



## MEETING

### Thematic Working Group on Rural Youth

*Back-to-Back to the Annual General Assembly 2019  
of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development*

**Wednesday, 19 June 2019**

**16:00-18:00h**

**Hotel Boldern, 8708 Männedorf, Switzerland**

### Background

Youth accounts for one out of every six people worldwide. Globally, millions of young people are bound to engage in agriculture. These young women and men shape the future of agriculture and rural development. Addressing inclusive rural transformation entails bringing rural youth on board, empowering them to speak for themselves with their experiences and ideas, and creating the means for them to connect, share and develop solutions for the challenges they face.

Many members and partners of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development have already directed the focus to rural youth. This is reflected in debates and initiatives such as the *G20 Initiative for Rural Youth Employment* and the integration of youth issues in strategic frameworks. The linkages between the future of agriculture, the transformation of rural spaces and the need to provide youth with the conditions for a decent and meaningful life, raise questions about the role that donors can play.

### The Thematic Working Group on Rural Youth

The Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Rural Youth is the youngest of the Platform's work streams. It was following-up on a Board decision in October to reflect the political commitment of the international community to empower youth in rural areas as expressed in the youth employment initiative. The TWG builds on the AGA (2018) in Berlin that focused on rural youth under the theme "Young and ready to move- empowering the new generation in the rural space which provided a forum to discuss the strategic perspectives on the role of donors and international development agencies in empowering rural youth.

The TWG employs a new inclusive partnership model, and it is intended to be made up of 50% youth representatives and 50% development partners. This model is intended to bring rural



youth aboard the decision making the process to articulate their ideas and experiences and create conducive spaces for them to share and develop their solutions.

Since its inception in October 2018, the TWG has released a concept note detailing seven primary objectives and had conference calls and webinars between members to advance the group’s mission. The Secretariat has facilitated the TWG by creating a [dedicated workspace on the Global Donor Platform’s website](#), which provides space to have relevant information on donors work around rural youth. The TWG has also begun to formulate a work plan in the form of a road map that correlates with the platforms strategic plan for 2016-2020.

## Objective of the meeting

Back-to-Back to the Annual General Assembly 2019 of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development, the pre AGA meeting will centre around the operationalisation of the TWG and will serve to address the following objectives:

- **Exploring Organisation:** To define how the TWG will organise itself and discuss the ideal set-up to address the seven objectives of the TWG.
- **Strategies for participation and inclusion.** To discuss possible strategies for member participation and interaction within the TWG (50% youth participation), e.g. defining the process for inviting new members and participants.
- **Criteria for Data:** To suggest and discuss possible criteria to categorise and evaluate content to be shared on the new work stream. (What should be useful knowledge products, what are the significant events to be considered?)
- **Data Gaps:** To identify data gaps within the compendium “[Donor Engagement with Rural Youth](#)” and other areas regarding rural youth, what opportunities exist in regards to funding like the AfDB research trusts etc.

## Tentative Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator or Moderator
5 minutes	Introduction of participants	tbd
10 minutes	A brief review of Rural Youth Thematic Working group.	Platform Secretariat/Oliver Hanschke
10 minutes	Questions (raised in line with the past operations)	tbd
30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring organisation</li> <li>• Strategies for participation</li> </ul>	tbd
5 minutes	Break	



30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Criteria for Data</li><li>• Data Gaps</li></ul>	tbd
10 minutes	Discussion on any other issues that may need attention	tbd
10 minutes	Final remarks and action points	tbd

**Your feedback and comments are very much appreciated and will allow us to finalise the agenda.**

## RSVP

All participants to this Meeting must [register](#) accordingly in the website of the Annual General Assembly – please select the option “Thematic Working Group Sessions – June 19 afternoon”.

Normally, all participants of the Meeting are expected to take part in the Annual General Assembly as well – if you did not receive an invite to the AGA, please contact [lucia.wienand@donorplatform.org](mailto:lucia.wienand@donorplatform.org)

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