



Minutes TWG RYE Meeting

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- Sven Braulik, *GIZ (Co-Chair)*
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Agenda

ISSUE	ITEM	DETAILS
1.	Welcome & Introduction	Sven Braulik (GIZ)
2.	Updates from the Secretariat	GDPRD Secretariat
3.	Chairmanship Position	Sven Braulik (GIZ)
4.	Year End Review and Outlook to 2024	Elisenda Estruch-Puertas (ILO), Frank Bertelmann (GIZ)
5.	Tour de Table & Miscellaneous	All
6.	Wrap-up and closing	Sven Braulik (GIZ)

Key Highlights/Issues

1. Welcome and Introduction

- Frank Bertelmann and Sven Braulik (GIZ) joined the call as Co-Chairs for the last time and will transition to regular membership for future meetings.
- Anne Simon (European Commission) and Isabel EL Obeid (BMZ) joined the call for the first time.

2. Updates from the Secretariat

PURPOSE OF SECTION:

The Secretariat provided a brief recap of the recent GDPRD activities and achievements, and looked ahead to 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The annual [Senior Manager's Meeting](#) was held on 24 October, where the 2024-2026 Co-Chairs Iris Krebber (FCDO) and Bruce Campbell (SDC) were announced. The last 2023 Board Meeting, on 13 December, discussed mandates for 2024 engagements of the Platform, as outlined during the Senior Managers Meeting.
- In 2024, the Platform will continue its workstreams on [donor coordination and sustainable and innovative finance](#). Though detailed TORs have not yet been developed, the work will include:
 - Coordination convenings ahead of global events (G7, G20, UNFCCC COP)
 - Review of country-level funding modalities
 - Creation of a new thematic working group on sustainable finance
 - Establishment of an agri-food SME loan performance database
 - Seminars and roundtables on various sustainable finance and development topics

Q&A and Discussion:

- For the new TWG on sustainable finance, are there already Chairs, TORs, and a timeline for its establishment and work?
 - Not yet, these details will be determined in early 2024. For the moment, the Secretariat is the focal point for this new TWG. The TWG RYE will be briefed in early 2024 once the TORS are endorsed by the Board.
- Will the TWG RYE 2024 Workplan somehow be linked to the GDPRD coordination convenings?
 - Possibly, but no details have been determined yet. The coordination convenings will be limited to Board members agencies at first, with potential expansion later.

3. Chairmanship Position

PURPOSE OF SECTION:

The Chairmanship rotation for 2024-2026 was discussed.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Co-chairs Frank Bertelmann and Sven Braulik (GIZ) will conclude their chairmanship role in 2023. The Group and Secretariat thanks the Co-chairs for their dedication and contributions to the TWG RYE over the last two years, as well as their insights, events, projects and networks.

- Elisenda Estruch Puertas (ILO) will continue her role as Co-chair for 2024.
- Ji-Yeun Rim, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD, is nominated as the new Co-chair for 2024-2026, on a no-objections basis by 29 December 2023.

4. Year End Review and Outlook to 2024

PURPOSE OF SECTION:

A presentation on the highlights of 2023 was given, along with ideas for a draft Work Plan for 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- In total, there were four regular calls this year, plus additional events and meetings. Highlights from 2023 include the continuation of the [green jobs webinar](#) series, and the TWG's [session at the GDPRD Annual General Assembly \(AGA\)](#). The group had an increase in membership with new active participation from Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD), KfW and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS). In line with the TWG's goals and priority areas, there was notable close engagement with the African Union Commission (AUC), youth organizations and research networks.
- Ideas for the 2024 Work Plan include to hold a regular meeting each quarter with in-depth conceptual discussions, organize two webinars throughout the year (with the possibility of more depending on topics and availabilities), and to hold a session at the 2024 AGA. In-depth inputs could include RYE foresight for youth in African agri-food systems, a presentation on the EU's RYE approach and portfolio, and continuing the discussion on the nexus on RYE, climate change and just food systems transformations.
- Additional Work Plan proposals are to continue aligning with international policy processes such as the CFS RYE policy recommendations, the UNFSS coalitions and national pathways and engagement in the G20 RYE Stocktaking Report event. The TWG will continue to promote youth participation by conducting a mapping of youth organizations and collaborating with stakeholders including the private sector and agripreneur organizations. Continued knowledge exchange is expected for 2024, including expansion of the Groups' [Knowledge Hub](#), and the possibility to further engage with more actors.
- All members are encouraged to provide feedback and input to the 2024 Work Plan via email to the Co-chairs by 8 January 2024, to be finalized and presented during the first call of 2024.

Q&A and Discussion:

- A potential webinar could be held regarding the recent OECD report [Agro-Food Jobs for Youth in Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia](#).
- There is a gap in the knowledge base about different types of young people as a heterogeneous group; this could be an interesting topic to explore in an in-depth discussion or a webinar.

5. Tour de Table and Miscellaneous

PURPOSE OF SECTION:

Members gave short updates on their current work.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The International Green Week will be held back-to-back with the [Global Forum for Food and Agriculture 2024](#) as well as the [German-African Agribusiness Forum](#), from 19-28 January in Berlin.
 - GIZ together with BMZ will hold one side event at the International Green Week

on Youth4transformation, all members are welcome.

- YPARD:
 - Brought nine YPARD members to COP28, participating in various side events and in the Food Systems Pavilion and the Food for Climate Pavilion.
 - In cooperation with GFRAS, will begin an agroecology fellowship in Uganda, Madagascar, Costa Rica, and Ecuador. The fellows will be trained in different agroecology aspects to support the agroecology transitions in their countries.
 - In collaboration with the EU and the AU, will start a new research partnership on youth-gender policies to help organizations to revise their strategies.
- BMZ:
 - Joined a youth [side event](#) at COP28 with IFAD.
 - Is working on gender-transformative approaches in the context of youth employment, particularly on targeting employment opportunities to young women.
- IFAD:
 - Is expanding and promoting the agribusiness hubs, which is the flagship youth team programme, and is being taken up in IFAD's main 2024 programme.
 - Will focus on the youth grassroots approach, which involves building alliances through youth voices.
 - Is developing the 2024 Work Plan of the [Decent Work for Equitable Food Systems Coalition](#).
 - Is working on embedding youth involvement in a 3S (sustainability, stability, and security) initiative in Africa, along with an event in January on remittances.
- USAID:
 - Held a parallel session at the 4th Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) Annual Meeting, [Youth Roles in Building Climate-resilient Agriculture and Food Systems Panel](#) and featured the [Developing Local Extension Capacity \(DLEC\) Project](#).
 - Within USDA, has a \$100-million domestic investment on young people in agriculture.
 - Launched a diagnostic activity on youth, women, and green jobs, which will be used to create models for job diagnostics. Two pilot countries will be selected, and the activity will focus on questions related to inclusion, informality, formal and wage employment, and transition to green economies.
 - Is conducting a qualitative study on youth shocks and stressors, with a focus on Bangladesh and Kenya. While country-focused events are taking place on this study, there will be an opportunity in the future for reception by a wider audience.
 - Earlier this year, launched the Generating Resilience and Opportunities for Women (GROW) initiative, which focuses on generating resilience opportunities for women and food systems.
 - Will be launching a digital microlearning series on designing programs with youth in agriculture and food systems on [Agrilinks](#).
- OECD:
 - Database on informality: [Key Indicators of Informality based on Individuals and their Household \(KIIBIH\)](#).
- FAO:
 - Has launched several publications and reports, including [the Status of Women in Agrifood Systems](#), [Building resilience in the Sahel region through job creation for youth](#), and [Innovatively supporting youth's access to decent employment and green jobs in agrifood systems](#).
- ILO:

- [ILOSTAT Statistics on youth database](#) contains indicators available on youth (persons aged 15 to 29).

6. Wrap-up and Closing

- The next regular call will take place in the beginning of February 2024, date and time TBC.

Summary of action points

ITEM	ACTION	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)
1.	Provide feedback/input to the 2024 Work Plan.	January 8, 2024	All
2.	Explore COP28 outcomes, identifying relevant initiatives and synergies to focus on in 2024.	Mid-January 2024	All
3.	Provide event updates to Michelle Tang/Secretariat for the TWG RYE website.	N/A	All