

Global Donor Working Group on Land (GDWGL) 2025-2026 Workplan

The [Global Donor Working Group on Land \(GDWGL\)](#) was established in April 2013 by the global donor community during the Donor Roundtable Meeting in Washington. The group was formed on the margins of the annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, in response to: (i) the sharp and volatile increases in food prices that began in 2008; (ii) following the endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries, and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT) and; (iii) the experience of donor coordination to support those important negotiations.

To carry this work forward, the GDWGL will continue to follow the structural approach it adopted in the previous workplans ([2018-2020](#), [2022-2024](#)). The two-track approach includes: **Track 1**, which focuses on strategic functions and thematic priorities of concern to the whole group, and; **Track 2**, focuses on topics or emerging themes of interest to some, but not all members, and with no clear collective role for the group. Meeting discussions will primarily focus on progress against Track 1 efforts, though space will be reserved to update the group on Track 2 developments that members feel may be of interest to the broader group. Should an important window of opportunity arise or important barriers to progress develop, the group may revisit the current list of priorities and consider if they need to be adjusted based on group consensus.

- **Track 1:** Focus areas (**Member Exchange; Global Advocacy; Country-level Coordination**), with outputs, activities, indicators, and targets, are outlined in the Workplan below.
- **Track 2:** Topics proposed include land governance, rights, and tenure, in relation to: **Migration and IDPs; Competition and Conflict; Extractive Resources and Minerals; the Rio Conventions; Access to Land Rights and Finance for Women and IPLCs.**

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ID	OUTCOME AREA	OUTPUTS	ACTIVITIES	INDICATORS	TARGETS
1	Member Exchange: Exchange on individual members' work on land, including key priorities, developments and challenges.	1.1 Active engagement	Organize and host well-attended, regular meetings of the GDWGL.	GDWGL meetings take place every 3 months	4 GDWGL meetings per year, with at least 1 in hybrid/in-person format
		1.2 Regular member updates	Encourage members to share updates on their current projects and work during GDWGL meetings, and via email, as relevant.	Agenda point during all GDWGL meetings	4 member update tour-de-tables per year
		1.3 Deep dives on thematic topics	Create opportunities for individual members and/or invited guests to share deeper dives on specific work or developments of wider interest to the group.	Agenda point during all GDWGL meetings	4 deep dives per year
2	Global Advocacy: Strategic engagement on land-related global fora, and joint collaboration with other stakeholders	2.1. Land advocacy and exchanges with other global fora and thematic platforms and networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joined action, including complement and amplify tenure messages, at the COPs Follow-up on land-related processes of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), Food Systems Coordination Hub and Summits/Stocktaking Moments (UNFSS), ICARRD+20 Exchanges with other GDPRD thematic working groups (i.e., Rural Youth Employment, SDG2 Roadmap) 	GDWGL discusses relevant global events ahead of their occurrences, and collaborates with other networks and global processes.	1 COP update and/or deep dive per year 1 exchange with another TWG per year
		2.2 GDWGL sessions at the 2025 and 2026 Donor Platform Annual General Assemblies (AGAs)	Develop concept and organization of GDWGL sessions during the 2025 and 2026 AGA's . Session topics tbc, depending on AGA themes.	GDWGL sessions organized	1 GDWGL AGA session per year
		2.3 Expand GDWGL Knowledge Hub and leverage GDPRD social media	Collect relevant documents to expand the GDWGL knowledge hub on the GDPRD website. Participate in interviews and provide input on articles for the GDPRD	Documents added to the RYE knowledge hub.	Up-to-date RYE knowledge hub

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			social media channels (primarily LinkedIn and Instagram).	Interviews and articles completed.	2 GDWGL member interviews per year
		2.4 Support the dissemination of rigorous evidence	<p>From impact evaluations in the land sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share and discuss methodologies; • Draw key lessons learned from this body of work; • Identify common challenges associated with evaluations in the land sector; • Identify and discuss important gaps in the evidence base; • Identify opportunities build on these lessons to improve future land programming. 		
3	Country-level Coordination: Improve program coordination at the country level, and explore opportunities for coordinated/joint pilot projects or activities.	3.1. Coordination strengthened through reinforced coordination instruments	<p>Strengthen and update coordination platform and instruments.</p> <p>Identify opportunities to coordinate around country-level engagement on land issues, including through new program design efforts and engagement at the policy and operational level with country partners.</p> <p>Potentially create country-level coordination sub-working groups within the GDWGL to identify concrete opportunities for joint learning, exchange and possible joint programming in countries where multiple GDWGL members are engaging.</p>	<p>Updated global platform</p> <p>Updated country matrix</p> <p>Country-level coordination discussions included in GDWGL meetings.</p> <p>Discussion of sub-working groups on specific countries.</p>	<p>At least 1 country-level coordination discussion per year</p> <p>1 sub-working group on a specific country</p>
		3.2. "Lessons learned" documents on country-level coordination	Create documents that highlight examples of how and where country-level coordination has taken place, lessons learned from these efforts (including on sequencing and modalities) and recommendations for future collaborative engagement at the country level.	Examples of work in specific countries are discussed, collated, and disseminated.	At least 1 lessons-learned document per year