



GODAN Governance Mechanisms

**An overview of the GODAN Secretariat
and the GODAN Donor Steering Committee**

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Initially drafted in January 2016
and updated in December 2016,
GODAN Governance Guidance
establishes the Steering
Committee and Secretariat as
key governance mechanisms of
the initiative.



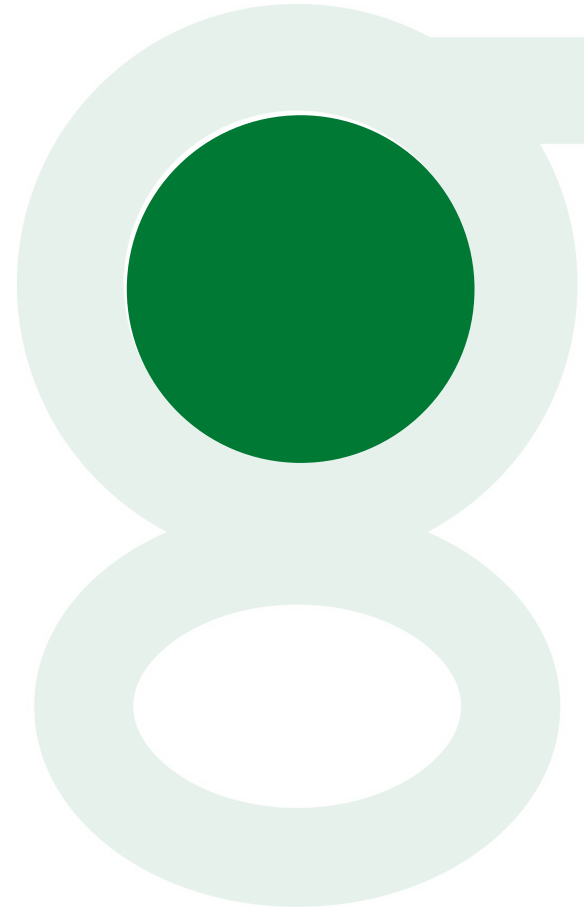
GODAN Donor Steering Committee (SC)

Established: January 2016

Purpose: To provide strategic oversight and guidance to GODAN's development.

Meetings: Meets at least twice a year
[Meeting minutes](#)

Composition: ongoing GODAN donors and Secretariat Executive Director, participation is voluntary and pro bono.



2018 GODAN Donor Steering Committee





Current Donor Contributions

1. United Kingdom, £2.5m over 5 years (2014-2018).
2. United States, \$4 million over 5 years (2015-2019).
3. Netherlands, one full-time expert with possible additional cash contributions.
4. UN FAO, secondment half-time expert and technical support.
5. Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR), secondment 2/3 senior professional officer.
6. CABI, £75,000 per year to host the GODAN Secretariat and/or in-kind.
7. CTA, 50,000 euro per year to support travel to events by its member countries.
8. Germany, 1 full-time researcher.
9. China, 1 full-time researcher.
10. Mexico, 1 part-time researcher.





Evolution of the GODAN Donor Steering Committee

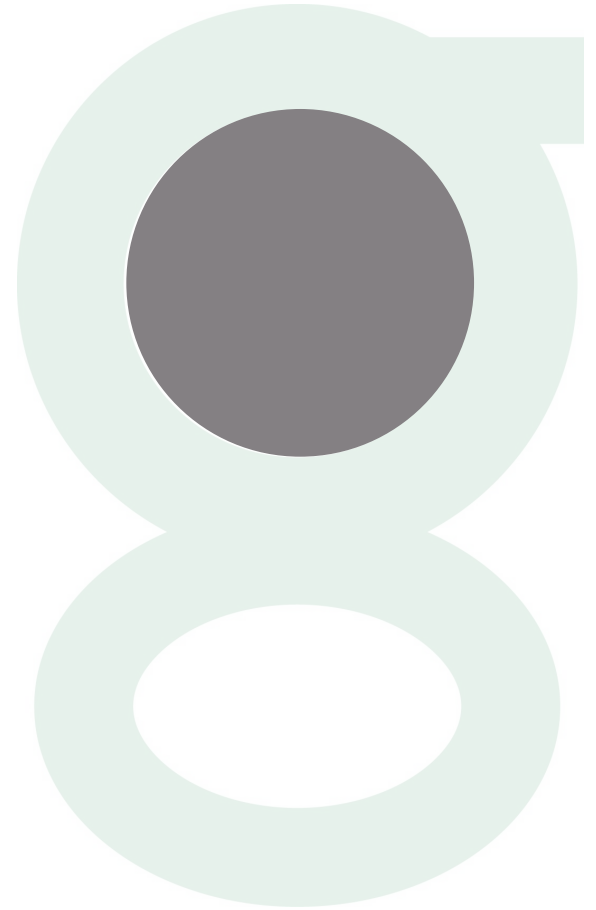
- Concurrence reached to evolve the existing structure to reflect the transition/transformation of GODAN.
- Expand representation to effectively represent the GODAN initiative and its members.
 - Currently only donors participate, in the future seats will be reserved for non-donors.
- Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the structure to ensure full operational transparency.
- May consider name change to more accurately reflect roles and responsibilities.
- Estimated completion: December 2018



GODAN Secretariat

Established: 2014, CABI selected as host and operational in 2015 Q3.

Purpose: To promote and advocate, and share best practice, rather than to manage implementation programmes per se; it acts to stimulate open data initiatives across the world and within the network in particular.



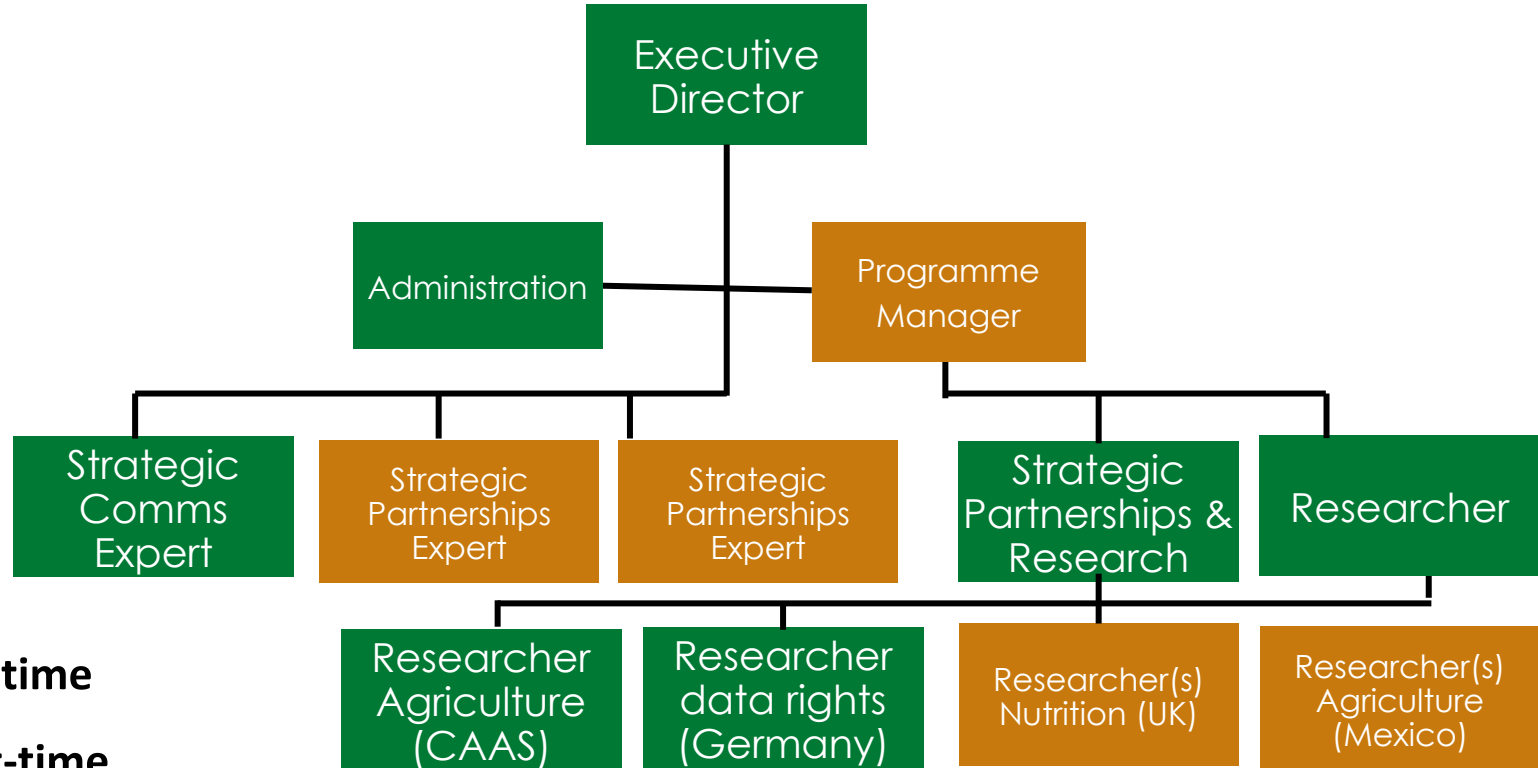


....as host of Secretariat

- assists both in Secretariat setup as well as in its subsequent day-to-day operations
- provides administrative, logistical and technical support, performance monitoring and financial management
- appoints and oversees the Executive Director, who carries out day-to-day management of the Secretariat personnel towards the implementation of the overall priorities set by the SC



2018 Secretariat Organization



 **Full-time**
 **Part-time**



Secretariat Responsibilities

Reporting

on activities including the implementation of agreed workplan and milestones, and use of its financial and other resources

Facilitating

the participation of GODAN partners in various fora in fields consistent with its Statement of Purpose

Managing

GODAN resources towards optimal implementation of the priorities set by the SC

Contributing

to the dissemination of GODAN goals through various means of communication such as public events, the use of social media, GODAN website and direct participation in various fora

Assisting

Partners in the creation and functioning of GODAN working groups and other collaborative initiatives to convene, equip and empower the network





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