



Global Donor Platform
for Rural Development

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Session 1

DAY 1
14 June 2022
9:30-15:15

MAIN SESSION

Supporting National Food Systems Transformation Pathways:

**Enhancing donor effectiveness and coordination at
the country level in times of crises**

BACKGROUND

Global donors have a critical role in leveraging change in food systems, through the investments they make, the innovations they support and the international collaboration they enable. Food systems transformation requires donors to adopt holistic and integrated programming and focus on systemic change in the way they work with partners. It also requires donors to support better policy coherence across sectors in their partner countries, which can be accomplished by championing the national pathways. Member states developed national pathway documents for food systems transformation for the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) in 2021.

National pathways are essential for food systems transformation because food systems are context-specific and there are no one-size-fits-all solutions. Donor coordination should therefore go beyond global hubs by focusing on strong harmonization at national and subnational levels. Pathways for change will need to be nationally developed, cross-sectoral, inclusive, and locally owned. Policy and funding initiatives have to be coordinated and collaborative with existing international institutions, such as the United Nations Rome-based Agencies and UN Resident Coordinators, to ensure coherence at national, regional and global level.

The stocktaking report on "[Donor Contributions to Food Systems](#)" and the recent white paper on "[Transforming Food Systems: Directions For Enhancing The Catalytic Role Of Donors](#)", both launched by the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD), promote strengthening coordination among donors and other actors at all levels to improve programme complementarity and enable country-led and -owned development processes. The white paper devotes an entire chapter segment to national pathway coordination, noting that the national pathways are a key pillar of taking the UNFSS outcomes forward. This includes aligning donor investments with national pathways, monitoring and investing in national pathways, and learning lessons from national-level policy outcomes.

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OBJECTIVES

The discussion will cover relevant topics, including:

- coordination between donors and other actors at the national level;
- responding to immediate effects of crises through supporting national pathways;
- supporting countries to adapt national pathways to conflict response;
- supporting national policy dialogues necessary for food systems transformation;
- continued support for national-level partnerships and coalitions; and
- ensuring short-term crises-response measures align with long-term targets of national pathways.

OUTCOMES

Coordination around the food systems transformation pathways can be considered in the following ways:

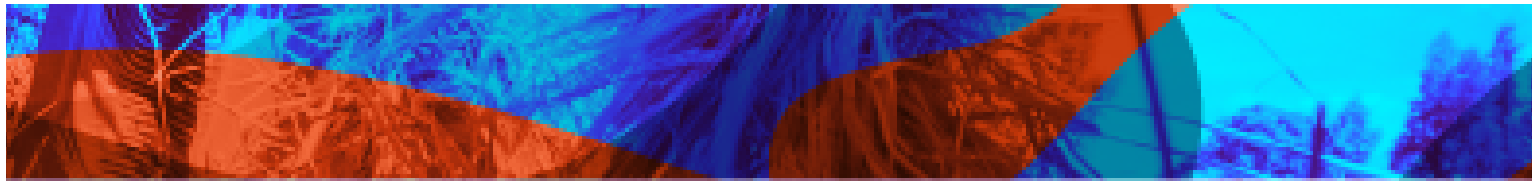
- How can donors ensure that in-country investments align with country priorities and planning frameworks?
- How can donors align their global and regional approaches, concepts and intervention strategies?
- Is there potential to create joint initiatives for a critical mass of investment and reduced transaction costs?
- Which common monitoring and reporting frameworks should be prioritized?
- Can global and regional initiatives be aligned? For what purposes?



PROGRAMME

The first session of the Annual General Assembly “**Supporting National Food Systems Transformation Pathways: Enhancing donor effectiveness and coordination at the country level in times of crises**” will take place virtually on 14 June 2022 at 09:30– 15:15 CET.

TIME	ITEM
9:30-10:10 (40')	<p>INTRODUCTION MODERATOR: Henry Bonsu, Journalist and Broadcaster</p> <p>KEYNOTES SCENE-SETTING KEYNOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gérardine Mukeshimana, Minister of Agriculture (Rwanda)• Claudia Sadoff, Executive Management Team Convener and Managing Director, Research Delivery and Impact (CGIAR) <p>BACKGROUND BRIEF ON THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS COORDINATION HUB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Office of Sustainable Development Goals, Director, United Nations Food Systems Coordination Hub
10:10-11:10 (60')	<p>OPENING PANEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karima Al-Hada'a, Planning and Liaison Specialist at Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)-Yemen Secretariat - Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (Yemen)• Ayodeji Balogun, Chief Executive Officer of AFEX Commodities Exchange• Agnes Kalibata, President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Former United Nations Special Envoy on the Food Systems Summit• Jyri Ollila, Coordinator for the Food Systems Summit, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Finland)• Sok Silo, Secretary General of the Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (Cambodia)• Johan Swinnen, Global Director of Systems Transformation (CGIAR), Director-General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Co-Chair of the Think20 Task Force on Food Security
11:10-11:40 (30')	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
11:40-12:45 (65')	<p>BREAKOUT ROOMS - group country discussion sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mahamadou Aboubacar, Coordinator and Focal Point, Haut-Commissariat de l'Initiative 3N (Cellule Nutrition, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)-Niger)• Louise Aubin, United Nations Resident Coordinator (Niger)• Zulma Yanira Fonseca Centeno, Director of Nutrition, Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF) (Colombia)• David Gressly, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator (Yemen)• Olusola Idowu, Chair of the National Committee on Food and Nutrition (NCFN) (Nigeria)• Mahesh Kharel, Program Director, National Planning Commission (NPC) (Nepal)• Jean Claude Musabyimana, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) (Rwanda)• Sara Sekkenes, United Nations Resident Coordinator (Lao People's Democratic Republic)• Sisay Sinamo, Senior Program Manager at Seqota Declaration (SD) Federal Program Delivery Unit, Federal Ministry of Health (Ethiopia)• Julie Kasa-Kanga Tshilombo, Coordonnatrice Adjointe de la Coordination des Ressources Extérieures et du Suivi des Projets (Democratic Republic of the Congo)



TIME	ITEM
12:45-14:00 (75')	LUNCH
14:00-15:15 (75')	<p>SYNTHESIS PANEL - presentations reporting back from breakout groups, panel discussion, and concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Louise Aubin, United Nations Resident Coordinator (Niger)• Namukolo Covic, Director General's Representative to Ethiopia International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) (Ethiopia)• Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Office of Sustainable Development Goals, Director, United Nations Food Systems Coordination Hub• David Gressly, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator (Yemen)• Ron Hartman, Director, Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)• Sara Sekkenes, United Nations Resident Coordinator (Lao People's Democratic Republic)• Rosse Noda Videá, Representate Asistente Programas, FAO (Bolivia)



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Session 2

DAY 1
14 June 2022
15:30-17:30

SESSION BY THE SDG2 ROADMAP GROUP

Optimizing the use of data in decision-making

BACKGROUND

Low- and middle-income countries face a severe information gap that is holding back food systems transformation. Collectively, they spend around US\$190 billion annually on agriculture to address food insecurity. Yet, the data to effectively target this spending or measure results is often patchy, outdated, or simply does not exist.

Fewer than 10 per cent of countries globally have the capacity to collect or publish sufficiently disaggregated data on agri-food systems. As an example, data on small-holder farmers - a key indicator for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 on ending hunger - is available for income in 38 countries and productivity in only 11 countries.

Data must underpin food systems transformation. Why? With accurate, accessible and timely disaggregated data, domestic planners and policy-makers can effectively allocate resources and respond to ongoing crises. Farmers with data on environmental changes can know better when to plant and harvest. Donors can target funds to have a greater impact.

Yet, domestic policy-makers in low and lower-middle income countries who want more and better data on food systems face a range of barriers: lack of coordination among donors, limited data and statistical capacity and - most importantly - the lack of effective investment.

The purpose of this session is to explore why optimizing the use of data in decision-making is a key element of implementing national pathways for food systems transformation and how more coherent and coordinated donor support for data and statistical systems can drive food systems transformation at the national level and a more coherent and effective global response to current crises.

MODERATOR:

- **Jenna Slotin**, Senior Policy Advisor, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)

KEYNOTE:

- **Joe Glauber**, Senior Research Fellow IFPRI Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) Chairman

SPEAKERS:

- **Vasco Molini**, Program Manager, 50x2030
- **David Laborde**, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI
- **Jaron Porciello**, Co-director, CERES 2030
- **Davis Adieno**, Director of Programs, GPSDD

Panellists:

- **Béatrice Gakuba**, Executive Director, African Women Agribusiness Network (AWAN)
- **José Rosero Moncayo**, Director, FAO Statistics Division (ESS)
- **Conrad Rein**, Policy Officer, European Commission

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Session 3

DAY 2
15 June 2022
9:10-10:40

SESSION BY THE GLOBAL DONOR WORKING GROUP ON LAND (GDWGL)

Responsible Land-Based Investing as a Strategy to Mitigate the Harms of a New Food Crisis

BACKGROUND

This year's theme for the Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD) will be "Implementing National Pathways for Food Systems Transformation to Accelerate Progress Towards the SDGs in Times of Crisis and Conflict."

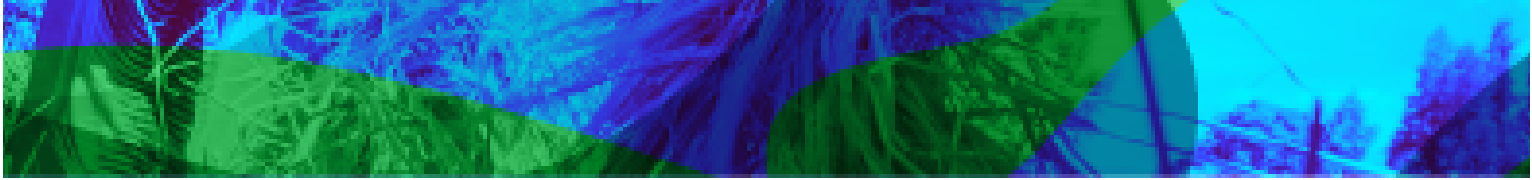
The meeting provides an opportunity to focus on the role of donor coordination to promote resilient food systems. In addition, it provides an opportunity to discuss strategies to respond to a growing food crisis driven by an on-going conflict. Crises of different kinds – climate-related, geopolitical, economic– are sure to continue. A focus on the role land governance can play in responding to such crises and supporting resilient food systems can provide important insights and potential strategies for future policy development and programming.

The GDWGL session at the 2022 AGA will explore one of the group's key work streams to share lessons learned from the land sector's response to the 2007/2008 food crisis. Since its inception, the GDWGL has worked to analyze and address the problem of land grabbing associated with the previous food crisis. While the problem of land grabbing by powerful elites is not new, the scale of land grabbing and the consequences to local peoples and environments were significant and significantly negative.

Key donor strategies to respond to the problems caused by the displacement of people were to support policy reforms, programming, tools and guidance documents for communities, governments and the private sector to enable responsible land-based investments. Many of these people who experience displacement are subsistence or small farmers who then lose access to resources like water, forests, pastures, and the related loss of livelihoods.

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This session will provide a brief framing of how the previous food crisis also contributed to a land governance crisis. The session will then discuss:

1. **Advocacy efforts** at the international and national levels to address land grabbing associated with the food crisis.
2. **Programming examples** designed to address and encourage responsible land-based investing.
3. **Review open questions** still prevalent to understand how improvements to land governance can mitigate the threat of land grabs that may exacerbate food insecurity.

The session will explore how lessons from these experiences may, or may not, apply to the current food crisis. Nearly 15 years later - have enough changes been made to land governance systems to ensure that another massive land control transfer from smallholders to investors is avoided and how is this work contributing to the SDGs?

Agenda

Moderated by:

- **Henry Bonsu**, Journalist and Broadcaster

Panellists:

- **Chris Penrose-Buckley**, Senior Adviser, Land Policy, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK
- **Karol Boudreaux**, Senior Land and Resource Governance Advisor, USAID, and Chair, Global Donor Working Group on Land
- **Gemma Betsema**, Senior Programme Advisor, Netherlands Enterprise and Development Agency, and Vice Chair, Global Donor Working Group on Land
- **Francisco Marques**, Technical Specialist, Private Sector, International Fund for Agricultural Development
- **Michael Taylor**, Director, International Land Coalition Secretariat at International Fund for Agricultural Development



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Session 4

DAY 2
15 June 2022
11:00-12:30

SESSION BY THE THEMATIC WORKING GROUP ON RURAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Rural Youth Employment and Food Systems Transformation – Solutions in times of (multiple) crisis!

BACKGROUND

Rural youth need more and better jobs in sustainable agri-food systems and green economies. Creating decent employment and income opportunities is essential to reduce poverty, improve food security and provide a future for young people in rural areas.

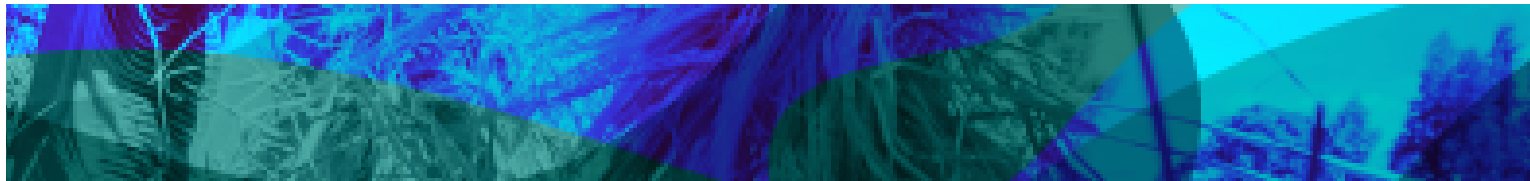
The Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD) Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Rural Youth Employment (RYE) was initially formed following the 2018 AGA that focused on rural youth. It is a donor catalysed TWG to advise donors, governments and civil society organisations on the most effective ways to create employment opportunities and to support the empowerment of youth to productively contribute to and benefit from sustainable rural livelihoods.

OBJECTIVE

The session will follow the AGA theme by looking at the implications of crisis and conflict on a sustainable and more just transformation of food systems, including approaches for creating employment opportunities for rural youth in agri-food systems within the broader food systems approach. It will be enriched by a panel discussion including practical experiences from government, development partners and youth perspectives providing insight into their specific challenges as well as good practice examples. The discussion will focus on how to achieve a youth-inclusive food systems transformation. It will also provide insight into the role of different stakeholders and successful project implementation.

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Part I:

Introduction: RYE & food systems transformation in times of crisis and conflict

Part II:

Panel discussion: Rural youth employment promotion in practice

Agenda – 90 minute session

Keynote: RYE within a (systemic) food systems transformation in times of crisis and conflict

- **Lauren Phillips**, Deputy Director, Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
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Panel discussion: Rural youth employment promotion – policy perspective and suggestions for donors

Youth perspectives

- **Tumwebaze Khamutima**, CEO, Young Farmers Champions Network (YOFCHAN), Uganda
- **Olawale Rotimi Opeyemi**, Founder and CEO, JR Farms Limited, Rwanda

Country policy perspective

- **Lova Manjaka Rakotoson**, Head of the Rural Training and Agricultural Extension Department, Directorate for Support to Producers' Organisation and Agribusiness, Madagascar

Continental perspective

- **Kennedy Mukulia Ayason**, Policy Officer, Rural Development Division, African Union's Commission Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development (AUC-DARBE)

Multilateral Organization

- **Mollie Brennan**, Lead Consultant, Coalition of Action on Decent Work and Living Incomes and Wages for All Food Systems Workers (DWLIW), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
 - **Elvis Beytullayev**, Rural Economy Specialist, International Labour Organization (ILO)
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Reactions & take-aways of the discussion