



Board Meeting

Participants

Board Members

- **Leonard Mizzi**, *European Commission*
- **Clara Pacheco**, *France*
- **Célia Chambelland**, *France*
- **Alexandre Godineau**, *France*
- **Challiss McDonough**, *Gates Foundation*
- **Jan Brix**, *Germany*
- **Patrick McManus**, *Ireland*
- **Federica de Gaetano**, *Italy (Co-Chair)*
- **Bruce Campbell**, *Switzerland (Co-Chair)*
- **Naomi Sterk**, *The Netherlands*
- **Eric Ambrose**, *United States*

Guests

- **Nikita Eriksen-Hamel**, *Canada*

GDPRD Secretariat

- **Maurizio Navarra**
- **Michelle Tang**
- **Alessandro Cordova**
- **Sierra Berardelli**
- **Carlotta Cramer**
- **Jim Woodhill**, *Senior Advisor*

Agenda

ISSUE	ITEM	DETAILS
1.	Welcome and Introduction	Co-Chairs/Secretariat
2.	Updates on discussions with Canadian G7 Presidency	Secretariat/Global Affairs Canada
3.	2024 Annual General Assembly (AGA) Summary and discussion on background paper - Emerging findings and scope; potential contributions to the 2025 Financing for Development Conference	Jim Woodhill
4.	Follow-up to 2024 Senior Managers Meeting - Implications for the 2025 Work Plan - Formulation of the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan - Open discussion with Board members on future key priorities	Co-Chairs/Secretariat/Jim Woodhill
5.	Review of 2024 budget and preparation for 2025 proposal	Secretariat
6.	Preparations for first 2025 Board meeting	Co-Chairs
7.	AOB and closing	Co-Chairs

Key Highlights/Issues

1. Welcome and Introduction

- The Co-Chairs welcomed Board members to the final Board Meeting of 2024.
- Eric Ambrose (USAID), Clara Pacheco (France) and Alexandre Godineau (France) joined the GDPRD Board for the first time.

2. Updates on discussions with Canadian G7 Presidency

PURPOSE OF SECTION:

Nikita Eriksen-Hamel, Deputy Director, Agriculture and Food Systems of Global Affairs Canada, provided an update on the preliminary thematic areas and objectives of the 2025 G7 Presidency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Canada will assume the G7 Presidency in 2025, holding the next G7 Leaders' Summit in Alberta, Canada, from 15 - 17 June.
- The key priorities of the Canadian Presidency will include: support to Ukraine; economic security; critical minerals; Artificial Intelligence; and countering foreign interference. Climate change and development financing are also identified as important focus areas. Decisions regarding the Ministerial tracks are in progress, though initial indications suggest there will be fewer tracks than previous years.
- A Food Security Working Group will be established, with its objectives, approach, and outcomes to be finalized shortly. This will include two pathways: one with a political mandate and ministerial coverage, the other with a technical focus. The technical track will provide significant opportunity for engagement with the GDPRD. Recognizing that funding for food systems is not increasing, the Canadian Presidency and its partners aim to focus on priority setting, investment effectiveness, and achieving value for money to maximize impact. Gender equality will be a priority cross-cutting theme, as well as climate change, nutrition, and resilience.
- The Food Systems Working Group will engage with other ongoing international events and processes, such as the G20, as well as the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in March. Engagement with the G20 tracks is dependent on the thematic priorities and approaches taken by the G20, which remain to be determined.
- The G7 produces an annual financial accountability report, including a financial report on food security. The Canadian Presidency aims to make this report relevant to the interests of peers and development partners. As part of this, there is particular interest in measuring donor contributions to food security and G7 contributions to macro-development indicators, aligning with the work of the GDPRD and others.
- The Canadian G7 Presidency looks forward to collaborating with the GDPRD to enhance G7 work throughout the year and is available to provide detailed updates in early 2025.

[Canada]

Discussion and Q&A:

- USAID welcomes the Canadian Presidency of the G7 and its focus on food security, financing needs and impactful interventions, aligning closely with the work on food systems financing pursued by the GDPRD. USAID representatives recently shared within the SDG 2 Roadmap Working Group a preliminary analysis conducted with IFPRI of a data-driven, model-based

approach to estimate investment impacts on four outcomes prioritized by Feed the Future — economic growth, poverty, hunger, and diet quality. Full results for 19 Feed the Future countries are expected in March 2025, which may be shared with the Board and SDG2 Roadmap WG once available. **[USAID]**

- The European Commission’s priority for the first quarter of 2025 is the N4G Summit and associated advisory processes, which are also an important area for the GDPRD. Political and logistic uncertainties pertaining to potential new pledges can be an area of focus for the GDPRD and its Board in January and February. **[European Commission]**
- The GDPRD should also consider positioning itself for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) and the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS+4) Stocktaking Moment, taking place in June-July 2025. The timing of these events aligns with the Leaders’ Summit in Alberta and may be leveraged for greater impact as a “convergence agenda.” **[European Commission]**
 - Canada recognizes the common agenda and the opportunity this poses for impact. **[Canada]**
- Vaccine manufacturing and its link to nutrition, particularly in relation to the ongoing Gavi replenishment discussions, should be considered. **[European Commission]**
 - Resources have been dedicated to support Gavi dialogues. **[Canada]**
- Does the Canadian Presidency have further information about the G20 priorities, including the outlook of the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty? **[European Commission]**
 - Canada intends to connect with the Brazilian 2024 G20 Presidency and the South Africa 2025 G20 Task Force, to understand the outlook further and build connections in February of 2025. **[Canada]**
- The informal space provided by the GDPRD is valued as a useful opportunity to have technical discussions and exchange information. Though not a G7 member country, Switzerland participates in discussions in the topics of climate finance and nutrition in various fora, intending to develop these dialogues throughout 2025. **[Switzerland]**
- The ongoing efforts of the GDPRD to build on outcomes from the Annual General Assembly (AGA) and develop an accompanying paper on financing for food systems will support Board members to prepare for FfD4. Additionally, Board members have expressed interest in engaging with the N4G Summit. Linkages with the Gavi replenishment and vaccine agenda are well noted as areas for expanded dialogue. The GDPRD Secretariat looks forward to continuing engagement with the Canadian G7 Presidency throughout 2025. **[Maurizio Navarra]**

DECISION POINT:

- The Secretariat will organize another dialogue with the G7 Canadian Presidency early 2025, potentially alongside the next Board meeting in February.

3. 2024 AGA Summary and discussion on background paper

PURPOSE OF SECTION:

Jim Woodhill presented the emerging findings and scope of the AGA background paper, alongside future directions to develop the material further.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The draft AGA background paper, [“Financing Food Systems Transformation and Rural Revitalization: Opportunities and Challenges”](#) collates key messages from recent reports (including the 2024 State of Food Security and nutrition in the World), provides an overview

of development financing concepts and terms, reviews current levels of funding for food systems and examines emerging innovative and blended financing mechanisms, and looks at ways forward and implications for donors.

- **Background findings:** There is a proliferation of mechanisms and facilities operationalizing blended and innovative financing for agriculture and rural development; there is a complex and emerging ecosystem for innovative finance that must be considered to catalyze transformation, which includes market demands for responsible investment and the enabling environment.
 - **Ways forward:** Shifting the narrative; mitigating risk; tackling the “last mile” of financing; responding to structural constraints, diverse range of financial instruments being employed; scaling blended/innovative financing mechanisms; accessing climate finance; getting the data and setting targets.
 - **Implications for donors:** 1) rebalance portfolios towards more innovative financing mechanisms; 2) increase the risk appetite; 3) make the case that public investment in food systems will provide good returns; 4) tackle structural and policy barriers; 5) recognize the public investment that will be needed in LICs and fragile/difficult contexts 6) support monitoring and learning about innovative/blended finance; 7) increase and improve coordination.
 - **Takeaways from the AGA:** careful clarifications are needed in the overlapping but different terminology of rural development, food security, and food systems; best practices vary greatly between country contexts; private sector engagement is keen but still limited; the sector is changing rapidly.
- The paper is currently being updated to incorporate the main findings and outcomes from the AGA discussions and will be finalized by February/March 2025. A summary of the main findings can be shared with Board Members ahead of the FfD4 in June 2025. The deadline has passed for formal submissions to the conference, so this would serve as an informal document, similar to the white paper that was compiled for the Food Systems Summit in 2021. **[Jim Woodhill, Maurizio Navarra]**

Discussion and Q&A:

- The background research provides a valuable resource for members carry forward into international dialogues on financing for development and food systems. **The Secretariat proposes to develop the draft document into a white paper or another influencing document.** The Platform is organizing an event in January 2025 with IFAD’s Rural Development Report (RDR), which will provide insights to GDPRD Board Members and other select donor representatives on the RDR findings and recommendations. This event and its outcomes will be incorporated into such document, alongside the outcomes of the events held in 2024 leading up to the AGA, focusing on the 2024 SOFI findings and recommendations for donors. **[Maurizio Navarra, Jim Woodhill]**
- The European Commission supports the development of a white paper/options paper/non-paper. Will the timing of the publication of the RDR feed into the FfD4 conference? How can we be sure the GDPRD document provides additionality, not duplication, to the RDR? The document may include a more critical, targeted orientation; for example, focusing on addressing inequity in access to climate finance for commercial and smallholder farmers and the feasibility for innovative finance to meet the needs generated by stagnating ODA. The paper may also capture the nutrition dimension to provide timely inputs to the N4G discussions in March 2025. **[European Commission]**
 - The rationale behind the paper is precisely to cultivate these discussions and bring additionality, not duplication, to ongoing processes. The event with IFAD on the Rural Development Report is designed to seek additionality between the RDR and

the GDPRD paper. The Board, along with selected additional participants, will receive an event invitation planned for 17 January. Additionally, the next Board meeting (11 February 2025) is planned to align with the timing of the IFAD Governing Council (12-13 February 2025) to enable these linkages. Capturing the nutrition dimension before March is a more challenging timeline, but the Secretariat is happy to introduce this consideration. **[Maurizio Navarra]**

- Ireland supports the development of a position paper. Given the number of important events in 2025 (e.g., FfD4, N4G, COP30, G7, G20), there is a need to connect discussions, which could be a unique added value of the proposed paper. Ireland has been asked to join as a guest in the G20's Food Security track, which is expected to play a prominent role in these discussions. **[Ireland]**

DECISION POINT:

- A meeting will be organized with the authors of the RDR in January 2025, to which the Board and select GDPRD members are invited to provide feedback on the report conclusions and recommendations.

4. Follow-up to 2024 Senior Managers Meeting

PURPOSE OF SECTION:

*To review the outcomes of the October Senior Managers Meeting, including the implications for the 2025 Work Plan and the formulation of the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan. **[Annex I]***

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- During the Senior Managers Meeting in October 2024, Board Members shared their organization challenges, obstacles, and priority areas to help shape the Platform's future directions. The **significant issues** driving the Board agencies over the next two years include access to finance and innovative financial mechanisms, climate change, budget constraints, nutrition, and fragility.
- The **areas of innovation** driving Board agencies' food systems, agricultural and rural development response over the next two years include Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digitalization; private sector engagement; finance; investment prioritization; and regional collaboration, with an emphasis on Africa.
- **Concerns and obstacles** impacting Members' work include reduced budgets and shifting approaches in rural development; the increasingly complex geopolitical environment and eroding multilateralism; unpredictable programmatic priorities, influenced by election cycles and shifting governmental agendas, which creates volatility in funding and priority-setting. Additionally, members mentioned fragmentation between UN hubs in Rome, New York and Geneva, reflecting the need for coordination for greater impact.
- New prospective **priority areas**, to be regularly tested throughout 2025, identified among Board Members and Senior Managers include:
 - **New models of ODA and global financial architecture reform:** addressing limitations of the traditional ODA model and preparing for future models that may emerge.
 - **Digitalization and AI:** seizing the opportunities that AI presents for agri-food systems and donor data and reporting, as well as ensuring responsible governance of data and minimizing the rural-urban digital divide.
 - **Gender as cross-cutting issue:** incorporating gender-sensitive approaches across all programming and specifically addressing gender equality and

- women's empowerment.
- **Nutrition:** scaling investments across all workstreams, particularly through engagement at the 2025 N4G Summit.
- Additional areas include **the food/climate nexus**, agroecology, private sector engagement, and ecosystems for sustainable development.
- Board members provided feedback to the Platform in bilateral conversations throughout the year, emphasizing:
 - The value of the informal, non-politicized space for networking, including the potential to expand engagement with traditional and non-traditional donors in different formats, and an opportunity to better articulate the additionality of the GDPRD with respect to other initiatives.
 - The relevant thematic focus and strategic direction of the Platform, with potential to further engage on challenging but timely topics for respectful and additive exchange.
 - The successful format and content of the AGA, with opportunity to consider greater linkages with other important fora, such as the Committee on World Food Security.
 - The action-orientation of the Secretariat, cognizant of resource and capacity limitations.
- Given the priority areas highlighted by the Board, the Platform's **2025 work plan** will focus on three main areas:
 - 1) New models of ODA and financial architecture reform:** This core workstream will focus on harmonization, innovation, private investment in fragile contexts, and infrastructure ecosystems for transformation. It will build on the donor coordination workstream and thematic working group on blended finance to make timely preparations for upcoming high-level events (including the FfD4), develop a flagship product incorporating insights from the 2024 AGA, and align with requests to engage non-traditional donors.
 - 2) Digitalization and AI in food systems and decision-making:** This workstream would be elaborated through a series of webinars and dialogues around specific sub-themes, starting with practical, donor-centric solutions. Some discussions could tie into the SDG2 Roadmap Working Group, while others may be elevated to the Board as needed.
 - 3) Value for money in a shrinking funding environment:** Tying closely to the first theme, this theme would create spaces to address shrinking resources and heightened accountability.
- Additional ad hoc activities may be pursued, based on guidance from the Board, including exploratory internal conversations on more contentious and provocative topics, as appropriate.
- Development of the **new Strategic Plan 2026-2031** will begin in February 2025 to be approved for implementation in December 2025. The development will prioritize focus over breadth, tracking platform successes, expanding the pool of actors. **[Maurizio Navarra]**

Discussion and Q&A:

- The first and third themes on new models of ODA and value for money are closely related, and there is an opportunity to cluster them under a **single theme focusing on "doing more with fewer resources."** The Strategic Plan should discuss how to achieve value for money in a politically and financially constrained environment. The value-added of the GDPRD is in better coordination by learning from each other what works and what does not. The European Commission supports digitalization and AI as a main topic focusing on

transformation opportunities, barriers, trade-offs, and inequalities. A greater focus on the gender transformative agenda, alongside the thematic work on youth and land governance, should be included. Finally, the geopolitical agenda is highly charged. The GDPRD should engage with top think-tanks, such as IFPRI, to be more geopolitically analytical. **[European Commission]**

- Clustering value for money and new models of ODA, including focus on gender transformation, and geopolitical analysis are supported by the Gates Foundation.

[BMGF]

- The Secretariat will include the gender transformative agenda more holistically in its workstreams. **[Secretariat]**

- USAID finds the Senior Managers Meeting discussions to be well captured and is actively involved in the themes highlighted, including preparation for the N4G summit, exploring new models of ODA, and the opportunity to track successes. Will the SMM discussion to integrate international frameworks be addressed in the workplan? **[USAID]**
 - Integration with international frameworks will certainly be reflected in the 2025 Workplan. **[Secretariat]**
- Policies may change with the transition to a new administration in the US, but the sentiment that ODA takes an outsized precedence in conversations on financing will remain relevant to USAID. This may include discussions beyond Official Development Assistance (ODA) to consider how we can fill financing gaps by increasing access to all sources (public and private, domestic and international) . The GDPRD is an opportune forum to coordinate international messaging on this topic. **[USAID]**
- The Netherlands supports merging the first and third topics. What will the strategic topics be for the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan? To what extent will they mirror the 2025 Workplan, or diverge? Will they raise other topics raised in the SMM, such as private sector, geopolitics, and fragility? **[Netherlands]**
 - The Strategic Plan requires a longer horizon for the planning process. The themes are thus not yet confirmed, but many of the topics discussed currently will be reflected during development. **[Secretariat]**
- Ireland agrees to combining the topics on new models of ODA and value for money. There are active conversations on the “post-ODA” and “beyond aid” world, which Ireland is involved in alongside the UK, Germany, France, Belgium and the United States, drawing on conceptual insights from the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). Any work within the GDPRD to address this should connect with these ongoing initiatives. **[Ireland]**
- The emerging theme of discussions on post-ODA models and climate finance rests on an assumption of a large, untapped resource of money available to be unlocked. A large part of the solution is to make the conversations on ODA more palatable, holistic, and realistic to the realities of constrained finances. **[BMGF]**
- There is a convergence of issues relating to resilience, fragility, geopolitical complexity, and funding challenges. There is an opportunity to bring these into a common narrative, focused on addressing complex challenges within a turbulent and resource-constrained environment. **[Jim Woodhill]**

DECISION POINT:

- The Secretariat will develop the 2025 Work Plan in January, for approval by the Board during the first Board meeting of 2025.

5. Review of 2024 budget and preparation for 2025 proposal

PURPOSE OF SECTION:

The Secretariat presented the 2024 contributions and budget expenditures and the 2025 budget forecast. [Annex II]

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- All Board members' contributions for 2024 have been received, with the last contribution arriving a few weeks ago. The Secretariat encourages Board members, where possible, to consider multi-year funding agreements to reduce the management costs of the disbursement process.
- The total contributions for 2024 amounted to €629,000, including regular Board membership fees and additional contributions disbursed by the United States for thematic working groups. Total expenditure was €483,000, and the leftover funds will be allocated to the 2025 work program. The main expense categories include regular staff costs, consultancies, workstream expenses (including a one-time Board contribution of €30,000 for the establishment of the blended finance working group, the AGA, and communications).
- Membership fee requests for 2025 will be sent out in early January. **[Maurizio Navarra]**

Discussion and Q&A:

- The consultancy expense reads higher than expected. Is there any opportunity to leverage resources for purpose with respect to long term sustainability of the budget? Additionally, what communications resources can be funded in a target way to increase outreach? **[European Commission]**
 - Consultancy expenses in 2024 were approved by the Board in February 2024, and have been lower than in the forecast budget. They include Junior Consultant staff expenses, as well as the Senior Advisor, which together represent an invaluable contribution to the GDPRD and its outputs. Further details on the budget breakdown, as well as trends respective to previous years, will be provided at the February Board meeting. **[Secretariat]**
- The development priorities and approaches of Norway are closely aligned to the GDPRD. Is there an opportunity to tap into new membership in 2025, such as from Norway? **[European Commission]**
 - The GDPRD has reached out to several countries regarding proposed Board membership, including Norway, Sweden, Japan and Canada. The GDPRD hopes to welcome Canada to the Board in due course. **[Secretariat]**

DECISION POINT:

- The Secretariat will prepare the 2025 budget for approval at the first Board meeting of 2025 in February.

6. Preparations for first 2025 Board meeting

PURPOSE OF SECTION:

The Secretariat and Co-Chairs laid the foundations for the first Board meeting of 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The Secretariat proposes to hold the next Board Meeting as an **in-person meeting on 11 February 2025** at IFAD Headquarters in Rome, Italy, alongside the IFAD Governing Council (12–13 February).

- This may provide opportunity for further interaction with the Canadian G7 Presidency to deepen the alignment between the GDPRD and the G7 in 2025. **[Italy, Switzerland, Secretariat]**

Discussion and Q&A:

- A hybrid option is appreciated given challenges in budgeting for travel during the beginning of the fiscal year, though an in-person meeting is supported. **[USAID]**

DECISION POINT:

- An in-person meeting with hybrid provisions is approved on a no-objections basis.
- The Secretariat will share a calendar invitation for a hybrid Board meeting on **11 February 2025**.

7. AOB and Closing

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- An invitation to the February 2025 Board meeting will be sent in due course. Board members are kindly asked to confirm their participation and format at their earliest convenience.



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Lessons from the 2024 Senior Managers Meeting

BOARD MEETING

17 December 2024

During the Senior Managers Meeting in October 2024, we asked you to share your **challenges** and **obstacles** and pinpoint **priority areas** to help shape our future directions.

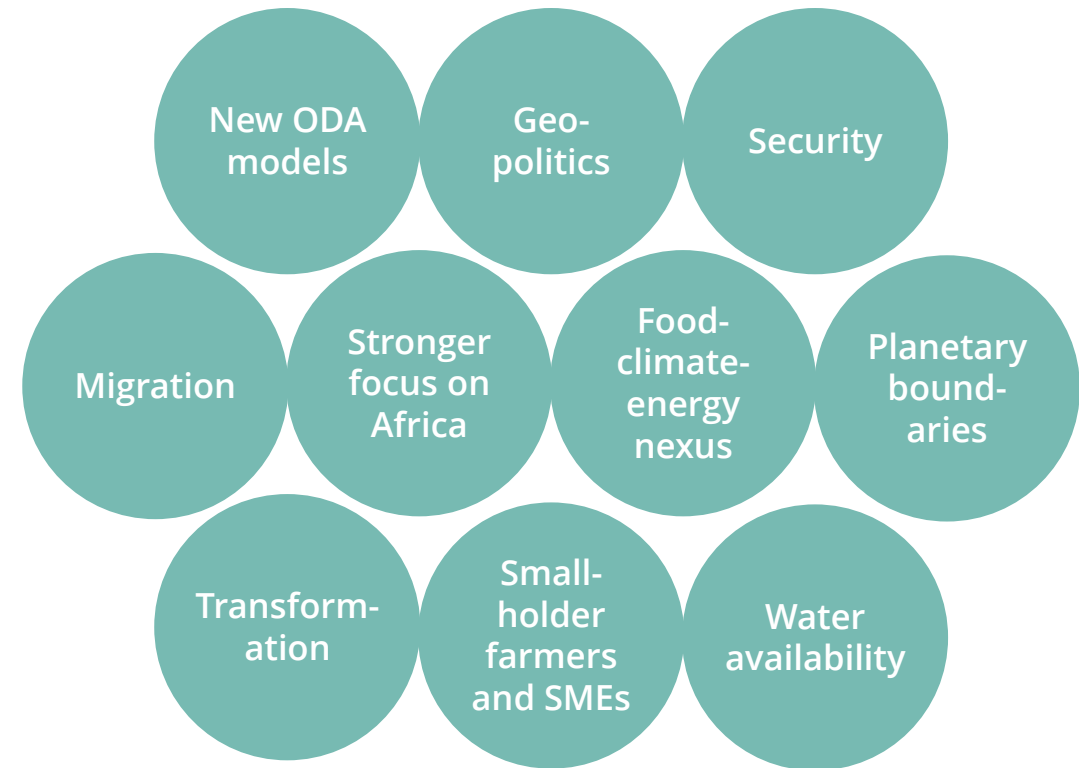
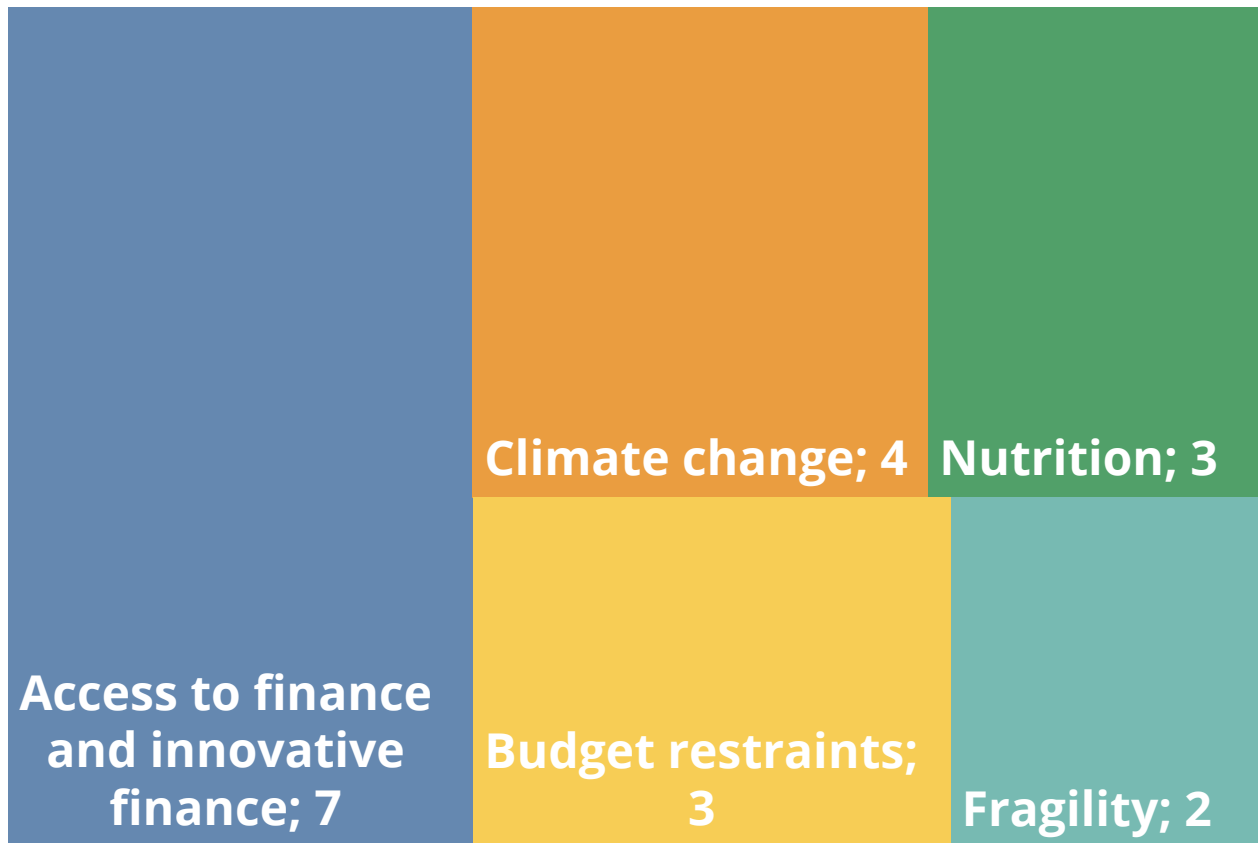
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Here is what you told us

Most significant issues driving directions of your agencies over the next two years



Here is what you told us

Areas of innovation driving your agencies' FS/ARD response over the next two years

Artificial Intelligence & Digitalization		Private sector engagement
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And what you see as priority areas

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Private
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sustainable
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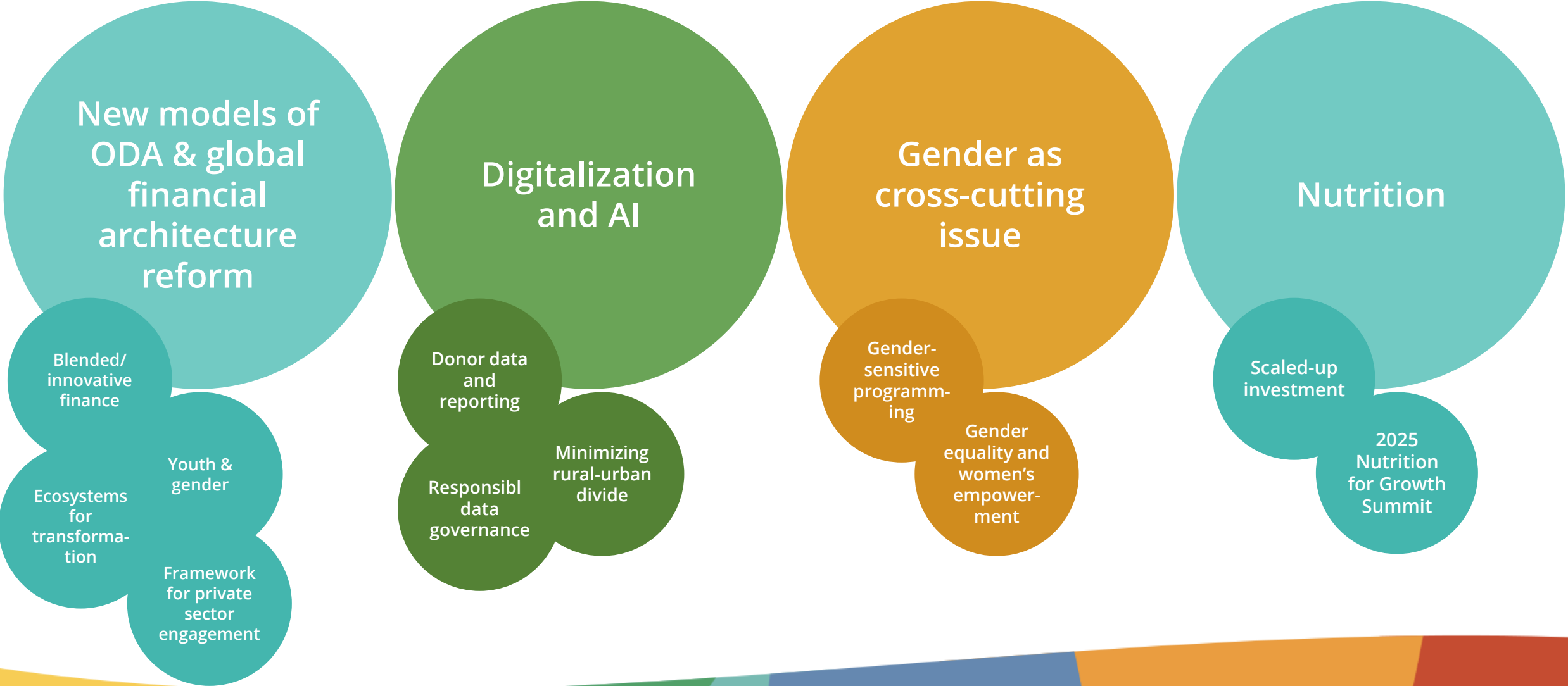
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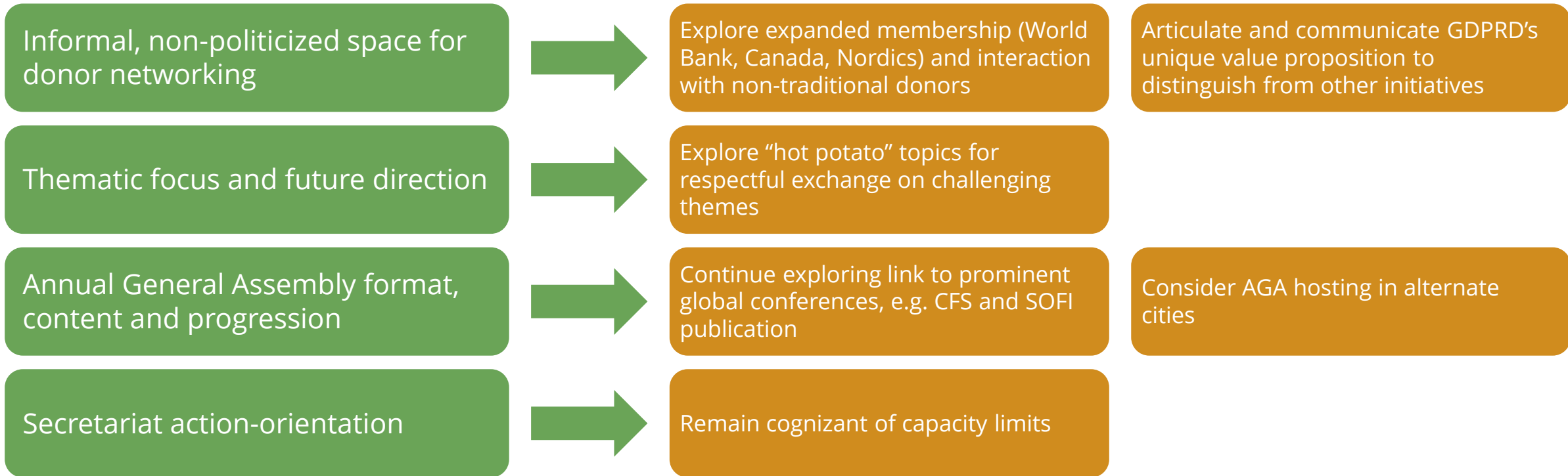


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Feedback from GDPRD Board Members.

From bilateral conversations in early 2024.



How the GDPRD can contribute.

Here's how, according to what you told us.

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Few additional points



Focus over breadth

Streamlining Platform work for a balanced, targeted portfolio that achieves depth of impact over breadth and finding synergies between workstreams and working groups for efficiency.



Tracking platform successes

Understanding which types of products and initiatives from the 2021-25 Strategic Plan have carried the most value.



Expanding the pool of actors

From the EU and increasing engagement with emerging donors to foster diversified discussions

Foundations for our 2025 work plan.

1

New models of ODA and reform of the financial architecture

Building on the donor coordination workstream and thematic working group on blended finance to make **timely preparations for the upcoming FfD Conference in Spain** and align with requests to engage non-traditional donors.

Proposed as a core workstream focused on **harmonization, innovation, private investment in fragile contexts**, and **infrastructure ecosystems** for transformation, this will engage with high-level events, informal discussions, and the development of a flagship product leveraging insights from the 2024 AGA and feeding into the FfD discussions.

2

Digitalization and AI in food systems and decision-making

3

Value for money in a shrinking funding environment

Foundations for our 2025 work plan.

1 New models of ODA and reform of the financial architecture

2 Digitalization and AI in food systems and decision-making

An area where the donor community can demonstrate **real leadership**.

The topic is **evolving** but **critical** to **maintain an edge** in a constantly shifting space.

This workstream would be elaborated through a series of webinars and dialogues around specific sub-themes, starting with **practical, donor-centric solutions**. Some discussions could tie into the SDG2 Roadmap Working Group, while others may be elevated to the Board as needed.

3 Value for money in a shrinking funding environment

Foundations for our 2025 work plan.

1 New models of ODA and reform of the financial architecture

2 Digitalization and AI in food systems and decision-making

3 Value for money in a shrinking funding environment

Tying closely to Theme 1 “Reflections on a post-ODA world”, this theme would also create spaces to **address shrinking resources** and **heightened accountability**.

Though not as substantial as other topics, this is still vital for discussion at the Board level. This theme would be elaborated as a **focal point for dialogue across donors**, rather than a standalone workstream.

Timeline for Workplan and Strategic Plan





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Budget Status Report

As of 09 December 2024

Includes:

1. 2024 contributions (as of 09 December 2024)
2. 2024 Budget Utilization

1. 2024 contributions

As of 09 December 2024

Donor	Institution	Gross contribution received	Net contribution received (net of mgmt. fee)	Notes
European Union	European Commission	€ 50 000	€ 46 500	Fully disbursed (Letter of agreement covers 2021-2024)
Finland	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	€ 50 000	€ 46 000	2nd payment disbursed (Letter of Agreement covers 2023-2025)
France	Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs	€ 50 000	€ 46 000	Fully disbursed (Annual Letter of Agreement)
Gates Foundation	-	€ 50 930	€ 46 856	Fully disbursed (Letter of Agreement covers 2023-2024)
Germany	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)	€ 55 313	€ 49 387	Fully disbursed – managed by GIZ (mandated by BMZ) on an annual basis. Mgmt. fee 12%.
IFAD	Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization Division	€ 50 000	€ 50 000	Fully disbursed – Annual budget allocation (no management fees)
Italy	Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale	€ 50 000	€ 46 000	Grant received by IFAD, pending official note verbale for resource allocation.
Ireland	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	€ 50 000	€ 46 000	Fully disbursed (Annual Letter of Agreement)
Netherlands	Ministry of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation	€ 50 000	€ 46 000	Fully disbursed (Annual Letter of Agreement)
Switzerland	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation	€ 50 000	€ 46 000	2 nd payment disbursed (Letter of Agreement covers 2023-2025)
United Kingdom	Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	€ 58 531	€ 53 848	Fully disbursed (Annual Letter of Agreement)
United States	United States Agency for International Development	€ 116 227	€ 106 929	Fully disbursed. (Letter of Agreement covers 2020-2024). Includes 1 year of membership fees (US\$ 55K), 1 year SDG2 Roadmap support (US\$ 50K), and 1 year GDWGL support (US\$ 25K).
Total contributions received		€ 681 001	€ 629 520	

2. 2024 Budget Utilization

Aggregated expenses by category, as of 09 December 2024

Category	Amount
Regular staff costs (includes interns)	€ 353 970
Consultancies and other expenses in support of workstreams	€ 170 941
AGA-related expenses	€ 18 551
Other event-related expenses	€ 2 826
Communications	€ 20 499
IT/Admin	€ 5 340
Staff and AGA guest travel	€ 11 232
Grand Total	€ 583 359