



# Thematic Working Group on Rural Youth Employment (TWG RYE)

## 2025 Work Plan



### Vision

Donors effectively catalyse change to create decent employment opportunities in rural areas, particularly in agri-food systems and emerging green sectors and to support the empowerment of youth.



### Mission

The TWG RYE provides a joint space to exchange and develop ideas, update and rally each other towards common outcomes.

## Functions of the TWG RYE

Strategic  
influencing

Knowledge  
sharing

Networking  
and convening

## Outcome areas

**1**

Improved alignment with and link to **international policy processes**, initiatives and platforms.

**2**

Increased (strategic) coherence and **coordination among donors** and development agencies, national and local institutions.

**3**

Evaluation and co-creation of **innovative approaches** how donors can boost decent rural youth employment across their operations.

**4**

Strategic engagement with and help to **empower rural youth** and youth organisations.

**5**

Joint engagement and **collaboration with other stakeholders** like the private sector, service providers, agripreneur organisations, etc.

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ID	OUTCOME AREA	OUTPUTS	ACTIVITIES	INDICATORS	TARGETS
1	Improved alignment with and link to <b>international policy processes</b> , initiatives, and platforms	<b>1.1 Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda</b>	Follow the development of the Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda and ensure rural youth perspectives are incorporated	Agenda point during TWG RYE meetings	TWG consulted by AUC
		<b>1.2 UNFSS process follow-up</b>	Regular exchange of TWG RYE members on developments following the UNFSS/+4 (e.g. follow-up with AU/NEPAD)	Agenda point during TWG RYE meetings	TWG informed about process (MoM)
			Continue exchange with the <i>UNFSS Coordination Hub</i> and the <a href="#">Decent Work for Equitable Food Systems Coalition</a>	Agenda point during TWG RYE meetings	Internal documentation (MoM)
		<b>1.3 CFS</b>	Regular exchange on the implementation of the <i>CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition</i>	Agenda point during TWG RYE meetings	TWG informed about connections to current CFS workstreams
2	Increased (strategic) coherence and <b>coordination among donors</b> and development agencies, national and local institutions	<b>2.1. Regular TWG RYE meetings</b>	Members exchange during regular TWG RYE meetings with in-depth inputs and tour-de-table  Possible topics for in-depth input topics: <i>Financing for food system transformation (blended finance); “resilient jobs” which go beyond climate resilience to various shocks; the role of youth in global food supply chains (e.g., coffee, cocoa), focusing on production, employment and entrepreneurship potential; rural young women not in employment, education, or training (NEET), and consideration for young people in rural areas with disabilities and younger age brackets (i.e., 15-17 years).</i>	TWG RYE meetings take place every 8-12 weeks	At least 4 TWG RYE meetings per year
		<b>2.2 TWG RYE session at the AGA 2025</b>	Development of concept and organization of RYE session during the AGA 2025	RYE session organized	1 AGA session

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		2.3 Contribution to <b>GDPRD workstreams</b>	(Co-chair) engagement in the GDPRD workstreams	Workstream contributions & review	Workstream materials include TWG RYE contributions
		2.4 <b>TWG RYE members</b>	Develop a short strategy for Pro-actively reaching out to donors, development and youth organizations etc. to increase and maintain the TWG RYE members base	Strategy for RYE member engagement expansion Engagement in TWG	At least 2 New/reactivated members
3	Evaluation and co-creation of <b>innovative approaches</b> how donors can boost decent rural youth employment across their operations	3.1. TWG RYE <b>webinar (expert talk)</b> series	TWG members jointly organize webinars on current issues and major trends (to be proposed and prepared by members)  Possible topics: (topics from in-depth above can be developed into a webinar)	Webinar/expert talk organized	At least 1 event
		3.2. Expanding the <b>RYE "knowledge hub"</b>	Collection of relevant documents to expand the TWG RYE "knowledge hub" on the GDPRD website	Documents added to the RYE knowledge hub	Up-to-date RYE knowledge hub
4	Strategic engagement with and <b>empowerment of rural youth</b> and youth organisations	4.1 Promote <b>meaningful youth participation</b> (Crosscutting)	Actively promote meaningful youth participation in RYE dialogue and ensure youth representation in all TWG RYE events	Youth participation in all TWG events	Youth are represented
		4.2 <b>Liaise with and support youth</b> organizations, youth business networks, etc.	Update mapping (2021) of youth organizations that members are affiliated with (ongoing).	Overview of youth organizations available	1 internal overview
5	Joint engagement and <b>collaboration with other stakeholders</b> like the private sector, service providers, agripreneur organizations, etc.	5.1 Exchange with <b>other thematic platforms &amp; networks</b>	Reaching out to other platforms and private sector actors (e.g., S4YE, DJ4Y, Youth Foresight, private sector/business associations, etc.) for in-depth presentations or webinars, or as regular members of the TWG RYE.	Exchange with/inputs by other actors	2 to 3 new guests