



Agrinatura Newsletter 27/01/2025



Dear members, partners, and colleagues,

I hope you are well,

As always, welcome to this edition of the Agrinatura newsletter!

This issue features a photo from the **Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven)** in Belgium, as part of our initiative to showcase our members and strengthen our network. We encourage all members to participate by

sharing photos, events, articles, or any news you would like to highlight in this space.

Let's use this platform to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and celebrate the work being done across the Agrinatura community.

We look forward to your contributions!

Kind regards,

Dr Mabel Hernandez-Altamirano

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Agrinatura Activity Overview

Kind Reminder: **General Assembly and 4th Conference 2025**

Agrinatura is delighted to announce that the **General Assembly 2025** and **4th Conference** will take place **May 21–22** at the University of Ghent, Belgium, hosted by the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering.

Register your attendance [HERE](#) – registration is now open!

For details on the **4th Conference**, visit [HERE](#).

We would especially like to invite PhD students and post-doc researchers to participate actively in the **4th Conference** by sharing their research through **poster** or **oral presentations**.

This is a unique opportunity to showcase your work in the field of **Sustainable Development in the Global South**, focusing on collaborative solutions for responsible agri-food systems and sustainable value chains.

To participate, please submit a **1-page abstract** including the presenter's name, co-authors, affiliations, introduction, problem statement, methodology, and (provisional) results by **March 15, 2025**, to:

- Dr. Mabel Hernandez: secretariat@agrinataura-eu.eu
- Susanna Rokka (LUKE): susanna.rokka@luke.fi

We look forward to your contributions!

From our members

Calls

Nutrition for Growth Summit (N4G) Paris 2025

Date: March 27 - March 28, 2025

Event details [HERE](#)

Full PDF [HERE](#)

The [UN Economic Commission for Africa \(UNECA\)](#) and the Government of Uganda, in collaboration with the [African Union Commission \(AUC\)](#), the African Development Bank (AfDB), and other UN system organizations, will host **the 2025 Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**. This annual intergovernmental forum aims to assess progress, share knowledge, and exchange best practices and policy solutions to advance the 2030 Agenda in alignment with regional priorities.

The **Forum will take place from 9–11 April 2025** under the theme: *“Driving job creation and economic growth through sustainable, inclusive,*

science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.”

Place: Kampala, Uganda

More information [HERE](#)

Webinars

Reminder

Nutrition Research Facility (NRF) Webinar - January 28

Current knowledge on micronutrient supplementation: policies, practices, and impacts.

Micronutrient deficiencies remain a persistent challenge, especially among pregnant women, posing risks to pregnancy outcomes and child development. This webinar will highlight the critical importance of micronutrient supplementation offering insights into global policies, evidence-based practices, and findings from recent research. Regarding the long-term effects of multiple micronutrient supplementation on child cognitive development, a recent systematic review by the NRF concludes that evidence is still lacking.

Speakers:

- Opening Remarks by Fadoi Chaouki (Programme Manager – Nutrition – European Commission, DG INTPA, Unit F3)
- Presentations by Filomena Gomes and Mihaela Ciulei Kissell (Micronutrient Forum) and Souheila Abbeddou (NRF, Ghent University)
- Facilitation by Carl Lachat (NRF, Ghent University)

Webinar Details

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Time: 12:00 CET

Duration: 1 hour

Link: <https://vimeo.com/event/4842006>

The **SFS-MED** webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, 28 January 2025, from 11:00 to 12:30 CET, with the theme "Coordinating local and national actions to reduce food loss and waste in Mediterranean cities."

Organized under the Food is Never Waste Coalition, the webinar aims to halve global food waste and reduce losses by 25% by 2030 through collaboration, best practices, investment, and initiatives such as the "123 Pledge."

Live interpretation: English & French

Recording: Available on the [FAO website](#)

Registration link: [HERE](#)

Vacancies/fellowships/advertisements



The **Natural Resources Institute** seeks a dynamic and visionary leader to head research on Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity and act as **Head of our Agriculture Health and Environment Department**. The successful candidate will be responsible for driving initiatives that secure the production of food and agricultural products for a growing global population while protecting our living environment and conserving natural and agricultural biodiversity. This role is pivotal in aligning our efforts with Sustainable Development Goals focusing on sustainable land management, food security, and social equity. The successful candidate should be a leading international scholar capable of leading and managing a diverse group of researchers and research infrastructure including

licenced glasshouses designed for climate change research, an insectary, cutting-edge chemistry, microbiology, and molecular biology and microbiology laboratories, and access to high-performance computing facilities. Our strong and established network of global partners in the developing world provides unique opportunities for context-relevant research in challenging, real-world contexts. Further details:

[Job Description & Person Specification.](#)

For an informal discussion about the post please contact NRI's Director, Professor Sheryl Hendriks at s.l.hendriks@greenwich.ac.uk

Closing date: 31 January 2025.

[More information about articles, courses, awards](#)

[New book: Pathways to African Food Security: Challenges, Threats and Opportunities Towards 2050](#)

Edited By Michiel de Haas, Ken E. Giller, Routledge, Abingdon, and New York, DOI: 10.4324/9781032649696

More information [HERE](#)

[Courses 2025 for professionals in international cooperation \(in-person and online\)- Centre for Rural Development \(SLE\), Humboldt-University of Berlin.](#)

For the full training program for 2025, please visit [HERE](#)

[More webinars](#)

Platform for African–European Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development (PAEPARD) **Webinars February**

For more details click [HERE](#)

Secretary General of Agrinatura Association



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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