



# Annual General Assembly (AGA) 2024

## Financing Food Systems Transformation and Rural Revitalization: Opportunities and Challenges









### PROGRAMME

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





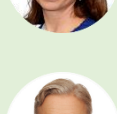





Facilitator:










**Henry Bonsu**, Journalist and Broadcaster

TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
8:30-9:00	Welcome coffee 	
9:00-9:05	Welcome by GDPRD Secretariat	 <b>Maurizio Navarra</b> , GDPRD Secretariat Coordinator, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
9:05-9:10	Opening by GDPRD Chairs	 <b>Bruce Campbell</b> , 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
		 <b>Federica de Gaetano</b> , GDPRD Chair; Food Security and Rural Development Expert, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)
9:10-9:30	Keynote Address	 <b>Ibrahim Assane Mayaki</b> , African Union Special Envoy on Food Systems, Former Prime Minister of Niger
9:30-10:30	Background and Scene Setting	 <b>Jim Woodhill</b> , Senior Advisor, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development
		 <b>Maximo Torero Cullen</b> , Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
		 <b>Jo Puri</b> , Special Adviser, Strategic Initiatives, Office of the President and Vice President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)



TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
10:30-11:00	Coffee break 	
11:00-12:30	<b>High-Level Session</b> Catalytic Development Finance for a Sustainable and Resilient Future	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p>  <p><b>Agnes Johan</b>, Head of Blended Finance, Rabo Partnerships</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p>  <p><b>Attiya Waris</b>, 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><b>Georgia Apson</b> Coordinator of the World Food Forum Tanzania Chapter, on behalf of</p>  <p><b>Hon. Neema Lugangira</b>, 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><b>Ines Rocha</b>, Regional Director Europe, International Finance Corporation (IFC)</p>  <p><b>Chris Isaac</b>, Chief Investment Officer, AgDevCo</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch 	



TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
14:00-15:30	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> 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.	<b>Thematic Discussion Areas:</b>  <b>Theme 1: Climate finance and vertical funds (Room C300)</b>   <b>Opening lead speaker:</b> <b>Savis Sadeghian</b> , Senior Technical Specialist, Environment and Climate, IFAD   <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Henry Bonsu</b> , Journalist and Broadcaster  <b>Theme 2: Unlocking private capital for food systems transformation (Room C400)</b>   <b>Opening lead speaker:</b> <b>Christopher Brett</b> , Lead Agribusiness Specialist, World Bank   <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Jim Woodhill</b> , Senior Advisor, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development  <b>Theme 3: Improving financing approaches for agri-food SMEs (Room C500)</b>   <b>Opening lead speaker:</b> <b>John Robert Okware</b> , Country Director, Uganda, Aceli Africa   <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mandakini Surie</b> , Senior Consultant, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development  <b>Theme 4: Innovative financing in fragile contexts (Room C600)</b>   <b>Opening lead speaker:</b> <b>Tuleen Alkhoffash</b> , Senior Portfolio Manager, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)  <b>Special guest speaker:</b> <b>Kais Zuhaika</b> , Head of Financial Institutions, Quds Bank   <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Maurizio Navarra</b> , GDPRD Secretariat Coordinator, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
15:30-16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	



TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
16:00-16:30	<b>Report-Back from Breakout Sessions</b> Moderated session with speakers and rapporteurs from the breakout sessions	Opening lead speakers listed above.
16:30-17:30	<b>Innovative Financing Approaches for Young Agripreneurs</b> Organized by the Thematic Working Group on Rural Youth Employment	 <b>Moreen Nyakato</b> , CEO, Greeco Organic Farm, Uganda  <b>Nsengiyumva Prosper</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Avocado Oil Industries Ltd  <b>Jenice Achieng</b> , Owner, Agnesa Bakery; Country Representative, YPARD Kenya  <b>Vanessa Nzabamwita</b> , Investment Lead, One Acre Fund
17:30	<b>End of Day 1</b>	



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










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TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
8:30-9:00	<i>Welcome coffee</i> 	
9:00-9:15	<b>Recap of AGA Day One</b>	<b>Henry Bonsu</b> , Journalist and Broadcaster
9:15-10:00	<b>Finance Coordination</b> Linkages with other global development financing discussions	<p>Moderator:</p>  <p><b>Jim Woodhill</b>, Senior Advisor, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development</p>
		 <p><b>Nadine Gbossa</b>, Director, Food Systems Coordination, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (3FS tool)</p>
10:00-11:15	<b>Redefining and enhancing the quality of finance for sustainable development: How to better reach Indigenous Peoples and local communities</b> Organized by the Global Donor Working Group on Land	<p>Moderator:</p> <p><b>Ward Anseeuw</b>, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p>
		<p><b>Chris Penrose Buckley/Jenny Lopez</b>, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)</p>
		<p><b>Birgitte Feiring</b>, Independent Consultant, Christensen Fund</p>
		<p><b>Ilaria Firmian</b>, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p>
		<p><b>Joseph Itongwa</b>, Network of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for the Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa (REPALEAC)</p>
		<p>Discussions and closing</p> <p><b>Michael Taylor</b>, International Land Coalition (ILC)</p>
11:15-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i> 	



TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
11:30-12:50	<b>Synthesis Panel</b> Implications of the AGA discussions on finance and GDPRD future directions	 <b>Jim Woodhill</b> , Senior Advisor, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development
		 <b>Carin Smaller</b> , Co-Founder and Executive Director, Shamba Centre for Food & Climate, Co-Founder of Hesat2030
		 <b>Tim Diphorn</b> , Europe Director of Business Development, One Acre Fund
		 <b>Natalia Toschi</b> , Head of Funding, Treasury Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development
		 <b>Jenice Achieng</b> , Owner, Agnesa Bakery; Country Representative, YPARD Kenya.
12:50-13:00	<b>AGA Closing</b>	<b>GDPRD Co-Chairs</b>
		 <b>Bruce Campbell</b> , 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
		 <b>Federica de Gaetano</b> , GDPRD Chair; Food Security and Rural Development Expert, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)
13:00	<b>End of Day 2</b>	