



An invitation-only, hybrid (in-person and virtual) event hosted by the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the European Commission.

## Background and rationale

Globally, countries are grappling with **rising food, fertilizer, and fuel prices, and increasing food insecurity, brought on by the escalating impacts of climate change, conflict, and Covid-19.**

The **disruption of eco-systems, agri-food production systems and value chains** are causing an unprecedented rise in **global hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and distress migration.** In the future, extreme weather, geo-political instability, and pest and disease outbreaks are likely to increase, exacerbating the risk of food crises.

In this context, **there has never been a greater need for coordinated donor investments and collaboration that align with partner country needs and priorities.** However, emerging crises, pressure on resources and weakening multi-lateral cooperation combine to increase the challenges for effective donor coordination.

The coming years are likely to see a critical need for balancing **short-term crisis response with longer-term development** to create **food systems for the future** that can ensure security and be resilient to the impacts of **climate change, growing food demands and market disruptions.** **Increasingly scarce donor resources will need to optimize their catalytic potential** with **greater policy coherence and coordination between development partners and partner countries.**

## Objectives

To help drive a future agenda for development partner coordination, the **GDPRD, IFAD and European Commission** are convening a **one-day high-level dialogue** bringing together **ministerial and senior representatives from partner country governments, donors, and international institutions** to explore:

- The **challenges that countries face in addressing national pathways for food systems transformation.**
- The ways in which **donors and other development partners can better coordinate their assistance to support food systems transformation in countries.**
- **Viable practices and approaches for coordination at a country level**
- The **enhanced coordination needed at global and regional levels** to address the twin challenges of responding to food crises and building long-term resilience.

The discussion will also consider **country-level coordination mechanisms**, the role of **jointly funded programmes, integrated global responses** to crises, and the **identification of opportunities for collaborative and joint programming in key areas.** The specific needs for coordinated responses to the areas of data, finance and policy innovation will also be covered.

## About the Event

This high-level meeting is the culminating event of the GDPRD's workstream on Country Level Donor Coordination for Food Systems Transformation, initiated in July 2022, with the objective to support donors and their partners with practical guidance on how to improve coordination and alignment, particularly at the country level.

The discussions from this event, together with a series of key informant interviews with experts and practitioners, a literature review and analysis of existing donor coordination efforts and practices, will feed into a final report that will provide a review and guidance on good practices for enhancing donor coordination for food systems transformation and rural development.

## Agenda

Moderation by **Mandakini Surie**, Senior Consultant, GDPRD

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTERS
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome	<b>Conrad Rein</b> , European Commission (Platform Co-Chair) <b>Tristan Armstrong</b> , Australia (Platform Co-Chair)
10:05 – 10:15	Interactive Session	<b>Jim Woodhill</b> , Senior Advisor to the GDPRD
10:15 – 10:30	Keynote Address	<b>Afshan Khan</b> , UN Assistant Secretary-General, Coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition Movement
10:30 – 10:45	Insights from background study and key informant interviews	<b>Jim Woodhill</b>
10:45 – 12:00	High-level panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.E. Hussein Mohamed Bashe</b>, Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Rania Al-Mashat</b>, Minister of International Cooperation, Egypt</li> <li>- <b>Titta Maja-Luoto</b>, Deputy Director General, Department for Development Policy, Finland</li> <li>- <b>Sara Sekkenes</b>, UN Resident Coordinator, Lao PDR</li> <li>- <b>James Catto</b>, Director of the Office of International Development Policy, Department of Treasury, United States</li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:45	Q&A session	All
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:15	Plenary presentations on thematic challenges for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Data</li> <li>- Finance</li> <li>- Crisis response</li> <li>- Long-term resilience</li> <li>- Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Data</i>: <b>Carin Smaller</b>, Executive Director, Shamba Centre for Food and Climate</li> <li>- <i>Finance</i>: <b>Nadine Gbossa</b>, Director, Food Systems Coordination, IFAD and Chief, Means of Implementation, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub</li> <li>- <i>Crisis response</i>: <b>David Nabarro</b>, Strategic Director, 4SD and Co-lead, Food Workstream of the UN Secretary General's UN Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance</li> <li>- <i>Long-term resilience</i>: <b>Susan Chomba</b>, Director of Vital Landscapes for Africa, World Resources Institute</li> <li>- <i>Policy</i>: <b>Johan Swinnen</b>, Managing Director of Systems Transformation, CGIAR and Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</li> </ul>
15:15-17:45	<b>Townhall dialogue</b> : interactive audience participation  High-level discussion for direction-setting and forward agenda  <i>Coffee break mid-session</i>	<b>Juan Echanove</b> , Associate Vice President for Food and Water Systems, CARE <b>Jo Puri</b> , Associate Vice-President, Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD <b>Máximo Torero</b> , Chief Economist, FAO <b>Iris Krebber</b> , Head of Agriculture, Food Security and Land, UK Foreign, Development and Commonwealth Office (FCDO) <b>Christine Umutoni</b> , UN Resident Coordinator, Liberia
17:45 – 18:00	Closing reflections and wrap-up	<b>Leonard Mizzi</b> , Head of Sustainable Agri-Food Systems and Fisheries, European Commission
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