



ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (AGA) 2025

Investing in the Future of Agrifood Systems: New Directions for Development Finance







PROGRAMME

Friday, 12 December, 9:00-17:30 CET



Moderator:

Jim Woodhill, Senior Advisor, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development

TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
8:15-9:00	Registration 	
9:00-9:20	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<div>  <p>Bruce Campbell, GDPRD Co-Chair; Senior Policy Advisor, Food Systems Section, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and Focal Point, SDC Agriculture and Food Systems Network, Switzerland</p> </div> <div>  <p>Federica de Gaetano, GDPRD Co-Chair; Food Security and Rural Development Expert, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)</p> </div>
9:20-9:35	Keynote Address Prioritizing agrifood systems amid upheaval in development finance	<div>  <p>Alexander Müller, Founder and Managing Director, TMG Think Tank and former Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p> </div>
9:35-9:50	Donor Coordination and Multilateralism in Agrifood Systems Financing GDPRD High-Level Advisory Group and White Paper Aligning strategies and strengthening coherent agrifood financing mechanisms	<div>  <p>Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit, Sustainable Agri-Food Systems and Fisheries, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission</p> </div> <div>  <p>Max von Bonsdorff, Chief Partnership Officer, Global and Multilateral Engagement, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p> </div>



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9:50-11:20	High-Level Discussion Panel Evolving roles in a fragmented aid landscape: Navigating ODA reductions and financial reforms, expanding private sector engagement, and building effective collaborative financing mechanisms	 Máximo Torero Cullen , Chief Economist, FAO  Lawrence Haddad , Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)  Alice Ruhweza , President, AGRA  Tom Arnold , Chair, Ireland Africa Rural Development Committee (IARDC)  Stefania Lenoci , World Bank Group Resident Representative to Italy, Special Representative for Southern Europe, the Holy See, and the UN Agencies in Rome
11:20-11:45	Coffee break 	
11:45-13:00	Catalysing Finance and Impact for Agrifood Systems Strengthening coordination among private sector, development finance, and government actors at the country level	 Tim Diphooorn , Europe Director Business Development, One Acre Fund  Rodrigo Madrazo , Chief Executive Officer, EDFI Management Company  Songbae Lee , Independent Advisor and former Agricultural Finance Team Lead, USAID  Ambassador Khusrav Noziri , Assistant Director General, Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS)  Alexandre Rutikanga , Chief Technical Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI), Republic of Rwanda; UN Food Systems Member State National Dialogue Convenor
13:00-14:30	Lunch 	



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14:30-15:30	<p>The Future of Youth in Agrifood Systems: Tackling the double challenge of access to land and finance</p> <p>Joint session by the Global Donor Working Group on Land and Thematic Working Group on Rural Youth Employment</p>	<div>  <p>Ward Anseeuw, Senior Land Tenure Officer, FAO</p> </div> <div>  <p>Evanse Ochola, Intern, Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD), Co-founder and External Relations Lead, Nutrika Enterprises, Co-founder and former administrative officer, Youths for Green Action Kenya (YGAK)</p> </div> <div>  <p>John Fayiah Kelvin, International Land Coalition (ILC)</p> </div> <div>  <p>Marcos Montoiro, External Relations Officer, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)</p> </div>
15:30-15:45	<p>Coffee break </p>	
15:45-17:15	<p>Multilateral and Geopolitical Dynamics of Agrifood Systems Financing and Development</p> <p>Outcomes from 2025: Key policy developments, summit commitments, and financing trends in the context of shifting geopolitical dynamics</p> <p>Priorities for 2026: Advancing coordinated multilateral action and aligning financing with agrifood systems and climate goals.</p>	<div>  <p>Nikita Eriksen-Hamel, Deputy Director, Food Systems Practice, Global Affairs Canada</p> </div> <div>  <p>Anas A. Al-Nabulsi, Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)</p> </div> <div>  <p>Clara Pacheco, Head of Unit Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs</p> </div>
17:15-17:30	<p>Closing Session</p>	<div>  <p>Jim Woodhill, Senior Advisor, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development</p> </div> <div>  <p>Bruce Campbell, GDPRD co-Chair; Senior Policy Advisor, Food Systems Section, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and Focal Point, SDC Agriculture and Food Systems Network, Switzerland</p> </div> <div>  <p>Federica de Gaetano, GDPRD co-Chair; Food Security and Rural Development Expert, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)</p> </div>
17:30	<p>End</p>	