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Secretariat Response to Item 19: Programme Evaluation Report 2023

The Office of Evaluation (OED) thanks Members for their kind words and appreciates the recognition of the usefulness of our evaluations.¹

The Office of Evaluation agrees with Norway's remarks and notes that the suggestion to focus on achievements or results aligns well with OED's new strategy,² which focuses on bolstering capacity to measure outcomes and impacts and enhancing the quality of evaluations.

We welcome the remarks provided by Australia, appreciate the support given to greater prioritization of evaluations, and will strive for efficient dissemination of work progress on a range of topics, such as the evaluation strategy, FAO evaluation policy and recommendations.

In response to comments from Canada, we welcome Canada's support and note that, while focusing on building capacity to conduct rigorous evaluations, OED will support FAO's efforts to strengthen monitoring.

We appreciate the remarks made by the Russian Federation. Progress regarding Rome-based Agency collaboration has been presented at the 171st Session of the FAO Council in November 2022 ([CL 171/13](#)). OED will also report to the Governing Bodies on its own efforts to strengthen collaboration among the offices of evaluation of these agencies.

OED appreciates the comments made by the European Union and recognizes the critical role played by its evaluations in generating "positive and negative" findings to drive improvements. We take note of other comments as well –in particular those related to data –and will look for opportunities to provide relevant updates to Members.

We welcome the useful comments made by Japan, which will inform ongoing efforts to revise the work plan of evaluations. These evaluations may focus on some of the areas highlighted, either through specific evaluations or as a component of evaluations.

Finally, the Office of Evaluation appreciates the time dedicated to providing these thoughtful comments that will inform the implementation of our new strategy in the coming months and years.

¹ More information is available on OED's website (www.fao.org/evaluation), where the [Programme Evaluation Report 2023](#) is posted.

² FAO. 2023. PC 135/3 Rev.1. FAO Evaluation Strategy 2023-2025 (<https://www.fao.org/3/nl201en/nl201en.pdf>)