

# 5 Follow-up implications, opportunities and priorities for the GDPRD

Progress on the food systems transformation agenda is profoundly important for rural development and achieving SDG 2 – the core focus of the GDPRD. GDPRD

## GDPRD AS AN INFORMAL MEETING PLACE

“ The GDPRD can play a neutral broker role – creating a safe place for discussion between members.”

*GDPRD member*

members and other actors have recognized that the Platform can offer a valuable space for donors to exchange views and ideas for following up the Summit, as a convener and facilitator of knowledge exchange on food systems-related issues in donors’ development policies. Within the context of the GDPRD’s overall strategic plan, the following three main areas for attention have been identified.

### Liaison on follow-up to the FSS:

- Share information within donors and between donors on FSS follow-up, including on the work and progress of coalitions and how they are being supported by different donors
- General updates to GDPRD members on food systems developments and upcoming events
- Support information-sharing between donors to help align responses to future food systems-related events and forums.

## COORDINATION IS NEEDED

“ Coordination, it seems obvious, and one would take it for granted, but it is not. The coordination, exchange of information and dialogue, joint analysis etc. – it’s absolutely crucial, and the Platform is playing a key role in that.”

*GDPRD member*

### Undertake focused cross-donor research, analysis and convening on priority themes:

- Undertake a lessons learned study on country-level coordination and the implications for donors supporting national pathways
- Assess the value of developing a stream of work on catalysing and de-risking finance in collaboration with the Public Development Banks Coalition
- Organize resources and events on experiences of embedding systems thinking and practice into donor food systems-related investments and programming.

### LEARNING ACROSS COUNTRIES

**“ A race to the top, instead of a race to the bottom, with good practices, to learn from each other, to scale, to replicate.”**

*GDPRD member*

### Knowledge-sharing and brokering:

- GDPRD members should share their policy and programming responses to the FSS outcomes
- Update presentations from members of the FSS coalitions
- Series of topical virtual webinars and roundtables on key food systems themes/issues in response to member requests and emerging issues, and publication of key reports, as relevant
- Roundtables/webinars at the request of members (e.g. on agroecology).

### OPENING UP ON DIFFICULT ISSUES

**“ That’s what a platform’s for, isn’t it? Not always bringing the positive messages but facilitating discussion on difficult issues such as reorienting investment in food systems. That, I think, is a big opportunity.”**

*GDPRD member*

