



Agrinatura Newsletter 02/09/2024



Dear Agrinatura members, partners, and colleagues:

I hope you had a wonderful and refreshing summer!

As we ease back into our routine, I'm delighted to bring you the latest edition of our Agrinatura newsletter. Inside, you'll find updates on our recent activities, upcoming events, and much more.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to our continued collaboration and a productive season ahead.

Best regards

Dr Mabel Hernandez-Altamirano

Agrinatura Announcement

Spotlight on Leadership: Agrinatura's Participation at the RUFORUM Triennial Conference

We are excited to share highlights from the recent participation of our president, Stephen Onakuse, and vice president Ioannis Dimitriou at the Second RUFORUM Triennial Conference, held from 12th to 16th August 2024 in Windhoek, Namibia. The conference, themed "Operationalising Higher Agricultural Education and Research Ecosystems for Innovation, Industrialisation, and Economic Development in Africa: A Call for Action," brought together key stakeholders in agricultural education and research across Africa. Stephen Onakuse's contributions and insights at this event reflect Agrinatura's ongoing commitment to advancing agricultural innovation and development.

For a detailed report on his participation and the outcomes of the conference, please read the full article [HERE](#).



Release of Agrinatura's New Strategy 2030!

This is a new plan developed with contributions from a diverse team and key stakeholders, focusing on four core goals rooted in Agrinatura's values. The plan emphasises agility, collaboration, and a commitment to research excellence in Agricultural Research for Development. It serves as a dynamic framework to guide decision-making, foster innovation, and promote sustainable agri-food systems for future generations.

To get access to the full document click [HERE](#)

Calls

SASI-SPI is establishing its Advisory Committee (AC) to provide advice and recommendations on the initiative's orientations, results, and strategic issues. The AC will include representatives from AGRINATURA, FAO, EC, and external members. INTPA will approve the AC's composition and names at the project's start. The AC will meet twice yearly, primarily online, with one or two face-to-face meetings. Meetings will be chaired by INTPA and facilitated by SASI-SPI's Management Unit.

DG INTPA suggests the AC consists of two groups:

1. Representatives of participating organisations (AN, FAO, F3).
2. External non-participants, primarily experts from Agrinatura and FAO.

We request suggestions for 3-4 experts from your scientific staff relevant to SASI-SPI themes, including their CVs or a webpage. Please send the names and short descriptions of their expertise to **Ioannis Dimitriou (Jannis.Dimitriou@slu.se)** and **Anita Rahova (anita.rahova@agrinatura-eu.eu)** by **September 4th**.

VCA4D launches a call for experts for the set-up of a core group of experts on AFA and the creation of training material.

A maximum of 6 experts will be selected among economists who have already worked on VCA4D and proved interest and understanding of the AFA software. The experts will deepen their proficiency in AFA and revise and complete the guidelines on the use of AFA and the existing training materials (slides, case studies). In case needed, the group of experts will help develop new training support (e.g. tutorial videos).

The period for the work is **September 2024 – February 2025**.

Please send the CVs of candidates to **laura.felisatti@agrinatura-eu.eu**, by **05/09/2024**, CoB, at the latest.

More details [HERE](#)

Research Proposals on "Agroecological Innovations for Territorial Markets" Funded by the German Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

Short proposals can be submitted until **30 September 2024**.

Funding is available only for consortia consisting of at least one German research institution and at least one research institution from Sub-Saharan Africa and/or South and/or Southeast Asia.

For more details please click [HERE](#)

Tropical Summit

The Summit is a key event for stakeholders from academia, business, and government to discuss and showcase research, innovations, and best practices related to our regions. It aims to foster dialogue and co-create solutions aligned with the 2030 Agenda.

Organised by the Tropical College of the University of Lisbon and FARA, with the support of Camões I.P. and under the High Patronage of the President of Portugal, **the Summit will be held at the Lisbon Congress Centre from 4 to 8 November 2024.**

Discover how to participate and register [HERE](#)

Open call to nominate scientists for membership of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors to the European Commission

The group delivers high-quality, prompt, and independent scientific advice to the College of European Commissioners on a wide range of topics, including key policy issues identified by the European Parliament and the Council.

Public European research and scientific organizations are invited to nominate leading scientists who meet the criteria outlined in the call for nominations.

You can check the full call [HERE](#)

Request For Expression Of Interest (EOI) To Undertake A Comprehensive Study On Agroecological Produce Cross-Border Trade In The East African Community (EAC).

Eligible consultants (Firm/Individual) are invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake this work. Technical and financial tender documents should be sent by email to afsa@afsafrica.org by 5:00 pm (East Africa Time) on **(23rd September 2024)**. The email should indicate 'AFSA-Comprehensive study on agroecological produce cross border trade in the EAC' in the subject line.

More information and ToR [HERE](#)

Global Symposium on Soil Information and Data Hybrid event, September 25-28, 2024, Nanjing, China.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, its Global Soil Partnership (GSP), and the Institute of Soil Science of the Chinese Academy of Science (ISSCAS) invite you to the Global Symposium on Soil and Data. This science-policy symposium, bringing together worldwide experts, will explore the important role of comparable and reliable soil data and information in addressing global challenges such as food security, climate change, and sustainable soil management.

REGISTRATION [HERE](#)

African Indigenous Seed & Food Fair 2024 - Sep 25 - 27, Arusha, Tanzania.

This event will build on nearly three decades of PELUM's work promoting indigenous food and seed in Eastern and Southern Africa. The festival, themed "Discover the Treasures of African Indigenous Seed and Food," will gather over 500 participants, including small-scale farmers, the private sector, chefs, and regional policymakers, to share knowledge and advocate for the value of indigenous seeds and food in transforming African food systems. The event will also feature a policy dialogue aimed at recognizing the Farmer Managed Seed System.

For details on participation, please click [HERE](#)

REVIVING FORGOTTEN FOODS FOR ENHANCED NUTRITION AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE: Call for Expression of Interest

GFAiR, hosted by CGIAR/ABC, is seeking to engage GFAiR members, partners, and other interested stakeholders to form a [Collective Action](#) on Reviving Forgotten Foods for Enhanced Nutrition and Climate Resilience.

Submission of proposals: **before the 15th of September 2024 at gfair.secretariat@gfair.network.**

More details [HERE](#)

Vacancies/fellowships/advertisements



**UNIVERSITY OF
HOHENHEIM**

Organisation/Funding

Institution: University of Hohenheim

Location: Stuttgart, Germany

Deadlines: 15 Sept 2024

Postdoctoral researcher (TV-L 13, 80-100%, 6 years) - BRIGHT-

Futures: Bright Spots in Agriculture

[More information HERE](#)



Vacancy: **Deputy Project Lead for the USAID-funded Southern Africa Accelerated**

Innovative Delivery -Initiative (AID-I) Hub implemented by the CIMMYT. This position will be based in Lusaka Zambia but may involve frequent in-country and international travel. **Deadline 5th September.**

[More information HERE](#)



Vacancy: **Director of the Global Wheat Program.**

Full time

Texcoco, State of Mexico, Mexico

Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply

before **October 16th, 2024.**

[More information HERE](#)

Webinars

CGIAR Seminar Series: Agronomy and Policy Solutions for Effective Implementation of the African Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan

Co-organised by IFPRI, CGIAR, Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and Africa Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ANAPRI)

Virtual Event

September 10, 2024

9:30 – 11:30 am (EDT)

3:30 – 5:30 pm (CEST)

4:30 – 6:30 pm (EAT)

Register [HERE](#)

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Webinars and events in September, more information [HERE](#)

Access Agriculture

Access Agriculture is an online platform dedicated to sharing agricultural knowledge and practices to enhance rural livelihoods. The website offers a rich repository of video content, training materials, and resources designed to support farmers, extension workers, and agricultural development professionals. It focuses on practical, innovative agricultural techniques and success stories from around the world, providing users with valuable insights and tools for improving agricultural practices. The platform aims to promote sustainable farming methods and empower communities by making accessible, high-quality agricultural information.

Get access [HERE](#)

More information about articles, courses, awards

[Book] Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services in Support of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation: An Evidence Review.

August 2024. A new evidence review highlights the significant impact of climate change on agriculture and food production globally. It underscores the need for diverse, context-specific strategies to effectively adapt to and mitigate these effects. The review examines the crucial role of agricultural extension and advisory services (EAS), provided by public, private, and civil society organizations, in promoting these strategies on a large scale. It also explores the potential for EAS to play an even greater role in these efforts. The study identifies the challenges EAS face and the support needed to enhance their contribution to climate change adaptation and mitigation. Over 500 journal articles and documents were analyzed using the innovation management framework to capture the broad range of roles EAS can perform for impactful innovation at scale. Full text available [HERE](#)

[Article] Agroecology and Youth.

"We must remember that many young people are already involved in agriculture. In the 'Global South', it is the main employer of youth, making them a key force for food systems transformation. However, their work is often informal, unstable, and underpaid. Agroecology offers numerous

opportunities for youth by linking stakeholders across the agrifood value chain and merging local knowledge with science and technology. And youth are best positioned for this holistic transformation that involves innovation and knowledge sharing. But for young people to be meaningfully involved in an agroecological transformation, we must provide them with resources, education, networks, and an enabling environment, engaging them both at the negotiating table and in the fields." (YPARD). To continue reading click [HERE](#)



Courses - Wikifarmer Expert

[Details HERE](#)

Secretary General of Agrinatura Association



AGRINATURA is a grouping of European universities and research organizations with a common interest in sustainably supporting agricultural development to improve people's lives. AGRINATURA focuses on initiatives that open up new opportunities for farmers to enhance food security and improve the agro-food sector in general, while reducing the negative impact of agricultural activities on the environment. AGRINATURA members are involved in various issues related to agricultural research and education for development contributing through their expertise and experience. www.agrinatura.eu