



The Increasing Imperative for Resilient Food Systems in Times of Crisis: What Can Donors Do?

The GDPRD's white paper on "Transforming Food Systems- Directions for Enhancing the Catalytic Role of Donors" will be presented at the event.

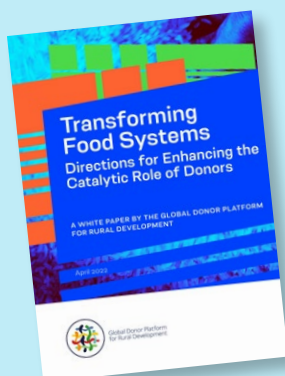
20 April 2022, 14:30-16:30 CEST | [Register](#) for the virtual event



On the heels of the pandemic, our collective attention is now focused on the skyrocketing food prices and the conflict in Ukraine.

While emergency measures are necessary to address short-term consequences, these current crises further cement the need for long-term investments into resilient food systems, in order to combat and avoid such crises in the future.

During this event, the GDPRD's white paper on "[Transforming Food Systems- Directions for Enhancing the Catalytic Role of Donors](#)" will be presented. The paper attempts to provide a menu of options for donor engagement in food systems transformation, with focuses on coordination, structural barriers to change, and the importance of systemic approaches. Along with the [Declaration of Intent](#) on food systems transformation and the [Stocktaking Report on Donor Contributions to Food Systems](#), the white paper concludes the GDPRD's contributions to the UN Food Systems Summit.



The event will:

1. **Discuss** the directions of donor assistance to improve resilience in agriculture, rural development and food systems;
2. **Understand** how the deliberations of the Food Systems Summit contribute to development thinking in times of crises, when food prices are soaring and agricultural value chains are increasingly disrupted;
3. **Assess and discuss modalities** for donor cooperation and coordination for food systems resilience.

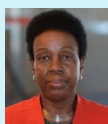
Keynote Speaker:



Jennifer Clapp

Professor, University of Waterloo and Vice-Chair, High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the UN Committee on World Food Security

Panelists:



Rhoda Peace Tumusiime

Former Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission and Chairperson, HOPE



Satu Santala

Associate Vice-President for External Relations and Governance, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)



Martin Bwalya

Ag Director, Knowledge Management and Programme Evaluation, Africa Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)



Leonard Mizzi

Head of Unit, Sustainable Agri-Food Systems and Fisheries, Directorate-General International Partnerships (DG INTPA), European Commission



Jim Woodhill

Director of AgriFoodNexus Consulting and Honorary Research Associate

Moderator:



Henry Bonsu

International Broadcaster and Media Consultant

Agenda

14:30-14:40 **Opening of event: GDPRD Co-Chairs**

14:40-15:10 **Keynote Speaker: Jennifer Clapp**

15:10-16:20 **High-level moderated panel**
Moderator: Henry Bonsu

HIGH-LEVEL SPEAKERS

Rhoda Peace Tumusiime

Satu Santala

Martin Bwalya

Leonard Mizzi

Jim Woodhill

16:20-16:30 **Closing of event: Maurizio Navarra,**
GDPRD Secretariat



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The Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD) is a network/ partnership platform of 40 bilateral and multilateral development agencies, international financial institutions, intergovernmental organizations and foundations. It was established in 2003 to lobby for increased public and private investments in food systems, agriculture and rural development.

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.