Global Donor Platform for Rural Development - GDPRD

Knowledge sharing, networking and advocacy to improve decision-making and implementation of ARD policies which boost growth and help reducing food insecurity

The GDPRD is a network of 38 organisations in which members share knowledge and provide guidance to decision-makers for the promotion of inclusive and sustainable agriculture and rural development.

“... The GDPRD is a unique space in which donors define joint positions on diverse agricultural and rural development issues. For example, in 2015, donors managed to secure a land tenure indicator under the SDG-Sustainable Development Goal 1 (reducing poverty). This happened at a point where this indicator, which is essential to measure poverty reduction, was about to be removed from the SDG framework.”

DR. REINHILD ERNST, GDPRD
Secretariat coordinator

Context

Agriculture is a major source of economic growth and the principal livelihood for most rural people. Agriculture sector however has suffered from decades of under-investment by governments and donors, due to weak national policies and, often, to poorly designed development programmes. Despite efforts to better coordinate aid for ARD, donors’ assistance remains fragmented and it is challenged by an agricultural sector which is dominated by private stakeholders. Donors need to improve their commitment to address the coherence of policies which influence ARD and to deliver more effective aid.

Objectives

- The platform aims to enhance development results in terms of inclusive agricultural growth and rural livelihoods by supporting the promotion of more effective policies and programmes in Agriculture, Rural Development and Food security – ARD & FS, i.e., actions that respond to the real needs of the rural poor and realize the highest benefit for most of them.
- The platform particularly encourages development effectiveness (DE) of ARD&FS actions by working to a) increase the knowledge of Platform members on ARD policy, design, technical and DE issues, b) enhance the capacity of platforms’ members to deliver better guidance to governments on ARD & FS interventions, c) boost the collaboration among member agencies in order to increase their ability to influence decision-making in the ARD sector at all levels.
- Practically, the GDPRD facilitates international debates on controversial and topical ARD & FS issues, promotes joint voice of donors in relevant global events, and fosters analysis and reflection on good practices in the ARD sector. It also facilitates existing and/or new partnerships in order to raise awareness in the global North and South on the challenges, opportunities and benefits of agriculture and rural development.

Impact

- Six well-established working groups on land governance, inclusive agribusiness and trade, Agenda 2030 and rural transformation, gender, the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and climate-smart agriculture.
- Land Governance Programme Map (https://landgov.donorplatform.org/),
The development of rural areas will be the key to achieving the Agenda 2030 targets under goals 1 “no poverty” and 2 “no hunger”.

Moreover, ARD can also contribute to the achievement of goal 5 “gender equality”, goal 8 “decent work and economic growth”, goal 10 “reduced inequalities”, goal 11 “sustainable cities and communities” and goal 15 “life on land”.

In the last five years, the GDPRD (co-)organised 38 meetings and side events at international conferences addressing issues on Agenda 2030 and aid effectiveness, climate-resilient agriculture, land governance, gender, nutrition, inclusive agribusiness & trade and others.

In the last five years, the GDPRD also commissioned and prepared 23 studies and policy briefs analysing trends in the ARD sector, its role in the Agenda 2030, good practices and technologies to foster global land governance, the alignment of ARD and trade policies, etc.

In 2015, the Global Donor Working Group on Land successfully advocated a land tenure indicator within Goal 1 of the SDGs. The indicator takes into account not only legal access to land, but also the perception of people that their tenure rights are secured.

In 2016, The G7 praised the convening role of the Global Donor Platform to help promote aligned actions and coherence in the implementation of the G7 Vision for Action on Food Security and Nutrition (Ise-Shima Summit).

Total Cost:
1500000.00 €

Partners:
- German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- International Fund for Agricultural Development
- UN Food and Agriculture Organisation
- World Bank
- World Trade Organisation
- See full list of partners

Duration:
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How the Platform supports donors with knowledge, networking and policy alignment

**Marjaana Pekkola**, Senior Advisor, Rural Development Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland

"I come from a rather small agency and I have a very small team dealing with agriculture and rural development issues. The Global Donor Platform has allowed me in the last four years to meet other donor colleagues faced with similar challenges, as well as to discuss opportunities to collaborate and to learn about trends in investments by other donors - large or small. For example, in Platform meetings I have met key people that have helped us frame Finland's interventions on land governance and gender. As a member of this network, I can get quick information - such as how other donors do their monitoring and evaluation of agricultural projects - which help me improve procedures in my own agency. The GDPRD has also allowed us donors to align our positions on global matters, such as the understanding that we now have to go beyond SDG 2 (on fighting hunger) and address issues such as economic growth and youth employment in order to deliver on a food secure world by 2030."