

## Management Meeting

12 March 2019, 15:30hrs – 16:30hrs CEST

### Minutes

#### Participants

**Members:** Co-Chair David Hegwood (USAID), Co-Chair Patrick Herlant (EC), Conrad Rein (EC), Bernhard Worm (BMZ), Karen Johnson (DFID), Marco Platzer & Emanuela Benini (IADC), Meredith McCormack (USAID), Nicolas Fairise (MEAE France), Patrizia Labella (FAO), Sanna-Liisa Taivalmaa (Finland-MFA), Ueli Mauderli (SDC)

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#### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Outlook on the Annual General Assembly 2019
3. Administrative Items
4. Thematic Working Group Updates
5. Members' Exchange on Activities and Events
6. AOB and Close

Agenda Point	Overview, Discussions, Decisions, and Agreements
1. Welcome	<p>Co-Chair David Hegwood opened the meeting and welcomed the attending members.</p> <p>The Co-Chair called for a brief round of introductions, where Nicolas Fairise (MEAE France) was introduced to the other members, he joined MEAE France in Dec. 2018.</p> <p>The Co-Chair gave an overview of the agenda</p>
2. Outlook on the Annual General Assembly 2019	<p>The Secretariat Coordinator presented the AGA concept and purpose. SDC will host this year's Members'-only AGA from 19-21 June outside of Zurich, in the town of Männedorf, at the Hotel Boldern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AGA concept was presented. Our long-standing moderation, Nancy White, will lead members through an inward looking, reflecting process that will address questions regarding the Platform's purpose and identify developments in the donor community environment, how this changes what donors need and how they work. The AGA will be structured around member breakout sessions, giving members the opportunity to discuss issues and challenges that matter to them.</li> <li>• Thematic Working Group participants will arrive on the morning of 19 June in order to hold working sessions after lunch. The main body of members will arrive later that afternoon.</li> </ul>



	<p>The Co-Chair thanks SDC for agreeing to host the AGA and reflected that this AGA is going to be unique and different. Members will be doing most of the talking and preparing inputs beforehand to share with each other. He encourages everyone to come prepared and engage in the discussions. The more members put in to the AGA, the more they will get out of it.</p> <p>The Co-Chair opened the floor for questions and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IADC asked whether working groups would meet separately. The Secretariat confirmed they would meet separately (on 19 June afternoon), but if needed, a joint lunch could be organised to allow the groups more in-depth talks.</li> <li>• BMZ appreciated the agenda and pointed out it is timely that the Platform takes an inward look at the AGA to reflect upon the future of the Platform. As mentioned during the virtual Board meeting in January, the hosting arrangement extended from the BMZ to the Secretariat ends 12/2019. The BMZ is in discussion with the EU and the Secretariat Coordinator regarding possible future setup for Secretariat operations. A short related communication will be addressed to all Board Members in time for discussions during the AGA.</li> <li>• EC: This is a very timely AGA and they are looking forward to it.</li> </ul> <p>Co-Chair: This is an AGA that we want to be well prepared for; as members will be addressing the role of the Platform and the value they want to get out of it. There will also be work stream participants attending the AGA, in addition to Board and non-Board Members, which means there will be about 50-70 people in total attending.</p>
<p><b>3. Administrative Items</b>, presented by the Secretariat</p>	<p><b>Regarding the status of contributions</b>, so far, the following Board Members have signed an agreement for 2019: DFAT Australia, EC, MFA Finland, BMZ, and SDC. An Agreement with USAID is currently in signature, which in addition to core-funding, foresees supplemental funding for the SDG2 Roadmap Initiative. It was emphasized that supplemental funding for specific work streams is always welcome and encouraged from all Members.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the Secretariat’s collaboration with IFAD is still ongoing for their 2018 contribution, which IFAD indicated, might be combined with their 2019 contribution in one agreement. The 2018 IADC contribution, which is also administered via IFAD, is with IFAD for signature.</p> <p>While the conclusion of these agreements is delayed due to administrative challenges, it is anticipated that both agreements will be duly signed in the near future.</p> <p>The Strategic Plan Annex III was cited, which states that by 31 March, Members shall inform the Secretariat about their (2019) contributions. Responses are still open from AfDB, the Gates Foundation, DFID, MEAE France, IFAD, IADC, and from MFA Netherlands. The Secretariat will take account in April and inform Board Members on the result on the outlook of the contributions and number of Board members for this year and any effects on the 2019 budget.</p> <p>The Secretariat informed Members about a communication with Global Affairs Canada, who indicated that they still hope to be in a position to re-join the Board in 2019. However, this may not be clear until April.</p> <p>Regarding the <b>yearly external audit</b> over the Platform’s contributions and costs, PricewaterhouseCoopers has been engaged to conduct the 2018 audit which is scheduled in Bonn from 15-18 April. Board members will receive the audit report including the financial report in the course of May.</p>



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	<p>Co-chair David apologizes for leaving early and turned over facilitation to Co-Chair Patrick Herlant</p>
<p><b>4. Thematic Working Group Updates</b></p>	<p>The Secretariat informed the Members about thematic working group activities</p> <p><u>Rural Youth</u></p> <p>The thematic working group is led by AfDB, IADC, NORAD, and USAID. They recently had their second conference call after its launch in autumn 2018. They are currently setting up a workspace on the Platform website, which will include downloads, news, and events. In this context, exchange formats are being assessed that ensure that 50% of the group’s participation is by youth, which is the working group’s target group. The group is developing a work plan and has started to identify relevant events for side events on rural youth. The working group will have an intern, James Kyewelabye from Uganda (an agripreneur and current M.A. student at the University of East Anglia, UK), who will work with the Secretariat and focus on the work stream for 3 months starting in May. Part of his work will be a desk study on rural youth networks in Africa and providing an interview in order to identify success factors and best practices in donors’ programmes for rural youth, based on the compendium on “Donor Engagement for Rural Youth” (published 2018).</p> <p><u>Land Governance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key update is the World Bank Land Conference from 25-28 March. The Secretariat will have a policy session: “How to Achieve the SDG Goals and Global Commitments on Land”. The session will address in a more strategic-level discussion how to bridge data gaps and explore different approaches to help achieve the commitments. Panellists include representatives from the International Land Coalition, the Ministry of Lands from Nepal (tbc), a consulting firm, Tetra Tech ARD, the World Bank, and a civil society organization from a partner country. The land working group will also have a physical meeting on 29 March.</li> </ul> <p><u>IAB &amp; Trade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A special live presentation was held on 14 February at GIZ to showcase the Platform’s commissioned study <a href="#">“Strengthening Agriculture and Aid for Trade Development Impact”</a>, written by consultant Paul Engel. Good feedback was received from GIZ colleagues involved in these topics and fruitful discussions arose from identified gaps. Next step is to send out a draft of proposed activities for the group to engage in.</li> </ul> <p><u>SDG2 Roadmap Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This initiative is part of the Platform’s Strategic Agenda 2030 and has six action areas, each one led by a different constellation of members. Several Platform Members are involved and leading action areas, including DFAT Australia, BMZ, DFID, EC, the Gates Foundation, MFA Netherlands, and USAID. The action areas are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 50x2030 Data Initiative, which is a commitment to produce the largest collection of data for agricultural development across 50 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America by 2030. The first steering committee meeting is planned to be held in April.</li> <li>○ Ceres2030, which is a partnership between IISD, IFPRI, and Cornell University. It will develop a cost model for achieving SDG2 and seek to reach consensus on interventions.</li> <li>○ Innovation that evaluates synergies between existing research initiatives, with a focus on EC DeSIRA and CIGAR research agendas.</li> <li>○ SDG2 reporting, which looks at opportunities for members to align and coordinate their reporting.</li> <li>○ Mapping of donors’ investments and projects to achieve SDG2.</li> <li>○ Private Sector Cooperation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Initiative's Theory of change is the strategy and mission statement to serve as the group's purpose and basis for advocacy and further action. Concerning MEAE France's question about the <b>status of the Theory of Change</b>, the Secretariat informed that the final draft is now awaiting feedback from a couple of members. As the Theory of Change will be an internal document, a set of key messages will be shared externally.</li> </ul> <p>Cross-cutting topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Climate:</b> the previously discussed potential project of commissioning a compendium on Members' climate finance in the agricultural land use/land use/forestry sector, supported by MEAE France, will now be potentially refocused in light of France's G7 Presidency priorities. It was agreed that France and the Secretariat will have a bilateral talk to discuss next steps.</li> <li><b>Gender:</b> Is being mainstreamed into all thematic work streams and topics, such as in the 50x2030 initiative, which will collect gender specific data in its household survey. The Secretariat raises the issue of gender in all topics and it is included in the eUpdate and in web stories uploaded on the Platform's website.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Members' Exchange on Activities and Events</b></p>	<p><b>EC:</b> They are hosting, with the FAO and on behalf of the Global Network against Food Crises, a high-level event entitled "Food &amp; Agriculture in Times of Crisis". The event capitalizes on the launch of the Global Report on Food Crises 2019 to talk about sustainable agrifood systems and the root causes of food crises. The event will be held in Brussels from 2-3 April. Registration is now open until March 18. Please use the following link: <a href="https://www.together-against-food-crises.eu/">https://www.together-against-food-crises.eu/</a>, password: together2019</p> <p>Confirmed participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Federica Mogherini</b>, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the European Commission</li> <li><b>Neven Mimica</b>, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development</li> <li><b>Christos Stylianides</b>, European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management</li> <li><b>Phil Hogan</b>, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development</li> <li><b>José Graziano Da Silva</b>, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</li> <li><b>David Beasley</b>, Executive Director, World Food Programme</li> <li><b>Yves Daccord</b>, Director General, International Committee of the Red Cross</li> <li><b>Shenggen Fan</b>, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute</li> <li><b>Djimé Adoum</b>, Executive Secretary, Permanent Interstates Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel</li> <li><b>Mahboub Maalim</b>, Executive-Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority on Development</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. AOB &amp; Close</b></p>	<p>MEAE France informed the group about items related to France's G7 presidency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be a ministerial meeting of development ministers on 4 July.</li> <li>The Food Security Working Group had their first meeting on 20-21 February. Their next meeting is planned for the end of May.</li> <li>MEAE worked on two main themes: decent jobs for rural youth in the Sahel, and the fight against malnutrition in the Sahel. On <b>decent jobs</b>, they proposed to their G7 colleagues to elaborate a G7 framework for this topic, in particular in the agricultural and livestock sectors. This is the main deliverable. On <b>malnutrition</b>, there will be a smaller deliverable, working on political language to strengthen G7 support to nutrition interventions in the Sahel. France envisages contributing to the Power of Nutrition Initiative (an innovative financing initiative) with the aim of funding a project in the Sahel. This initiative was invited to France's working group</li> </ul>



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	<p>and encourages other G7 members to join France in supporting this initiative by making a joint announcement of support at the ministerial meeting.</p> <p>The Secretariat informed Members that the current chair, USAID, of the CAADP Donor Partners Coordination Group (DPCG) has indicated they will end their two-year term after the CAADP Partnership Platform meeting in May. DPCG Chair Chris Shepherd-Pratt has invited expressions of interest from donor organizations if they have interest in taking on the chair function. Contact details can be shared by the Secretariat</p> <p>The Co-Chair thanks the Members and the Secretariat and closes the meeting.</p>
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### Action Points

Agenda Point	Task	Responsible	Timeline
<b>2.</b> Registration and AGA 2019 details	AGA concept note Logistics guide Registration link	AGA Steering Committee (SDC, Co-chairs & Secretariat)	by mid-April
<b>3.</b> Administrative Items	Board Members to contact the Secretariat about their 2019 financial contributions	Board Members	31 March 2019
<b>3.</b> Administrative Items	External audit report to Board Members	Secretariat	May 2019
<b>4.</b> Thematic Working Group Updates	Climate Group and MEAE France to have bilateral talk regarding compendium	Secretariat & MEAE France	ASAP
<b>6.</b> AOB	Send CAADP DPCG contact details	Secretariat	ASAP