



## Agrinatura Newsletter 04/11/2024



Dear all,

I'm pleased to announce the reactivation of our [blog](#), now available on our website! The blog will feature insightful content on key topics covered by Agrinatura.

To kick things off, this week we're sharing an article titled "[Should we be dismayed by the postponement of the EU Regulation on \(imported\) deforestation?](#)" by Dr. Alain Karsenty from Cirad, one of our active members.

We encourage all members and partners to read this insightful piece and share it with your networks. Your engagement helps spread knowledge and foster discussion within our community.

Thank you for your continued support!  
Have a nice week ahead.

Dr Mabel Hernandez-Altamirano

## Calls

Call for papers for Special Issue in “**The Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension**”

Topic: **Co-Design and transdisciplinary approaches towards sustainability innovations in agriculture.**

Deadline:

December 6, 2024: email your extended abstracts up to 800 words to [schaefer@ztg.tu-berlin.de](mailto:schaefer@ztg.tu-berlin.de)

More information [HERE](#)

**From our members and partners**



## AU Appoints FARA to Lead Soil Health and Fertilizer Initiative for Africa's Transformation.

The African Union Commission, led by H.E. Ambassador Josefa Sacko, has appointed the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) as the official Secretariat for the Soil Initiative for Africa (SIA) and the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan (AFSH-AP). This key appointment, announced at the 20th CAADP Partnership Platform meeting in Harare, marks a major step forward for sustainable soil health and fertilizer solutions in Africa.

Details [HERE](#)

## Vacancies/fellowships/advertisements



The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences invites applications for the position of **Full Professor (W3) of Soil Biology** at the Institute of Soil Science and Land Evaluation. The position is to be filled by the winter semester 2025/26.

More details [HERE](#)



**Reminder:** The Nutrition Research Facility (NRF) has launched a call for expression of interest for a Junior non-key expert – Research assistant, to assist in the implementation of the NRF research study (21.004) - Understanding the Persistence of Malnutrition in the Sahel - Study A: Drivers of persistent high rates of undernutrition in the Sahel, specifically the case studies in Burkina Faso and Niger to conduct qualitative longitudinal analyses based on interviews with different actors.

The research study aims to investigate the influence of contextual and structural/systemic drivers on reducing the “implementation effectiveness” of nutrition interventions in the Sahel. The position is aimed to provide backstopping support for the implementation of activities in the field. Travels to Burkina Faso and Niger might be necessary as part of this assignment.

Information about the scope of work and eligibility criteria for each profile can be found in the [Terms of Reference](#). The expert is expected to start the assignment in **November/December 2024**.

Interested experts shall express interest submitting their CV in English or French (max 5 pages) to the NRF team at: [nrf@agrinatura-eu.eu](mailto:nrf@agrinatura-eu.eu) , [goulao@isa.ulisboa.pt](mailto:goulao@isa.ulisboa.pt) and [dimitrios.petalios@ugent.be](mailto:dimitrios.petalios@ugent.be) , by **Monday 04/11/2024; 17.00 CET**. Reference in the email subject: NRF-RS21.004\_YOUR NAME



**Call For Moldovan Experts for the Wheat, Maize, and Sunflower Value Chains.**

**Study period:** December 2024 to October 2025

## Deadline for applications: Friday 15 th of November 2024

Please send your CV to [laura.felisatti@agrinatura-eu.eu](mailto:laura.felisatti@agrinatura-eu.eu)



### Call for Moldovan experts Wheat, Maize & Sunflower VC

Study period: December 2024 - October 2025

Deadline for applications: Friday 15th November 2024



#### Agro-Economist (100 fee days)

Profile:

- Senior economist with solid knowledge of VC's economic analysis.
- Able to draw up the financial and economic accounts of the VC players
- Able to undertake a functional analysis in its entirety.
- Experience in the economic analysis of VCs in Moldova.
- Proficiency in the wheat, maize or sunflower sector will be a substantial asset.
- Knowledge of English is required.



#### Social expert (100 fee days)

Profile:

- Experience in social analysis of the agricultural sector is required.
- Experience in social aspects of cereal and seeds value chain is an asset.
- Experience in the social analysis of fair trade and organic certification and schemes is an asset.
- Knowledge of English is required.
- Experience in stakeholders' management (including relations with high level officials and private sector) & public policies analysis is a plus.



#### Environmental expert (100 fee days)

Profile:

- Senior expert with sound knowledge of the environmental analysis of production processes.
- Preferably have a background in environmental engineering.
- Experience in cereals/seeds VCs is an asset.
- Knowledge of English is required.
- S/he will preferably use the SimaPro software for LCA.
- Experience in stakeholders' management is a plus.

To apply please send your CV to [vca4d@agrinatura-eu.eu](mailto:vca4d@agrinatura-eu.eu) and [giorgia.mei@agrinatura-eu.eu](mailto:giorgia.mei@agrinatura-eu.eu)

For more details click [HERE](#)

## REMINDERS

A new call for experts for a value chain analysis in Madagascar on groundnuts is gladly shared with you. Details on the profiles of the different experts and the assignment are provided below.



### Madagascar - Arachide

Période: Decembre 2024 – Mai 2025



#### L'expert économiste (45 jours)

Profile:

- Il/elle saura élaborer les comptes financiers et économiques des acteurs de la CV et de la CV dans sa globalité
- Il/elle saura analyser la CV du point de vue des différents acteurs et de la contribution de la CV aux grands agrégats économiques (PIB, balance commerciale, comptes publics, etc.).
- La connaissance du Français est exigée.



#### L'expert social (45 jours)

Profile:

- Il/elle sera un expert avec de solides connaissances et expérience sur les thématiques sociales en lien avec les chaînes de valeur.
- Une expérience sur les chaînes de valeur de l'arachide sera un atout.
- L'expérience au Madagascar sera appréciée et la connaissance du Français est exigée.



#### L'expert environnemental (45 jours)

Profile:

- Il/elle sera un expert senior avec de solides connaissances sur l'analyse en cycle de vie (ACV).
- Une expérience spécifique dans l'analyse des chaînes de valeur dans les pays en développement sera appréciée.
- Une expérience sur les chaînes de valeur de l'arachide sera un atout.
- L'expérience au Madagascar sera appréciée et la connaissance du Français est exigée.



#### L'expert national (45 jours)

Profile:

- Il/elle sera un spécialiste de la CV de l'arachide au Madagascar.
- Une connaissance pertinente des institutions nationales (techniques, économiques et politiques) et des acteurs (publics et privés) impliquées dans la CV de l'arachide est exigée.

Pour plus d'informations sur le contexte et les profils, [cliquez ici](#)

Les CV des candidats sont à envoyer à [vca4d@agrinatura-eu.eu](mailto:vca4d@agrinatura-eu.eu) (en CC [giorgia.mei@agrinatura-eu.eu](mailto:giorgia.mei@agrinatura-eu.eu))

For more information on the context and profile click [here](#)

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Do not hesitate to come back to us should you need any clarification on the assignment, and we look forward to receiving your CV!

**Call for experts: VCA4D is looking for an LCA scientist** to perform an LCA review on the study on Farines Alimentaires in Chad. More information below:

## Call for LCA reviewer

### Chad - Farines alimentaires

Indicative engagement period : November 2024 –March 2024

Deadline for applications: Monday 11th November 2024



#### LCA Scientist

(4 fee days)

- S/he will be a senior expert with deep knowledge of and experience on the LCA
- Experience on value chain analysis in developing countries will be appreciated.
- Experience in agricultural value chains is required.
- S/he will preferably use the SimaPro software for LCA.
- S/he will come if possible from Agrinatura or affiliated centres or be independent LCA experts.



To apply please send your CV to [vca4d@agrinatora-eu.eu](mailto:vca4d@agrinatora-eu.eu)

# FiBL

## Reminder

### PhD Student “Encapsulation of bacterial-fungal consortia for agricultural applications” (100%)

The 4-year PhD thesis is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

The project is a collaboration between Prof. Saskia Bindschedler from the

University of Neuchâtel, Prof. Alexandra Kämpfer-Homsy from the Haute Ecole Arc Ingénierie (HE-Arc) in La Chaux de Fonds, and Dr. Natacha Bodenhausen from FiBL. The PhD student will work at FiBL in Frick but is expected to collaborate with project partners at other institutions

**Contact:** Natacha Bodenhausen, Co-leader of the Group Nutrient Management & Symbiosis, Phone +41 62 865 72 72, will be happy to answer any further questions.

Deadline Nov 15, 2024, via application form.

**More information [HERE](#)**



**IRS24149 Director of Knowledge Management and Information Technology (KMIT)**

CIMMYT is seeking an outstanding, self-motivated, and results-oriented professional for the position of Knowledge Management and Information Technology Director. The successful candidate will provide strategic leadership in managing CIMMYT's knowledge resources and IT infrastructure, playing a crucial role in fostering innovation, enhancing research capabilities, and leveraging technology to support CIMMYT's mission in advancing agrifood systems research and impact. This leadership role will oversee organization-wide digital transformation initiatives and drive efforts leading to significant organizational change.

This position will be based at CIMMYT HQ in Texcoco, Mexico.

More information [HERE](#) and application online [HERE](#)

The Center for Development Research (ZEF), **University of Bonn** (Germany), has openings for **3 Doctoral Researchers in Agricultural/ Development Economics**.

**Deadline: 06 Dec 2024**

More information [HERE](#)

## Webinars

### Tropical Agriculture Platform: Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems



#### OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION

- Understand key concepts of Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS);
- Define the concepts and application of the TAP Common Framework on Capacity Development for AIS, and how TAP addresses capacity gaps in the tropics; and



- Illustrate methods and tools to conduct capacity needs assessments, strengthen organizational capacities and the enabling environment for innovation, and perform monitoring, evaluation, and learning.

Language: English

SPEAKERS:

This technical webinar will be delivered by Mr. Selvaraju Ramasamy (FAO), Ms. Manuela Bucciarelli (FAO), Dr. Rasheed Sulaiman V (CRISP India), Dr Abdulrazak Ibrahim (FARA), Ms. Karen Montiel (IICA-CATIE), Mr. Sylvain Perret (Agrinatura), Ms Syndhia Mathé (CIRAD), and Mr Adam Kabango (Malawi's FAO TAP AIS). The webinar will be moderated by Ms. Cristina Petracchi, Head of the FAO e-learning Academy.

[Registration HERE](#)

**InfoPoint Hybrid Conference: "Elevate, Empower, Engage: Deep dive into supporting women in leadership in South Asia"** - Wednesday 6 November, 13:00- 14:30 (CET)

More information and registration [HERE](#)

**Virtual Participation: Invitation to Agroecology parallel session at the Tropical Summit 2024**

We are pleased to invite you to the Agroecology parallel session at the Tropical Summit 2024, organized by FARA, CORAF, CCADERSA, AE-TPP, IFAD, RUFORUM, and EC-JRC. This event will provide a platform for experts, practitioners, and stakeholders in agroecology to explore how Africa and the tropics can harness agroecological practices to drive sustainable transformation of the food system. The theme of the parallel session is "Catalyzing Agroecological Transitions in the Tropics in the Context of Climate Change".

The event will comprise a keynote, panel discussion, and interactive sessions.

We welcome you to join the **event online on 5th and 6th November**

**2024@6.30 CET.** For your convenience, please find the meeting link [Here](#)

## Free Webinar: The Role of Biodiversity in Shaping the Future of Agriculture

Date: 14 November 2024

Time: 16:00 - 17:15 CET

Location: Online via Zoom

Registration

Required: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xr1sRmvJQJixVH-TXfSQOw#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xr1sRmvJQJixVH-TXfSQOw#/registration)

Webinar co-organised by Wikifarmer and the Global Plant Council! Dive into the vital role of biodiversity in agriculture with a panel of distinguished experts. Discover how biodiversity drives sustainable agricultural practices, boosts crop resilience, and ensures long-term food security.

The banner features logos for Wikifarmer and The Global Plant Council. The title is 'FREE WEBINAR The Role of Biodiversity in Shaping the Future of Agriculture'. Below the title is a short description: 'Join this webinar to learn from experts how we could protect and use biodiversity to drive sustainable practices, boosting crop resilience, and ensuring a secure food future.' Three speakers are listed with their photos and titles: Janny van Beem (Plant breeder with scientific expertise in biodiversity conservation - Crop Trust), Elizabeth Balyejusa Kizito (Associate Professor in Plant Breeding - Uganda Christian University), and Roy Michielsen (Controller and Expert in Strip-cropping - B.V. Exploitatie Reservegronden Flevoland). At the bottom, it shows the date '14 November, 2024' and time '16:00 - 17:15 CET', along with a 'REGISTER' button and the Zoom logo.

## Another interesting newsletter

AST Flash News #18

Keep up-to-date with the Advanced Science Training (AST)  
of the **One Planet Fellowship Programme (OPFP)**

Les actualités de la formation scientifique avancée (AST)

du programme **One Planet Fellowship (OPFP)**

Get access [HERE](#)

### **Paepard**

**Platform for African–European Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development**

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

## **More information about articles, courses, awards**

### **Technical Roadmap**

**"Agriculture, Biodiversity and Food Security: From Commitments to Actions"**

The technical roadmap provides a framework for the agricultural sectors and recognises the important roles of the various actors in these sectors – including individual farmers and groups of farmers (e.g. cooperatives and associations), the private sector, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, young people, consumers, and researchers – have to play in efforts to meet the targets of the KM GBF. The priority actions proposed are guided by cross-cutting conditions and considerations identified by key stakeholders.

The technical roadmap is available in [English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish](#).

### **Free course**

**"Funds Week: learn about European & International Funds from Leading Experts | Free & Online | 18th-21st November"**

By CON VALORES Hub

Registration [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](http://www.agrinatura.eu)