



## Agrinatura Newsletter 16/09/2024



Dear Agrinatura members, partners, and colleagues:

This month, we have exciting updates to share with our community! We've participated in significant events, including the ICA Strategic Session and the Tropentag Conference at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) in Vienna. We're also pleased to introduce our new Director, Sylvain Perret, who will bring fresh leadership and vision to our organisation.

In this edition, you'll also find information on upcoming webinars, job vacancies, and an insightful newsletter that we hope will catch your interest.

Feel free to share this newsletter with your university or organisation. We look forward to staying connected!

Best regards  
Dr Mabel Hernandez-Altamirano

## Agrinatura Announcement

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Dr Sylvain Perret** as the **new Agrinatura Director** following a search process, that was conducted by the Panel. Agrinatura's ambition is to continue to work to provide an evidenced-based research–policy interface through our alliance that brings together universities (EU, Africa, Asia, and Latin America), research centers, and funding agencies with an interest in shaping our future together, through a roadmap designed to guide Agrinatura towards our shared vision and success (“Agrinatura Strategy 2030”).

I am sure you will join me in wishing him success in his role as Agrinatura Director.

Best wishes,  
Dr. Stephen Onakuse  
President  
Agrinatura



## ICA Strategic session

The President of Agrinatura, Dr. Stephen Onakuse representing Agrinatura at the ICA sessions, hosted by the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria on the 5th of September 2024. The sessions were focused on building on ICA's current strength and potential as well as addressing its weaknesses. The sessions were held under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences - Professor Maria Knutson Wedel and the ICA President.



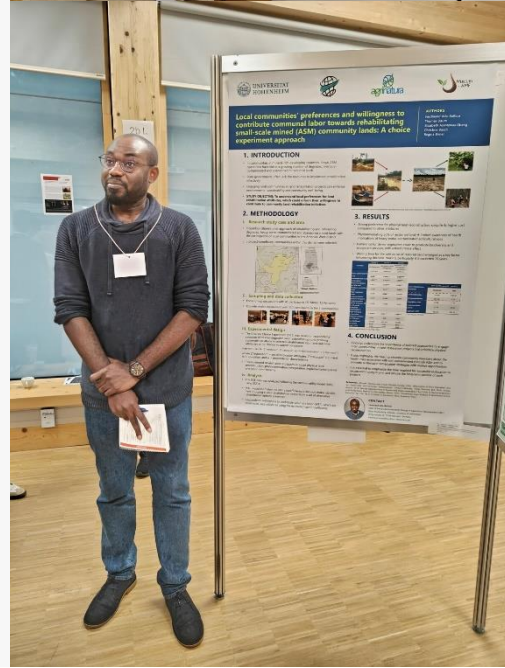
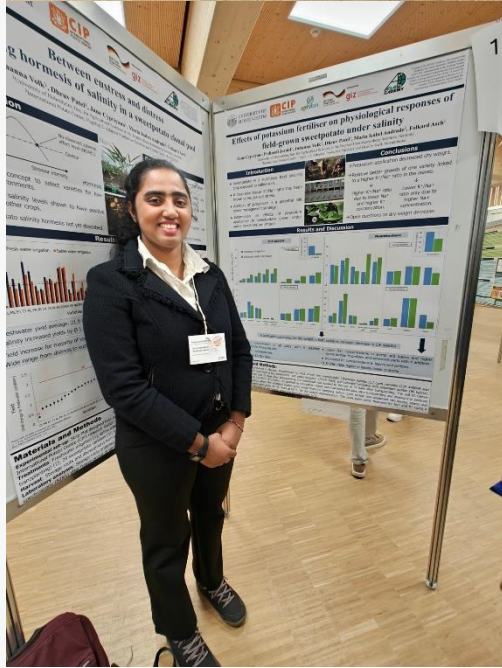
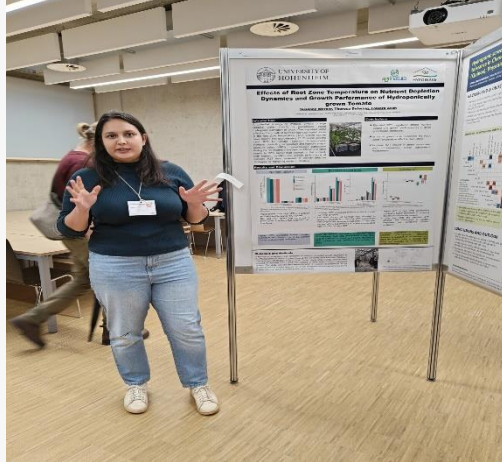
## Tropentag Conference 2024

The Tropentag Conference in Vienna has successfully concluded, showcasing a wide range of topics, from sustainable agriculture to innovative climate solutions. It was inspiring to see the energy and dedication of so many young researchers, actively engaging in discussions and presenting their work.

As part of Agrinatura, we are proud to have supported several young scientists through travel grants, helping them attend and contribute to the event. Congratulations to **Wiomou Joevin Bonz** (University of Hohenheim), **Susanne Werner** (University of Hohenheim), **Camille Gaborit-Emelyanoff** (ISTOM), **Jane Cypriyana Pedinedi** (University of Hohenheim) and **Ferdinand Adu-Baffour** (University of Hohenheim) on receiving these grants. We'd also like to extend our gratitude to **Andreas Melcher**, one of our own members, who was part of the organising team, and to **Eric Tielkes** and his group for their outstanding work in organizing such a successful and well-coordinated event. It was wonderful to reconnect with some of our members throughout the conference.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who visited our stand—we greatly appreciate your interest and look forward to staying in touch!





## Calls

### **Tropical Summit 2024 (4-8 November 2024)**

The Tropical College of the University of Lisbon and the Forum for Agriculture in Africa invite you to the **Tropical Summit 2024** from **November 4 to 8 in Lisbon, Portugal**. Under the High Patronage of the President of Portugal, this event will focus on **Planetary Health, Agricultural Development, Territorial and Social Transitions, and Human Growth**. The summit aims to foster new partnerships aligned with the 2030 Agenda through South-South-North cooperation.

Registration [HERE](#)

### **Appel à proposition "Etude sur l'impact de l'agroécologie sur l'agriculture en Afrique"/ "Study on the Impact of Agroecology on African Agriculture"**

The deadline for submitting proposals for the "Study on the Impact of Agroecology on African Agriculture" has been extended to **September 15, 2024!**

We strongly encourage you to participate and contribute to building a more sustainable agricultural future for Africa.

For more information and to review the Terms of Reference (ToRs) published by the Panafrican Farmers Organisation (PAFO), please follow the link [HERE](#)

## Vacancies/fellowships/advertisements

### **ATSAF Call for applications: Career Exploration Scholarship - Junior Scientists Tandems (JST)**

The Junior Scientists Tandems (JST) is part of the ATSAF Academy, designed to support young scientists in development-oriented agricultural research. The program offers:

- 1- A six-month scholarship for junior scientists
- 2- €5000 for those affiliated with a German university conducting research at a CGIAR center

3- €7000 for those from OECD-DAC partner countries conducting research at a German institution

4- Networking, training, and administrative support.

If you have any questions or need help with the application procedure, please contact **Beatrice Breuer** or **Sabine Baumgartner (jst@atsaf.de)**.

**Organisation/Funding Institution:** ATSAF e.V., Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

**Location:** Worldwide

**Deadlines:** No deadline, applications are accepted at any time

More information [HERE](#)

### **Open Consulting Opportunities at Uni Kassel**

Uni Kassel is currently seeking qualified consultants for the project "Mainstreaming Climate Change into Higher Education and Research in Pakistan." The project aims to support Pakistani higher education institutions in integrating climate change into their curricula.

Consultants are needed to develop training courses on the following topics:

Handling climate data

Climate finance fundamentals for developing countries

Qualitative methods for the study of climate change

Applications are open until **September 25, 2024**. For more information, please contact Samavia Batool (samavia.batool@uni-kassel.de) or Dr. Daniela Schwarz (daniela.schwarz@uni-kassel.de) in case of any queries. Detailed Terms of Reference for the roles can be downloaded via the provided links.

**Location: Pakistan**

### **TU Munich vacancy: Postdoctoral position (m/f/d) grassland restoration.**

Organisation/Funding Institution: Technical University of Munich

Location: Munich, Germany

**Deadlines: 30 Sept 2024**

The Livestock Systems research group at TUM School of Life Sciences is seeking a postdoctoral researcher (m/f/d) to work on grassland soil restoration. The position focuses on generating empirical data for livestock systems across

diverse global sites. Research will investigate grassland productivity, nutrient cycling, and biodiversity, with a focus on the impact of grazing and indicators of early restoration success.

This work is carried out in collaboration with partners, including Lancaster University (UK), CONICET (Argentina), and ILRI (Kenya).

More details [HERE](#)

## CGIAR

A global partnership that unites organisations engaged in research for a food-secure future.

For more information about vacancies click [HERE](#)



## Vacancy: Chief Science and Innovation Officer

The application deadline is **October 9th, 2024**

[The overview and application details can be found HERE](#)

## Webinars

### Another interesting newsletter

#### YPARD

We invite you to check out the latest newsletter from our partner, YPARD (Young Professionals for Agricultural Development). Stay updated on their newest projects, insights, and initiatives that are driving innovation in agriculture and rural development.

Get access [HERE](#)

## **Advanced Science Training (AST) of the One Planet Fellowship Programme (OPFP)**

Explore the exciting work of the One Planet Fellowship Programme (OPFP). They are currently supporting researchers across Africa who are developing innovative projects, such as sustainable cocoa production in Côte d'Ivoire. These initiatives are aimed at addressing climate challenges and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. Visit their latest updates to learn more about their impactful research and contributions to the future of agriculture in Africa!

More information [HERE](#)

## **Paepard**

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

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

### **Main initiatives: Strategic Dialogue on the future of EU agriculture.**

On September 4th, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen received the final report, "A Common Perspective for Agriculture and Food in Europe," from Professor Peter Strohschneider. The report assesses challenges and opportunities in EU agriculture and food, providing recommendations that will guide the European Commission's vision, to be presented within the first 100 days of von der Leyen's second term.

Full PDF [HERE](#)



### **Courses - Wikif Farmer 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](http://www.agrinatura.eu)