

GDPRD – Thematic Working Group on Rural Youth Employment
Work Plan 2021 – and beyond

Area of intervention / Objective (--> collaboration within the GDPRD)					
1. Evaluate and co-create innovative approaches (<i>peer learning</i>)					
2. Increase (strategic) coherence and coordination among donors					
No.	Activity	Concretization	Lead / cooperating members	Timeframe	Remarks
1.1	Regular TWG RYE calls	Members exchange regularly on ongoing initiatives (see “standard agenda” with short tour-de-table and an in-depth input).	(Co)Chair / all	Ongoing – every 6 weeks	Presentation and exchange on specific “in-depth topics” (to be selected prior to call). Input will be prepared by one of the members/or external partner.
1.2	TWG RYE webinar (expert talk) series	TWG members jointly organize regular webinars on current issues and major trends (to be proposed and prepared by members) <i>Suggestion for an expert talk format:</i> - 2-3 inputs on a (common) topic - Panel discussion with Q&A and take-aways ILO: Rural youth employment in sub-Saharan Africa: Moving away from urban myths and towards structural policy solutions.	(Co)Chair / all	Ongoing – quarterly <i>(2-3 per year)</i>	OECD: Study on the potential of local and regional food economies to create decent job for youth in the agro-food value chain - draft findings. ➤ webinar (Q2 / May is possible) FAO: Evaluation of ongoing project “Integrated Country Approach” for boosting decent jobs for youth in the agri-food system. Final publication and webinar to present the outcomes planned. GIZ: Good practice examples from “What Works in rural youth employment” study.
1.3	Collection of Good Practice examples on RYE	1) Collection of relevant documents and best practices from members (in Teams folder) 2) Comparative overview with a joint template (maybe for the GDPRD website?) 1) Commissioning of a study covering programs from several organizations and regions.	All		<i>Suggestions: Joint effort, maybe supported by a intern in a first step or an consultant (for publication)</i> A more comprehensive study could feed into/be combined with G20 RYE Initiative qualitative reporting (--> see. 3.1)
1.2	Study (collection) on “closing” knowledge and implementation gaps (e.g. access to land, finance, rural transformation / coherent strategies)	1) Identifying knowledge gaps (incl. consultation with youth) 2) Drafting ToR & Commissioning of study ??	?	2021 - 2022	<i>Start: Idea collection on MS Teams, use peer support channel, review collection at the end of the year to decide on the substance for a study.</i>

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3. Align to and link with international processes					
3.1	Preparation of a (GDPRD) white paper as an input to the UNFSS	Members jointly elaborate a white paper on rural youth employment to support advocacy for the topic.	?	2022	<i>Suggestion: Link to GDPRD White Paper on "Rethinking the Food Systems Agenda"</i>
3.2	"High level" event with the TWG as organizer/convener	<i>Suggestion: Organizing an "Independent Dialogue" to the Food Systems Summit (topic tbd).</i> Other events e.g. at the pre-summit or the CFS meeting in October might also be suitable options.	FAO GIZ / Spire OECD	Q2/2021	FAO: Several side events are planned for and by youth for the 2021 Food Systems Summit OECD: OECD can co-organise and suggest inputs/speakers for side events
3.3	Joint/Coordinated input to the CFS HLPE report and the policy recommendations	<i>Inputs on the Zero-Draft so far by FAO, GIZ and others? For another draft, a joint input could be coordinated</i>	?	Q2/Q3/2021	<i>Suggestion: Could be combined with a joint session at the CFS meeting in October</i>
3.4	Follow up on the G20 RYE initiative (especially relevant for G20 members)	e.g. by gathering M&E data, experiences and lessons learnt to support the G20 accountability process and reporting	GIZ	2021- 2022	GIZ: RYE initiative has set clear quantitative goals until end of 2022, TWG members could join forces for a best practice / accountability report A qualitative study is also suggested to the G20. The TWG members could provide information and suggest relevant programmes. (<i>--> Link to 1.3</i>)
3.5	Follow up to G7 "Framework on decent jobs for youth in the Sahel"	e.g. by coordinating members activities, identifying cooperation potential and synergies, developing concepts and ideas for joint programming and offers, etc.	FAO / OECD GIZ	2021	OECD can coordinate with SWAC team internally to seek joint contribution <i>Update from FRA?</i> <i>Also a link to the current GBR presidency and the focus of food security in the Sahel?</i>
3.6	Co-lead the thematic area of Youth in the Rural Economy of Decent Jobs for Youth Initiative to scale up action and impact on youth employment	1) At global level, on annual basis, collaborate on the organization of annual conferences bringing together members of the initiative and youth 2) At regional and country level, collaborate on a variety of activities to boost youth employment and entrepreneurship via regional fora (e.g. world entrepreneurship week), and UNJPs 3) Regional forum: Boosting decent jobs for youth in Sahel's rural economy	FAO	1+2) Ongoing 3) Q2/Q3 2021	<u>Joint activities by FAO and ILO</u>

Area of intervention / Objective (--> collaboration with external stakeholder and networks)					
4. Engage with and help to empower rural youth and youth organisations					
5. Engage and collaborate with other stakeholders like the private sector, service providers, agripreneur organisations, etc.					
4.1	Liaise with and support youth organizations, youth business networks, role models , etc.	Pilot activities could centre around both international and country level to increase youth participation in programs and policy dialogue (e.g. CAADP)	?	2021	GIZ : experience piloting CAADP youth dialogues in 3 countries in cooperation with CYN and C4YDS, interested in experiences of other members working with youth networks, joint advocacy towards AU, etc.
4.2	Reach out to other platforms like the S4YE platform and/or private actors like the Master Card Foundation, etc.		(Co-)Chair / All		