

Thematic Working Group on Rural Youth Employment (TWG RYE)

2025 Work Plan



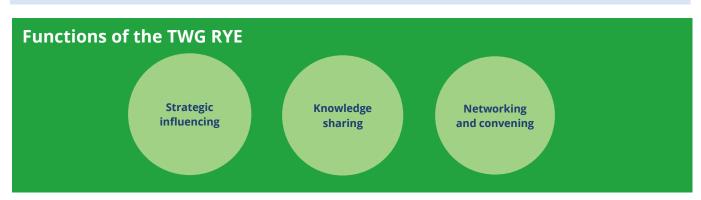
Vision

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.







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| 1 | Improved alignment with and link to international policy processes, initiatives, and platforms | 1.1 Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda | 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 |
| | | 1.2 UNFSS process follow-up | 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 UNFSS Coordination Hub and the <u>Decent Work for Equitable Food Systems Coalition</u> | Agenda point during TWG RYE meetings | Internal documentation (MoM) |
| | | 1.3 CFS | Regular exchange on the implementation of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition | Agenda point during TWG RYE meetings | TWG informed about connections to current CFS workstreams |
| 2 | Increased (strategic) coherence and coordination among donors and development agencies, national and local institutions | 2.1. Regular TWG RYE meetings | Members exchange during regular TWG RYE meetings with in-depth inputs and tour-de-table Possible topics for in-depth input topics: 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). | TWG RYE meetings take place every 8-12 weeks | At least 4 TWG RYE meetings per year |
| | | 2.2 TWG RYE session at the AGA 2025 | 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 GDPRD workstreams | (Co-chair) engagement in the GDPRD workstreams | Workstream contributions & review | Workstream materials include TWG RYE contributions |
| | | 2.4 TWG RYE members | 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 innovative approaches how donors can boost decent rural youth employment across their operations | 3.1. TWG RYE webinar (expert talk) 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 | Webinar/expert talk organized | At least 1 event |
| | | 3.2. Expanding the RYE "knowledge hub" | developed into a webinar) 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 empowerment of rural youth and youth organisations | 4.1 Promote meaningful youth participation (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 Liaise with and support youth 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 collaboration with other stakeholders like the private sector, service providers, agripreneur organizations, etc. | 5.1 Exchange with other thematic platforms & networks | 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 |