conservation, and development.

The final part of the session will be a group discussion and Q&A. [25 minutes].

We expect to engage the audience throughout the presentation and discussion to provide feedback/preferences on select issues (Using Mentimeter or similar tools).

Expected Output:

Audience and presenters have improved awareness of the possible methods and their limitations, approaches and tools available to integrate environmental aspects related to climate change when evaluating interventions in food systems.

Zoom Link

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