



## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

We welcome new members to the [Leadership Council](#):

- **Matia Chowdhury**, Minister of Agriculture, People's Republic of Bangladesh
- **Ibrahim Assane Mayaki**, Chief Executive Officer, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
- **Lillianne Ploumen**, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, the Netherlands

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS IN FOCAL COUNTRIES

Preparations for roundtable discussions in [focal countries](#) are now well underway, and are scheduled for:

- Kigali, Rwanda: March 24
- Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: March 28
- Dhaka, Bangladesh: May (tbc)
- Lilongwe, Malawi: May (tbc)

The roundtables will bring together key stakeholders and sectors in each country to identify the critical challenges in accelerating progress to end hunger and undernutrition, and establish an action plan for how to address them.

## KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION HUB

We have added an [inventory](#) of related global initiatives working to ensure food security and nutrition to the Compact2025 [Knowledge and Innovation Hub](#). We invite your contributions. The inventory is a first step to providing innovation, communications, synthesis, data, tracking, and monitoring for countries and initiatives to accelerate progress.

## DAVOS SIDE EVENT

At the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, IFPRI hosted a side event focusing on how Compact2025 can help to fill the data, knowledge, and information gaps on achieving the SDGs, particularly Goal 2 on ending hunger and malnutrition. Participants included Leadership Council members Ertharin Cousin, Jai Shroff, and Shenggen Fan.

Among several key points were the call for greater inclusivity of business, NGOs, and farmers to collect data and design programs, and a stronger focus on effective communications.

## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Efforts are underway to mobilize resources for Compact2025. Suggestions for opportunities to fund Compact2025 activities are welcome.



*Participants at the Davos side event on Compact2025*

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