The Global Donor Platform for Rural Development
What is the Donor Platform?

• A **network** of 40 bilateral and multilateral organizations

• Advocates for **increased public and private investments** in agriculture and rural development

• A neutral **convening space** to work together and share experience and knowledge

The Platform has: **Board, Co-chairs, Secretariat**

**Current Board members:**
- Australia
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- European Commission
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- IFAD
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States

**Current Co-chairs**
- Australia, European Commission
Strategic Plan 2021-2025

New vision statement

**Donors effectively catalyse change**

New mission statement

**Brokering donor collaboration for impact**

Revised objectives

- **Strategic influencing**
- **Knowledge-sharing**
- **Networking and convening**
Our Engagement in Food Systems

- Transfer of secretariat to IFAD: JULY 2020
- Special Board session with A. Kalibata and FSS Secretariat: JULY 2020
- Declaration of intent: FEBRUARY 2021
- Donor dialogue on country-level coordination: SEPTEMBER 2021
- High-level event on food systems transformation: DECEMBER 2021
- High-level event on resilient food systems in times of crisis: APRIL 2022
- White Paper: JUNE 2022

2022 General Assembly: "Implementing National Pathways for Food Systems Transformation to Accelerate Progress Towards the SDGs in Times of Crisis and Conflict"
The Platform in Action

• **Liaison** on follow-up to the UNFSS
• Undertake focused across-donor research and analysis
• **Knowledge-sharing** and brokering

• Donor roundtable on “Reshaping Food Systems Financing in a Crisis and Post-Crisis Environment
• Research on enhanced donor effectiveness and coordination at the country level
• New Recommendations Database for Food Systems and Knowledge Hubs for Thematic Areas
Thematic Working Groups

RURAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (TWG RYE)
• Est: 2018
• Rural Youth Engagement and Employment
• Political processes: CFS, UNFSS, G20
• Green Jobs for Rural Youth in Agri-Food Systems

GLOBAL DONOR WORKING GROUP ON LAND (GDWGL)
• Est: 2013
• Land Governance and Tenure Security
• VGGT 10 year anniversary
• Country-level coordination

SDG2 ROADMAP WORKING GROUP
• Est: 2018
• Ceres2030
• 50x2030
Why engage with the Platform?

Food systems transformation will create demand for a creative and coordinated donor response to their investments.

Unique role to play for the GDPRD:

- **Value and niche recently endorsed by a large group of donors**
  (as part of the GDPRD restructuring in 2019, the Platform stocktaking and Strategic Plan in 2020)

- **New and ambitious agenda**
  (new home, staffing, strategy, forward thinking agenda around food systems including global crises response and financing for food systems)

- **Convening power and role of the Platform**
  (board meetings, general assemblies, Chatham House roundtables, high-level events)
# Potential engagement as a Platform Member

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<td>Improve institutional architecture on food systems</td>
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