

**GODAN Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
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**Agenda Overview**

- 1- Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Agenda: Jaime Adams, Chair, 10 minutes
- 2- Brief History and Overview of GODAN and the GODAN Secretariat, 10 minutes
- 3- GODAN Donor Steering Committee Update, 15 minutes
- 4- 2018 and 2019 GODAN Secretariat Goals, 10 minutes
- 5- GODAN Future: Andre Laperriere, 20 minutes
- 6- Discussion
- 7- Conclusion and next steps

**Summary of Key Decisions:**

1. GODAN: the Road Ahead event will take place in July on the future of GODAN.
2. Secretariat is given mandate to secure a date and venue for GODAN July Event.
3. Donors approve of GODAN's use of 2018-2019 funds for transition period in 2019.
4. Donors all express an interest in participating in July event.
5. Short M & E document will be created for July event on GODAN's impact.
6. Andre will create summary of comments by donors on his GODAN 2.0 position paper.

**Agenda Items 2: Brief History and Overview of GODAN and the GODAN Secretariat**

Donors attending the July event should have/develop the same understanding of the History of GODAN with its pending deadline end of 2019.

Shall GODAN Partners agree to an extension/new cycle beyond 2019, there may be a need to review/adjust the Statement of Purpose (SOP) in light of evolution that occurred in the past 5 years. It was noted that any change of the SOP would come with challenges, as changes may result in a change of GODAN mission significant enough require current partners to reconfirm their interest to continue as a partner.

**Agenda Item 3: GODAN Donor Steering Committee Update**

Framing the purpose of the coming July Donor(s) meeting, a call was made to current donors to consider committing to support beyond 2019.

Germany now ready to proceed for the selection of the GODAN Data rights secondee.

Table of Donor Contributions to GODAN Secretariat accepted by Steering Committee.

There is an outstanding contribution due from Kenya. Delayed due to recent political changes. Kenya is looking to join Steering Committee meeting in July.

Future potential funding from new donors – including UAE and Argentina.

**Agenda Item 4: 2018 and 2019 GODAN Secretariat Goals**

Comprehensive evaluation of GODAN's impact will take place at the end of the year; meanwhile an interim report will be prepared for the July Donor meeting.

M & E should examine: What GODAN has done, both what has it done well and potentially what it has done less well (Seb Mhatre). These conclusions to be part of the above mid and end year reports.

**Agenda Item 5: GODAN Future**

GODAN event to be held in July will focus on what GODAN has accomplished to date as well as a look to the future. (how to best adjust its contribution to a next phase). The event will be open to all GODAN partners; potential partners/donors will be invited to join in order to attend the meeting.
The event will be communicated through a campaign to all GODAN partners. Already all SC members are invited to start spreading the news through their respective networks (inviting key potential donors to block the date on their agenda)
The Secretariat is working to secure a venue for the event in London, end of July.
GODAN Action inputs should be brought into the July meeting (Chris Addison).
CTA interested in shaping the GODAN agenda during the transition period.
CTA would not be able to give funds for work outside of GODAN contract (support of travel / events in and with ACP participants), a contract which currently ends in 2018.
The July meeting will be a good place to discuss what GODAN has achieved and what barriers and challenges it has encountered vis-a-vis its initial mandate.
GODAN Action is earmarked for support by DFID beyond its current 2019 GODAN Secretariat funding. GODAN Action is funded by DFID directly to Wageningen University and while the Secretariat staff supports, no funding is received by the Secretariat for this activity.
FAO - sees importance of GODAN link with statistics division on a policy level.
All Donors represented at the meeting agree to participate in July Meeting.

<b>Agenda Items 6: Andre Laperriere - GODAN Future</b>
General agreement from donors on ideas expressed in GODAN 2.0. Milestones for 2018 as published on the GODAN website agreed by SC which incorporates elements of this piece.
Focus on robust M&E needed in remainder of 2018 to examine impact of GODAN and to provide guidance on what GODAN should be in the future.
Importance of getting new donors within the Steering Committee as well as further emphasis to attract under-represented sectors e.g. private sector.
Proposals or comments from Donors/Partners on hosting modalities for GODAN and the Secretariat beyond 2019 would be well received and should/could be part of the discussions in the July Donor meeting.
Agreement on a role for a possible treaty on open data spearheaded by GODAN with support from partners could be a long term ambition should the initiative continue. FAO's technical expertise in this field was acknowledged.

The next phase/July offer should frame GODAN in the broader context with other initiatives in this landscape, linking to SDGs, new business models for private sector

On this the meeting was adjourned.