

Enhancing the evaluability of Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG2): "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture"

Technical seminar jointly organized by the evaluation offices of CGIAR, FAO, IFAD and WFP
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The evaluation offices of the Rome-based agencies, which include the CGIAR (formerly known as the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP), are jointly organizing a technical seminar on "Enhancing the evaluability of Sustainable Development Goal 2: How can we evaluate progress towards achieving SDG2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture?". The seminar will take place on 17-18 November at IFAD Headquarters in Rome.

The objective of the seminar is to **contribute to a shared understanding of how SDG2 could be evaluated and identify actions needed to enable future evaluations of SDG2 through the United Nations system, other international organizations or the countries themselves**. Specific objectives of the seminar are to: (i) share lessons learned on the evaluability of MDGs and other partnership initiatives of similar scale (for example the Paris Declaration); (ii) jointly review key challenges for evaluation in relation to the post-2015 development agenda in general and SDG2 in particular; and (iii) identify concrete steps for Rome-based agencies towards building the evaluability of SDG2.

The seminar will allow opening forward-looking discussions around four themes:

- **Theme 1:** The relevance of 'new metrics' for the evaluation of SDG2– data revolution and innovative approaches for assessing human wellbeing
- **Theme 2:** Partnerships and development actors – dealing with the increasing complexity of development processes and partnerships
- **Theme 3:** National M&E systems and data availability – building on the progress made and addressing existing (capacity) gaps
- **Theme 4:** Demand for and use of evidence from evaluation – understanding the political economy of evidence and developing a joint evaluation agenda for SDG2

Participants. The event will gather a wide range of partners with technical expertise and/or a pivotal role in the evaluation of SDG2. These include experts or technical staff from: multilateral and bilateral development and humanitarian organizations; academic institutions, including specialized research centres (e.g. 3ie, ALNAP, CGIAR, IFPRI, IDS, ODI);¹ foundations (e.g. Gates Foundation, Kofi Annan Foundation); think tanks; the private sector; national-level counterparts from evaluation and policy institutions; and Voluntary Organizations of Professional Evaluators (VOPEs) from regions and countries that could provide reflections on realistic options on the evaluability issues; and delegates from Member States accredited in Rome. Plenary discussions will be open to a wider group of participants from interested organizations and RBA staff members.

¹ 3ie = International Initiative for Impact Evaluation; ALNAP = Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action; CGIAR = formerly known as the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research; IFPRI = International Food Policy Research Institute; IDS = Institute of Development Studies; ODI = Overseas Development Institute.