



MINUTES OF MEETING: TWG Rural Youth Employment Call

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AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Update from the Secretariat
3. Updates on relevant processes; UNFSS & Coalition forming, World Food Forum, CFS
4. TWG ongoing and upcoming activities
5. Tour de Table

KEY HIGHLIGHTS/ISSUES

2. Update from the Secretariat

- Last week the platform held a **Senior Managers Meeting** and a **High-Level Food Systems Event**. The Senior Managers Meeting was held to validate the work of the platform and to receive feedback on the strategy for 2021-2025. The high-level event aimed to encourage the catalytic and leveraging potential of donors through a panel-discussion on donor contributions and coordination.
- The [Stocktaking Report](#) of the Global Donor Platform was launched at the High-Level Food Systems event. A **Declaration of Intent** for the UNFSS has also been developed, was endorsed by the Senior Managers and will be endorsed by the board in the coming days.

- The secretariat will initiate the process of developing a **White Paper** after the summit, to follow up on the outcomes and provide donors with action points to move forward. The TWG will be included in this process.
- The Platform has a new communication officer, Michelle Tang. The secretariat presented the website for the TWG. There was a discussion on whether the minutes should be available on the website or not, and it was decided to keep them publicly available for transparency reasons. The website requires updates from members and should be a digital space which adds value to the group.
- The TWG was encouraged by the secretariat to explore the possibility to arrange a physical meeting before the end of this year. The IFAD HQ in Rome could provide meeting facilities.

3. Updates on relevant processes

- USAID is working with the International Organization of Employers (IOE) on arranging an ad hoc meeting to discuss a **Youth Engagement and Employment in Agri-Food Systems Coalition** for the UNFSS, on 30 September. The members were encouraged to suggest potential stakeholders which could join the meeting and the coalition. Attached are links to the [invitation](#) and the [Invitation Tracker](#) to the meeting, as well as the concept-note for the coalition: [two-page Youth Coalition Formation Overview](#).
- The **UNFSS** (next Thursday 23 September) has launched a [portal](#) for registering commitments. It is uncertain whether coalitions must be registered here and how this portal should be utilized.
- The **World Food Forum** is a youth-driven platform for engagement, which will be hosting a week-long event in the first week of October. AFA will be arranging a round table for young farmers on 4 and 5 October. ILO will be doing a masterclass on Rural Youth Employment. Further engagement of the TWG RYE members was discussed.
- **CFS 49** will be held on 11-14 October, with a workstream session on youth on 13 October from 9.30-12.30. The HLPE has prepared a report on “Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems” which will be presented and discussed during the CFS. The policy convergence process will aim at CFS 50 in October 2022 to endorse policy recommendations. Those are discussed in CFS plenaries, with all countries, civil society and private sector, UN as they are represented in the CFS. FAO and IFAD have technical focal points in the advisory group for this work stream. There was a discussion on whether the TWG should consolidate a common statement or if each member could bring in statements to the CFS individually. The TWG will organize a workshop to discuss the CFS process after the launch on 13 October.

4. TWG activities and ongoing activities

- Two mapping activities have been initiated. The first mapping activity seeks to identify youth organizations in the network of the TWG. The second mapping process on best practices, identifies tools for development projects that have proven successful. See the documents attached. The time frame for filling out the forms is until the end of September.

- The TWG agreed to organize a joint webinar on the nexus of Child Labour and Rural Youth Employment initiated by FAO. A concept note will be developed, and potential speakers identified, with the aim to organize the webinar in mid-October.

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

Agenda item/Issue	Action	Timeline	Responsible Person(s)
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Share documents on content of the proposed new website for review by the members (respond with track changes in word and pdf) 	September	Michelle and Lise, GDPRD Secretariat All members
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Share invitation to ad hoc meeting of IOE and USAID with the entire TWG ➤ Suggest potential stakeholders for the coalition and meeting ➤ Decide on registration of commitments for the UNFSS ➤ Arrange a workshop on the workstream of youth, after CFS 49. 	Before the Summit, 23 September (done) Before UNFSS After CFS 49	Jane, USAID All members Co-chairs, USAID, FAO Co-chairs
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Forms/questionnaires for mapping of youth organizations and best practices to be filled out by member organizations. ➤ Prepare short concept note for webinar on the nexus of Child Labour and Rural Youth Employment and provide speakers with two potential dates. 	By 30 September Next week Event: mid-October	All members FAO, ILO, Co-chairs