



Agrinatura Newsletter 04/11/2024



Agrinatura announcement

Dear all,

We are pleased to inform our members and partners that the next **Agrinatura General Assembly and 4th Conference** will be held at the **University of Ghent on May 21 and 22, 2025**. This annual event is an essential opportunity for collaboration, discussion, and advancing our shared initiatives. **Please reserve these dates** and plan to participate in this significant event. Your involvement is key to driving our collective work.

We also encourage you to read and share our latest newsletter with your networks. It's a great way to stay informed and connected to the community's

updates and opportunities. Your participation and engagement help strengthen our collective mission.

I hope you have a productive week ahead.

Best regards

Dr Mabel Hernandez-Altamirano

Calls

Transform Europe's Food System: Join the Menu for Change Challenge

The Menu for Change Challenge invites young innovators to step forward with ideas that can revolutionise how we produce, consume, and sustain food.

Your project just needs to align with one of the six priorities in the [Menu for Change manifesto](#).

Here's what you'll gain by participating: Funding for Your Vision, Guidance from Industry Experts, and Spotlight on Big Stages.

Deadline: 15 November 2024

Apply [here](#)

Apply now!

Are you a **Europe-based youth team (18-30)** working on a project that promotes a fairer, sustainable, and accessible food system?

Apply for the **Menu for Change Challenge** to win funding and mentorship to implement and scale your project!

Deadline: 15 November, 2024

The Menu for Change Challenge

THE MENU FOR CHANGE

EIT Food Co-funded by the European Union **Future FOOD Makers** + **Young Professionals Platform (YPP)**

African Philanthropy Forum

The call for applications invites **growing NGOs in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa, or Tanzania to apply for a \$25,000 grant offered through StartPoint Africa by APF**. Each of the five selected organisations will receive \$5,000 in unrestricted funding to enhance their community development efforts.

StartPoint, an African Philanthropy Forum initiative, connects donors with credible African-led organizations to foster impactful partnerships that drive sustainable change across the continent.

Application Deadline: November 15, 2024, by 11:59 PM WAT | 10:59 PM GMT | 11:59 PM CAT | 1:59 PM EAT

More information [HERE](#)

The Mastercard [Foundation Fund for Resilience and Prosperity](#) is calling for proposals for the new Agribusiness Challenge Fund, which provides financing for agricultural entrepreneurs in Africa. The Fund aims to support small and medium enterprises and create opportunities for young people, people with disabilities, and refugees and displaced persons on the African continent.

Deadline: 22 November 2024

To apply click [HERE](#)

Vacancies/fellowships/advertisements

AFAAS is seeking to fill the post of **Executive Director** based at its Secretariat in Kampala, Uganda. He/she reports to the Chairperson and Board of Directors and is responsible for overseeing the overall management and operations of the organization.

Email address: recruitment@afaas-africa.org

Closing date: 29 November 2024

[Full call here](#)

FiBL

1) For its office in Brussels, FiBL is looking for an **Administrative project coordinator (100%)**

Application deadline: 1 December 2024

Starting date: As soon as possible, ideally February 2025

Job purpose

You will provide administrative support to the coordination and implementation of Horizon Europe projects. In the first place, you will be responsible for the overall administrative coordination of Horizon Europe projects: OrganicClimateNet and others.

The first project aims to build a pilot network of organic farmers who adapt and implement carbon farming activities. The scientific coordination of these projects lies with your colleagues in FiBL Switzerland. Depending on the needs, you will provide support to other projects, or help with Grant Agreement Preparation and organisation of project meetings.

[More information here](#)

2) Communications and events officer (100%)

Application deadline: 1 December 2024

Starting date: As soon as possible, ideally February 2025

Job purpose

You will lead the communication and dissemination efforts of FiBL Europe. In this role, you will manage the outreach for Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects, ensuring effective engagement with key stakeholders through social media and targeted messaging.

You will play a crucial role in connecting FiBL's work with policymakers and stakeholders in Brussels, ensuring that our research and projects are visible and impactful. You will be responsible for organizing FiBL Europe's events, including policy conferences, project

final events, and our annual events, such as the Organic Breakfast.

[More details here](#)

Webinars

Reminder: 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](#)

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

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.



FREE WEBINAR



The Role of Biodiversity in Shaping the Future of Agriculture

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.



Janny van Beem

Plant breeder with scientific expertise in biodiversity conservation - Crop Trust



Elizabeth Balyejusa Kizito

Associate Professor in Plant Breeding - Uganda Christian University



Roy Michielsen

Controller and Expert in Strip-cropping - B.V. Exploitatie Reservegronden Flevoland



Date:
14 November, 2024



Time:
16:00 - 17:15 CET

[REGISTER](#)

via **zoom**

Another interesting newsletter

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Platform for African–European Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development

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

More information about articles, courses, awards **Review article**

Planetary Boundaries guide humanity's future on Earth.

Johan Rockström, Jonathan F. Donges, Ingo Fetzer, Maria A. Martin, Lan Wang-Erlandsson & Katherine Richardson.

Nature Reviews Earth & Environment | Volume 5 | November 2024 | 773–788

The Planetary Boundaries (PB) framework defines the safe operating space for humanity within Earth’s biophysical systems. It identifies nine critical processes that regulate the Earth’s system, six of which have already been exceeded. The framework emphasizes the need for global governance and sustainable development to avoid further environmental risks. It has influenced policy, business strategies, and social sciences, promoting concepts such as planetary health and doughnut economics. Future work focuses on improving the precision of PB analyses and utilizing real-time Earth observation data to monitor planetary health.

[Full PDF HERE](#)

Free Online Course: Enhance Nutrition with Agrifood Systems

Join this free, certified eLearning course by FAO, developed with GIZ, World Vision, Results for Development, and the SUN Movement. Learn practical steps to boost nutritious food availability, affordability, and consumption through agrifood systems.

Available in the following languages:

[English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish](#).

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
E-learning course launched in August 2023

Agrifood system pathways to healthy diets: a stepwise approach

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AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM PATHWAYS
ENABLING HEALTHY DIETS
FAO eLEARNING ACADEMY

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<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=976>

New paper: Good practices in German funding of transdisciplinary and participatory research for sustainable development in Africa.

This paper initiates dialogue on best practices in funding transdisciplinary research (TDR) among funders, researchers, and practice organisations in Germany and Africa, facilitated by workshops under the INTERFACES project. The findings are based on expert interviews and an initial workshop in Germany.

Authors: Eefje Aarnoudse, Dr. Tina Beuchelt, Berenice Fischer, Hannah Jaenicke, and Prof. Dr. Wiltrud Terlau.

[Full text available here](#)

Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development

Empowering local food security: A systematic review of community grain banks

Vaishali Sharma*O. P. Jindal Global University

[Full PDF 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