



Global Donor Platform
for Rural Development

2022 Annual General Assembly

Implementing
national pathways for
food systems transformation
to accelerate progress
towards the SDGs in times of
crisis and conflict

A FACE-TO-FACE AND VIRTUAL EVENT
ROME 14-15 JUNE 2022

Join the 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development

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The Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD) is an annual event that provides an open space for dialogue and discussion on critical emerging issues in rural development and food systems. It brings together Platform members, partners and invited guests.

The Platform Secretariat and its host, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), are very pleased to be able to offer members and partners the opportunity to gather in person for the first time in over two years.

This year's edition of the AGA will focus on how donors and others can best support progress on the further development and implementation of the national pathways for food system transformation. This must be

accomplished in the context of needing to accelerate progress on the sustainable development goals (SDGs), while also facing new crises and conflict.

The AGA also provides a great opportunity for informal networking and knowledge sharing.

The Platform is committed to helping take forward the outcomes of last year's United Nations Food Systems Summit (FSS). As such, the AGA will be a chance for members and partners to examine more deeply how the directions outlined in the GDPRD's [white paper](#) on transforming food systems can be progressed.

The need for food systems transformation has been further underscored by how current conflicts and global factors have dramatically increased food prices. There is an emerging challenge for donors to balance their responses to immediate crises, with support for building long-term resilience in food systems and rural livelihoods.

Organizational arrangements

DATE AND VENUE

The AGA will take place at IFAD HQ in Rome, Italy, on 14 and 15 June 2022. To allow those who cannot travel to join the sessions, the event will also be held on Zoom and streamed over the internet.

PARTICIPANTS/AUDIENCE

The GDPRD welcomes participation in the AGA from all geographic regions, with representation from governments, international organizations, agribusiness companies, academic and research organizations, think tanks, NGOs, civil society, farmers' organizations and others. Special attention will be given to the participation of representatives of farmer and rural youth organizations.

Structure and Agenda

Alongside the central theme on supporting national food system transformation pathways, there will also be sessions on the related topics of data for decision-making, rural youth employment and land governance. These reflect current thematic working groups of the GDPRD.

DAY 1 – Tuesday 14 June 2022

Time	Item
09:10 – 09:30	OPENING SESSION
09:30 – 12:45	OVERARCHING THEME SUPPORTING NATIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION PATHWAYS: Enhancing donor effectiveness and coordination at the country level in times of crises
14:00 – 15:15	Highlight messages from countries Plenary discussion and panel responses
15:30 – 17:00	OPTIMIZING THE USE OF DATA IN DECISION-MAKING

DAY 2 – Wednesday 15 June 2022

Time	Item
09:00 – 09:10	OPENING OF DAY 2 AND SUMMARY OF DAY 1
09:10 – 10:40	RESPONSIBLE LAND-BASED INVESTING AS A STRATEGY TO MITIGATE THE HARMS OF A NEW FOOD CRISIS Session by the Global Donor Working Group on Land
11:00 – 12:30	RURAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION – SOLUTIONS IN TIMES OF (MULTIPLE) CRISIS! Session by the Thematic Working Group on Rural Youth Employment
13:30 – 14:45	SPECIAL HIGH-LEVEL SESSION BUILDING CONSENSUS AND COORDINATION ON THE CURRENT GLOBAL CRISIS RESPONSE INITIATIVES: The Potential Role of Donors and the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development
14:45 – 15:30	AGA SUMMARY CLOSING SESSION AND FINAL REMARKS



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Among its notable achievements in recent years, the Platform has contributed to the food systems agenda with a [Stocktaking Report](#) on Donor Contributions to Food Systems, a [Declaration of Intent](#), signalling the intention of GDPRD and its members to help take forward the outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit and a [white paper](#) on “Transforming Food Systems: Directions for Enhancing the Catalytic Role of Donors.” The Platform has also supported important advocacy initiatives aiming to achieve SDG2, such as Ceres2030 and 50x2030.