



Management Meeting

6 October 2016 1600hrs - 1700 CEST

Meeting minutes

Participants:

Shantanu Mathur (IFAD), Iris Krebber (DFID), Mushtaq Ahmed (Global Affairs Canada), Annelene Bremer (BMZ)

Secretariat: Reinhild Ernst, Christian Mersmann, Marion Thompson, Romy Sato, Martina Karaparusheva, Jedi Bukachi

Agenda

1. Information about co-chairmanship by IFAD
2. Annual General Assembly and high level meeting
3. Administration issues
4. CFS meetings
5. Website improvement

1. Information about co-chairmanship by IFAD

Shantanu Mathur from IFAD gave an update on the status of the co-chairmanship, updating that the official letter from IFAD is being drafted. The delay in receiving the official letter is because the Platform agenda is cutting across several different departments of IFAD and not only the department of the focal point Shanthanu Mathur.

2. AGA and high level meeting

The secretariat updated that after a visit to the European Commission, it was agreed that the AGA would take place in Brussels on 1 – 2 February 2017. In terms of the concept of the meeting, the January 2016 board decision to have a high level meeting would now result in a new format for the AGA.

A first suggested format was offered by BMZ who proposed:

1. A high level (directors level) morning on the 1st of February, and then in the afternoon the directors have an opportunity to speak alone separately while the rest of the participant's continue with the discussion. The proposed topic of the high level half day meeting is "The future of agriculture and rural development in international development cooperation."
2. The member's day on 2nd Feb would then be half a day instead of a full day.
3. 3rd of February would be the board meeting.



The secretariat reported that it has shared BMZ's suggestion with the EC for review.

DFID responded that the high level topic is a point of interest particularly if a discussion can be had on getting views or even a donor alliance regarding big gaps in commercial agriculture where development impacts should be maximized. An example was given of creating a map of donor activities in agriculture and agricultural investors within different countries, similar to the concept of the land map. DFID also requested a meeting during the CFS to discuss such a concept as well as discussing critical gaps that the donors can come together and address.

The secretariat reported that first conceptual suggestion of the AGA has been discussed with moderator Nancy White. The first idea is "looking back from the future, what will donor programs look like in 2030?" The concept draft will be ready by end of October.

3. Administration

The secretariat informed about personnel changes. Sonja Phelps who was the office manager has left the secretariat after 6 years. She has been replaced by Svetlana Silova, who joined the secretariat as office manager on 1 October 2016. She has joined on 100% working time, different from Sonja's 70%. Simone Miller, administrative officer has reduced her working hours from 60% to 50%. Romy Sato, advisor, has reduced her hours from 100% to 80%. A discussion on task re-distribution among the team is already planned for November.

The secretariat also reported about the operational procedure for the work stream budget allocation in 2017. The proposed operational procedure was discussed during the last board meeting and the paper outlining the procedure was distributed for board approval alongside the board meeting minutes in July. There have been no objections to the procedure. In line with the request from MFA France, the proposed distribution will be shared at the first board meeting of the year. A reminder of the operational procedure will be also be sent once again alongside the management meeting minutes.

The budget group is looking for a date to hold their next online conference in mid-November, where they will discuss and review the status of the 2016 budget, status of the consultant contracts, the status of contribution arrangements and draft proposal of 2017 indicative budget and also draft of potential budget allocation from the work streams. This is in preparation for the board meeting in February.

4. CFS meetings

The secretariat reported that the Platform events planned for the CFS.

Two official side events:

Monday 17th October at 1pm which is hosted by the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development, FAO, IFAD, and World Bank titled Policies for Effective Rural Transformation, Agricultural and Food System Transition.

Tuesday 18th October at 1p.m Global Donor Working Group on Land: Title: Building the base of land governance evidence: frameworks and lessons learned from project, country and global-level monitoring



and evaluation. The list of speakers includes, amongst others, representatives from governmental institutions in Tanzania, India and Ukraine.

Parallel meetings:

- Workshop on Evaluating the Impact of Land Governance Interventions Monday, 17 Oct, at IFAD from 9:00 – 17:00h
- Meeting on VGGT and Land Tenure Trainings Wednesday, 19 Oct, at FAO from 14:00 – 16:00h
- Meeting with IASS on qualitative monitoring of the VGGT and SDGs Wednesday, 19 Oct, at FAO from 16:00 – 18:00h
- Meeting by International Land Coalition Secretariat and IFAD on securing indigenous & community land & natural resource rights in the context of the SDGs Thursday, at IFAD
- 8th Physical meeting of the Global Donor Working Group on Land on Friday, 21 Oct, at FAO 9:00 – 16:00h

The secretariat asked the management about whether the Platform dinner which is normally held at the CFS should take place. Management decided that the Platform should host a dinner on the evening of Wednesday 19th October.

5. Website improvement

The secretariat reported that in line with item D of the Platform work plan on the communication strategy, the process of the redesign of the Platform website has already kicked off. A tender was put out and a company was already selected. The idea is also to invite the co-chairs to review the “ghost page” before the website is finalized to give their reviews. The aim is to launch the new website before the AGA.

Next steps

ACTION	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE
Follow up with DFID about the suggested mapping of agriculture investment activities by donors and private sector	At the CFS 17-21 October	Secretariat
Send reminder of proposal for operational procedure for the work stream budget allocation in 2017		Secretariat



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