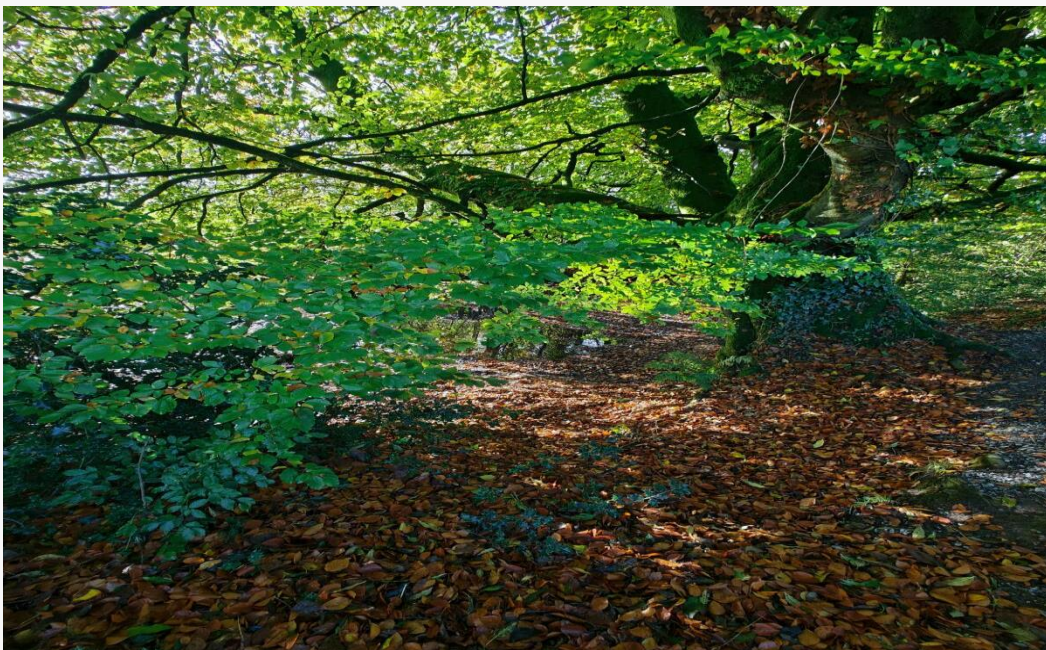




Agrinatura Newsletter 28/10/2024



Dear Agrinatura members, partners, and colleagues:

I hope you're enjoying the autumn season. With it, Agrinatura brings you a selection of exciting webinars, job vacancies, and updates from our members. As always, I welcome your contributions to help grow and enrich our community's publication.

Have a nice week ahead.

Kind regards

Dr Mabel Hernandez-Altamirano

From our members and partners



COP16 in Colombia: A Step Towards Sustainable Development Aligned with Agrinatura's Vision

As COP16 unfolds in Colombia, it is crucial to highlight how this global conference on biodiversity aligns with the goals of Agrinatura and the European Commission (EC). COP16's focus on biodiversity conservation and climate action directly supports the shared commitment to sustainable agricultural practices, rural development, and the protection of ecosystems.

At Agrinatura, our mission closely mirrors the objectives of the European Commission's Green Deal and biodiversity strategies, emphasising sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, and international cooperation. We are inspired by the work being done at COP16 to promote biodiversity and ensure that nature and agriculture can thrive together. For more on how these goals intersect, explore the European Commission's insights on preserving nature [HERE](#)

Updates about the Cop16 in English [Here](#), in Spanish [Here](#), and in French [Here](#)

Events



The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and CGIAR will host the official Food and Agriculture Pavilion at the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) to be held from **November 11-22, in Baku, Azerbaijan.**

The 29th Conference of Parties (COP29) will focus on advancing the goals of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, discussing global efforts to limit warming, adapt to climate impacts, and mobilize financing.

Key meetings include COP29, CMP 19 (Kyoto Protocol), and CMA 6 (Paris Agreement). At the Food & Agriculture Pavilion, CGIAR and FAO will foster dialogue on the role of agriculture in climate action, showcasing strategies to reduce emissions, adapt food systems, and secure resources for vulnerable communities.

Registration [HERE](#)

Invitation to Exhibit at the 8th African Diaspora Agrofood Forum – **Brussels, 9 -10 November 2024.**

Location : Gare Maritieme, Tour & Taxis Brussel

86c Havenlaan 1080 Brussel Belgium

The African Diaspora Agrofood Forum is a platform for African diaspora agro-food entrepreneurs and stakeholders to connect, exchange ideas, and explore growth opportunities in agro-food. Highlights include expert panels, interactive workshops, networking opportunities, a two-day exhibition, and awards for outstanding entrepreneurs. Partners include Sankaa vzw, EUDIF, ENABEL, COLEAD, Zidi Circle, and others.

For more information on participation, partnerships, or sponsorship, contact diasporaprojet@gmail.com or info@thefoodbridge.org.

Registration [HERE](#)

Vacancies/fellowships/advertisements



The Nutrition Research Facility (NRF) has launched a call for expression of interest for a Junior non-key expert – Research assistant, to assist 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@agricultura-eu.eu , goulao@isa.ulisboa.pt and dimitrios.petalios@ugent.be ,

by **Monday 04/11/2024; 17.00 CET**. Reference in the email subject: NRF-RS21.004_ YOUR NAME



1.- 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



 <h4>L'expert économiste</h4> <p>(45 jours)</p> <p>Profile:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	 <h4>L'expert social</h4> <p>(45 jours)</p> <p>Profile:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	 <h4>L'expert environnemental</h4> <p>(45 jours)</p> <p>Profile:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	 <h4>L'expert national</h4> <p>(45 jours)</p> <p>Profile:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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) impliqués dans la CV de l'arachide est exigée.
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Pour plus d'informations sur le contexte et les profils, [cliquez ici](#)
Les CV des candidats sont à envoyer à vca4d@agrinatura-eu.eu (en CC giorgia.mei@agrinatura-eu.eu)

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

To apply please send your CV to vca4d@agrinatura-eu.eu

and giorgia.mei@agrinatura-eu.eu by **Monday 11 th November 2024**

at the latest.

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

2.- 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@agrinatura-eu.eu



**UNIVERSITY OF
GREENWICH**

*Natural Resources
Institute*

Kind reminder:

The Natural Resources Institute (NRI) at the University of Greenwich, UK, seeks applications for a **Professor of Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity and Head of the Department for Agriculture Health and Environment.** 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.

Location: Medway Campus

Salary: £67,757 to £80,695 per annum

Contract Type: Permanent

Release Date: Thursday 10 October 2024

Closing Date: **Thursday 31 October 2024**

Interview Date: To be confirmed

Reference: 4768

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

More information [HERE](#)

FiBL

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](#)



Vacancy

IRS24143 **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Impact Assessment Consultant.**

CIMMYT's platform is seeking a highly skilled Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist/Assessment, Consultant to evaluate its flagship project thoroughly. CtEH's overall objective is to modernize CGIAR breeding programs and networks to ensure that they deliver the highest possible rate of genetic gains in farmers' fields in the form of nutritious, climate-resilient, market-demanded cultivars.

Screening and follow-up of applications will begin on **November 15th, 2024.**

For more information click [HERE](#) and to get access to the online application [HERE](#)

Vacancy

IRS24144 **Maize Molecular Geneticist**

CIMMYT seeks an early career and self-motivated maize scientist with demonstrated experience in plant genetics, genomics, and molecular biology to work in Shandong Joint Center as part of the Global Maize Program.

The location of this position will be CIMMYT- Shandong Joint Center, Shandong Agricultural University in Tai'an, China.

Screening and follow-up of applications will begin on, **November 15th, 2024.**

To get access to the overview click [HERE](#) and for the application online [HERE](#)

Webinars

Hybrid Event, 34th Annual Forman Lecture: Supporting and shaping the global nutrition agenda with evidence: A three-decade journey of research and partnerships for impact

October 30, 2024

10:00 – 11:30 am (America/New_York)

3:00 – 4:30 pm (Europe/Amsterdam)

7:30 – 9:00 pm (Asia/Kolkata)

Registration [HERE](#)

Join the [African Union](#) 20th CAADP Partnership Platform & 15th Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security [ADFNS](#) Plenary Session on the "Implementation of the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan" on Thursday, October 31st at 8 AM in Harare.

Register [HERE](#) to participate via Zoom

Plenary events:

Speakers & Presenters

- Ms. Bongwe Njobe, Deputy Chairperson, FARA
- Dr. Stephen Onakuse, Director, Agriculture
- Dr. Aggrey Agumya, Executive Director, FARA
- Dr. David Phiri, Special Advisor to ADG, FAO
- Dr. Bernard Mallet, Senior Scientist, CBED
- Prof. Patrick Okori, Executive Secretary, DRC/CD/AF
- Dr. Kwaku Antwi, 15th Cluster Lead, FARA
- Prof. Ioannis Dimitriou, Associate Professor, SLU
- Dr. Irene Annor-Frempong, CEA-FIRST Coordinator, FARA

Keynote Speaker & Panelists

- Dr. Laurent Becheret, Science Coordinator, EC Regional Speaker
- Dr. Talbou Ba, Technical Expert, AUC/REI
- Mr. Antonio Mella-Rais, Policy Officer, ICRD/ADRI
- Dr. Cliff Dlamini, Executive Director, CIG/CD/AF
- Ms. Eliza Prindleson, Senior CAADP Advisor, AUC
- Dr. Kofi Amegbeto, Senior Policy Officer, FAO Africa

31st October, 2024
11:00 AM GMT+2
Rainbow Towers Hotel, Harare, Zimbabwe

Logos: African Union, CAADP, XP4+, AUDA-NEPAD

Register via bit.ly/4ex7S

Bridging Research and Policy through the AU-EU International Research Consortium on Food Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture

30th October, 2024
11:00 AM GMT+2
Rainbow Towers Hotel, Harare, Zimbabwe

Speakers and Panelists:

- Dr. Irene Annor-Frempong, FARA, Speaker
- Dr. Leticia Lokosong, AUC, Speaker
- Ms. Shemelis Mwaikemba, FARA, Moderator
- Mr. Anshu Aulia, University of Zambia, Moderator
- Dr. Rose Omar, CIG/CD/AF, Panelist
- Dr. Philippe Perruquelin, CIG/CD/AF, Panelist
- Dr. Tobias Tokovaresha, FAU/FAU, Panelist
- Dr. Clement Adjariso, AUDA-NEPAD, Panelist

for virtual participation <https://bit.ly/3NOBFL>

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SYSTEM SHOCKS: BUILDING RESILIENCE FOR THE NEAR-TERM.

The compounding nature of climate risks, disasters, and social tensions — and ways to build resilience in the near term — will be discussed, alongside

contributions from Molly Jahn (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Peter Läderach (Alliance Bioversity & CIAT), and Violet Kisakye (Mountains of the Moon University).

Thursday, 31 Oct, 2024, 15:00-16:00 CET

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](#)

Catalyzing agro-ecological transitions in the tropics in the context of climate change. 5 - 6 November 2024.

16.30 - 18.00 CET.

FARA side event at the Lisbon, TROPICAL SUMMIT

Registration [HERE](#)



Reminder: Horizon 2020 MATS Project

Final Conference

November 19-20, 2024, Brussels, Belgium

Hybrid Event, open to the public

Use the On-site and online link to [register here](#) (you can attend sessions online in separate time slots).

[More information HERE](#)

Another interesting newsletter

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Webinars and events in October, more information [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