

# The Global Donor Platform for Rural Development

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# What is the Donor Platform?

- A **network** of **40** bilateral and multilateral organizations
- Lobbying for **increased public and private investments** in agriculture and rural development
- A **convening space** for working together and sharing experience and knowledge

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

*Membership of the GDPRD helps get your voice heard and increases your influence over policy*

## **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**



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# Focusing on food systems

The platform has developed a new strategy centered on transforming food systems, backed by an energized Secretariat and revitalized communications

Transfer of secretariat to IFAD

Special Board session with Agnes Kalibata and FSS Secretariat



JULY 2020

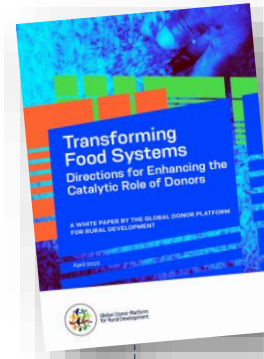
FEBRUARY 2021



Declaration of intent



High-level event on food systems transformation



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”

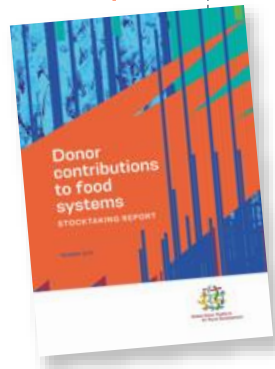
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Stocktaking report



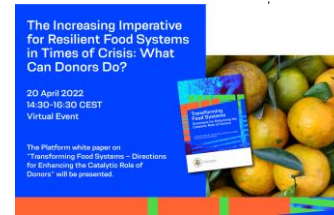
2020 Annual General Assembly

SEPTEMBER 2021



Donor dialogue on country-level coordination

DECEMBER 2021



High-level event on resilient food systems in times of crisis

APRIL 2022

# The Platform in action

Helping members stay up-to-date with the latest research and thinking on transforming food systems

- **Liaison** as donors develop their food systems agenda
  - **Undertaking focused cross-donor research and analysis**
  - **Sharing knowledge** and brokering collaboration
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- Donor roundtable on Reshaping Food Systems Financing in a Crisis and Post-Crisis Environment
  - Research on enhanced donor effectiveness and coordination at country level
  - New Recommendations Database for Food Systems and Knowledge Hubs for Thematic Areas

# Our Thematic Working Groups

## Rural Youth Employment

Young people are central to the future of agriculture, food production, and rural development.

We help develop inclusive strategies that will make farming and rural livelihoods more attractive and rewarding for them.

## Global Donor Working Group on Land

Without secure tenure, investment in farming makes no sense.

We share knowledge, and work and lobby together to ensure the need for fair and effective land governance is properly taken into account in rural development policies.

## SDG2 Roadmap Working Group

Ending hunger and malnutrition is a priority for many donors.

We bring together agencies active in agriculture, food and nutrition security to jointly chart the best course towards achieving SDG 2.



# Why engage with the Platform?

If we are to transform food systems, donors will need to **develop creative and coordinated** investment strategies

The GDPRD will have a **vital role** to play

Leading donors recognize the **value of the platform**

Enhanced value by GDPRD restructuring in 2019, and the Platform stocktaking and Strategic Plan in 2020

An ambitious and relevant **shared agenda**

A new host, staffing and strategy with a forward-thinking agenda around food systems including responses to global crises and financing for food systems

**Convening players** on a single platform

Board meetings, General Assemblies, Chatham House roundtables, High-Level Events

# Have more impact as a Platform Member

Help drive **policy dialogue** on food systems and rural development

Shape the strategy of the Board and **donor policies and strategies**

Act as thought leader on **initiatives and programmes** with platform members

Improve **institutional architecture** on food systems

Chair **thematic task teams** and working groups

Drive **donor coordination** efforts



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