Global Donor Platform for Rural Development

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# Platform's Trade for ARD working group 2016 Work Plan

**Platform Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020**

**Vision**: Prosperous and sustainable rural communities underpinning global food and nutrition security

**Outcome:** Better informed, evidence-based donor development policy and programming to transform agriculture and rural livelihoods in line with the 2030 Agenda

**Objectives** of the Platform's Trade for ARD working group are:

(1) **Policy coherence – Mutually supportive actions in trade and agriculture**: Enhanced common understanding of the trade and ARD donor communities on development objectives, coherent policy directives, and new forms of economic growth
(2) **Trade instruments - Institutional and legal opportunities** - Potential of trade and trade benefits made available to ARD for effective and inclusive rural transformation and the role of donor support
(3) Market place – initiatives at the interface of ARD and trade. Operational examples of initiatives effectively creating synergies between ARD and trade made available

| Outputs | Activities | Comments/responsibility |
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| **1. Policy coherence – Mutually supportive actions in trade and agriculture** | | |
| **A.** Compilation of priority policy and coherence issues and the identification of related actions<br>**B.** Identification of divergence in policy development of the trade and ARD communities<br>**C.** Facilitation of mutual understanding of the trade and ARD communities on food security, poverty reduction and rural development based on Agenda 2030 | A.1 identification of policy priorities of trade and ARD – scoping note on relevant issues for discussion<br>A2. Knowledge sharing on harmonising policies or coordinating policy development of trade and ARD as a joint action<br>A3. Analyse and compile results of A1 and A2 in infoNotes and web stories as well as in outreach material<br>B1. Problem analysis of diverging policies and policy directives of the trade and ARD community – scoping note for discussion<br>B2. Outlook on problem resolution – survey amongst members and international institutions, farmers' associations and the private sector<br>C1. Contribute to the current work on trade and poverty reduction, identify approaches to implementation SDG2 on food security and its targets as well as Finance for Development (FfD) agreement with regard to trade, market access and value chain development<br>C2. Discussion/virtual briefings and infoNotes on donor approaches on trade with relevance to ARD – policy directives and programmes/finance<br>C3. Linking trade and ARD work to inclusive agri-business to be determined in 2016 | A1. ECDPM<br>A2. ECDPM/MFA NL and secretariat<br>A3. Secretariat and members<br>B1. ECDPM and members<br>B2. Secretariat under guidance of working group members<br>C1. World Bank (tbd)<br>C2. MFA Netherlands/ECDPM (tbd)<br>C3. DFAT Australia (tbd) |
| **2. Trade instruments - Institutional and legal opportunities** | | |
| ***A.*** Explore relevance and potential of regional/ global trade agreements/ instruments/ initiatives for ARD | A1. Discussion and analysis of the various trade instruments to offer a mapping on what initiatives could be and are already beneficial for ARD (e.g. Aid for Trade initiative, Enhanced Integrated Framework, Trade facilitation agreements including Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary agreements. | A1. Compilation of state of the art and infoNotes, virtual briefings and one physical round table in Geneva – WTO (tbd) |

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| ***B.*** Analyse current and future operational opportunities and limitations deriving from regional/ global trade agreements/ instruments/ initiatives for ARD<br>***C.*** Analyse and discuss donor perspectives on future trade and ARD linkages to enhance positive impacts of trade on ARD | B1. Discussion on and compilation of best-practices, achievements and future priorities in further development and implementation of regional/ global trade agreements/ instruments/ initiatives for ARD<br><br>B2. Governance improvements deriving from ARD and implementation of national, regional, global trade measures/ regimes<br><br>C1. Discussions organized and compilation of donor approaches made public | B1. ITCSD/ITC (tbd)<br><br>B2. Background paper on changes in governance structure at national and regional? level – FAO (tbd) – consultancy<br><br>C1. Background paper and round table, infoNotes and virtual briefings – MFA-NL/ECDPM (tbd) |
| **3. Market place – initiatives at the interface of ARD and trade** | | |
| ***A.*** Create a virtual market place on the Platform website, showcasing existing initiatives and programmes by CSOs, the private sector, the donor and international community at the interface of trade and ARDollowing up on the AGA session "Bringing the market to the AGA | A1. Offer a web-based platform for operational examples of initiatives and programmes relevant to the nexus of trade and ARD<br><br>A2. Organise outreach and networking amongst the Platform membership and partners concerning – virtual marketplace of the Platform's webpage | A1. Creation of technical space on the webpage and maintenance in cooperation with members and partners – secretariat<br><br>A2. Virtual briefings, infoNotes. E-update and appropriate number of telcos – ITC and secretariat (tbd) |

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