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).
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
Secretariat Responsibilities

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

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

- **Managing**
  - Managing GODAN resources towards optimal implementation of the priorities set by the SC

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