



Annual General Assembly (AGA) 2024






Financing Food Systems Transformation and Rural Revitalization: Opportunities and Challenges

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, 26 November, 8:30-17:30 CET

TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
8:30-9:00	Welcome coffee	
9:00-9:05	Welcome by GDPRD Secretariat	 Maurizio Navarra , GDPRD Secretariat Coordinator, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
9:05-9:10	Opening by GDPRD Chairs	 Bruce Campbell , GDPRD Chair; Senior Policy Advisor, The Food Systems Section, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and Focal Point, SDC Agriculture and Food Systems Network – Switzerland  Federica de Gaetano , GDPRD Chair; Food Security and Rural Development Expert, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)
9:10-9:30	Keynote Address	 Ibrahim Assane Mayaki , Former Prime Minister of Niger, Former CEO NPCA and AUDA-NEPAD, African Union Special Envoy on Food Systems
9:30-10:30	Background and Scene Setting	 Jim Woodhill , Senior Advisor, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development  Máximo Torero , Chief Economist, FAO  Jo Puri , Special Adviser, Strategic Initiatives, Office of the President and Vice President, IFAD



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10:30-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:30	High-Level Session: Catalytic Development Finance for a Sustainable and Resilient Future	<p>Moderator:</p>  <p>Agnes Johan, Head of Blended Finance, Rabo Partnerships</p> <p>Speakers:</p>  <p>Attiya Waris, Professor of Fiscal Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Nairobi in Kenya and UN Independent Expert on Foreign Debt and Human Rights in 2021</p>  <p>Hon. Neema Lugangira, Member of Parliament Tanzania and Board Member of the Global Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF and Member of the Executive Committee of the UN Scaling Up Nutrition Movement</p>  <p>Ines Rocha, Regional Director Europe, International Finance Corporation (IFC)</p>  <p>Chris Isaac, Chief Investment Officer, AgDevCo</p> <p>Donor/bilateral Board representative, (tbc)</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch	



14:00-15:30

Breakout Sessions: Drawing on the morning sessions, participants will pinpoint critical factors hindering or facilitating the effective utilization of donor resources, and the merits and synergies of different funding modalities to advance food systems transformation and rural development.

Thematic Discussion Areas:

Theme 1: Climate finance and vertical funds (Room C300)

Opening lead speaker:

(tbd)

Moderator:



Mandakini Surie, Senior Consultant, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development

Theme 2: Unlocking private capital for food systems transformation (Room C400)

Opening lead speaker:



Christopher Brett, Lead Agribusiness Specialist, World Bank

Moderator:



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

Theme 3: Improving financing approaches for agri-food SMEs (Room C500)

Opening lead speaker:



Andrea Zinn, Director, Council on Smallholder Agricultural Finance (CSAF) and Senior Manager Aceli Americas, Aceli Africa

Moderator:



Henry Bonsu, Journalist and Broadcaster

Theme 4: Innovative financing in fragile contexts (Room C600)

Opening lead speaker:







Tuleen Alkhoffash, Senior Portfolio Manager, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Moderator:



Maurizio Navarra, GDPR Secretariat Coordinator, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)







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15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00-16:30	Report-Back from Breakout Sessions: Moderated session with speakers and rapporteurs from the breakout sessions	Opening lead speakers listed above.
16:30-17:30	Innovative Financing Approaches for Young Agripreneurs: Organized by the Thematic Working Group on Rural Youth Employment	 Moreen Nyakato , CEO, Greeco Organic Farm  Jenice Achieng , Owner, Agnesabakery; Country Representative, YPARD Kenya  Nsengiyumva Prosper , CEO, AOI. Ltd  Vanessa Nzabamwita , Senior Investment Lead, One Acre Fund Smallholder Resilience Ventures
17:30	End of Day 1	



Day 2: Wednesday, 27 November, 8:30-13:00 CET

TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
8:30-9:00	Welcome coffee	
9:00-9:15	Recap of AGA Day One	 Henry Bonsu , Journalist and Broadcaster
9:15-10:00	Finance Coordination: Linkages with other global development financing discussions - International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD) - 3FS tool	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p>  Jim Woodhill , Senior Advisor, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development
		 Nadine Gbossa , Director Food Systems Coordination International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (3FS tool)
		Spain (FfD) (tbd)
10:00-11:15	Land Governance: Organized by the Global Donor Working Group on Land	Panellists (tbd)
11:15-11:00	Coffee break	
11:30-12:50	High-Level Synthesis Panel: Implications of the AGA discussions on finance and GDPRD future directions	 Jim Woodhill , Senior Advisor, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development
		 Carin Smaller , Co-Founder and Executive Director, Shamba Centre for Food & Climate, Co-Founder of Hesat2030
		 Hon. Neema Lugangira , Member of Parliament Tanzania and Board Member of the Global Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF and Member of the Executive Committee of the UN Scaling Up Nutrition Movement (tbc)
		 Tim Diphorn , Europe Director of Business Development, One Acre Fund



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		<p>Barbara Rambousek, Director, Gender & Economic Inclusion, Department of Country and Sector Economics, EBRD (<i>tbc</i>)</p>  <p>Natalia Toschi, Head of Funding, Treasury Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (<i>tbc</i>)</p>  <p>Jenice Achieng, Owner, Agnesabakery; Country Representative, YPARD Kenya.</p>
12:50-13:00	AGA Closing	<p>GDPRD Co-Chairs</p>  <p>Bruce Campbell, GDPRD Chair; Senior Policy Advisor, The Food Systems Section, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and Focal Point, SDC Agriculture and Food Systems Network – Switzerland</p>  <p>Federica de Gaetano, GDPRD Chair; Food Security and Rural Development Expert, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)</p>
13:00	End of Day 2	