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Evaluation of FAO's Strategy for Partnerships with the Private Sector

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Why an evaluation of FAO's Strategy for partnerships with the private sector?

At its 116th session in November 2014, the Programme Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) tasked the Office of Evaluation (OED) to conduct an evaluation of FAO's Strategy for partnerships with the private sector. The evaluation is scheduled to commence in April 2019 with subsequent submission of the evaluation report to the FAO Governing Bodies in autumn 2019.

What will this evaluation cover?

The main purpose of this evaluation is to provide FAO management and governing bodies with an assessment of the progress made by FAO towards implementing its Strategy for partnerships with the private sector. Namely, the evaluation intends to examine the extent to which the Strategy has contributed to FAO's role in promoting the quality and scope of partnerships with the private sector.

It will seek to examine the appropriateness of the design of the Strategy and its supporting mechanisms and approaches, assess the Strategy's implementation modalities and report on the achievements resulting from private sector partnerships. In addition, the evaluation aims at determining the reasons why the expected results of the strategy did or didn't occur. The evaluation will also aim at identifying good practices and lessons learned during implementation of the Strategy to assist in decision-making around the formulation of future partnership development approaches.

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Tentative evaluation calendar

Preparation phase

January – March 2019

- Evaluation design and drafting of TOR
- Development of data collection instruments

Main evaluation phase

April – June 2019

- Establishment of evaluation team
- Data collection and analysis (including field missions and thematic studies)

Report writing and quality assurance processes

June – July 2019

- Data analysis (continued)
- Report drafting
- Draft report for review by stakeholders

Report finalization and dissemination

July – November 2019

- Report finalization and management response
- Presentation to the Programme Committee and other stakeholders

What will be the process and who will be involved?

The Office of Evaluation (OED) will conduct the evaluation and has the overall responsibility for the conceptualization and design of the evaluation, managing the evaluation process and producing the final evaluation report for presentation of the report to the Programme Committee.

The draft evaluation report will be circulated among key stakeholders for comments before finalisation. Suggestions will be incorporated to the extent possible while ultimate responsibility will remain with OED.

The main data collection phase will take place from April – June 2019. The final report will be presented to the Programme Committee in November 2019.

Reports and management responses of all FAO evaluations are public documents and are available online at:

<http://www.fao.org/evaluation/>
