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### Intention Letter

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**Dear Board members and Agrinatura representatives,**

I would like to submit my application to be the representative of ISTOM at Agrinatura and member of the Board of Directors for ISTOM.

I am an agro-economist specialized in sustainable food systems. I received a master degree in tropical agricultural sciences of Institute Agro Montpellier and a Ph.D. in economics on Montpellier University. I realized my PhD. with Cirad and was based in Indonesia and Vietnam during 2 years for my research. In 2017-2018 I realized a post-doc at ETH Zurich on the FAO project "*Building resilience to climate change in farming and food systems*" before taking position at ISTOM (France) as lecturer-research in agro-economics in 2018.

In 2019, I prepared the application of ISTOM to become member of Agrinatura along with my colleagues and participated the ISTOM delegation to Agrinatura General Assembly in Gembloux to support ISTOM application. I joined immediately the "Research" working group of Agrinatura. During the covid-19 crisis, I remained active in Agrinatura network by collaborating to research activities with Prague University (Faculty of Tropical Sciences).

In 2022, the "Research" working group of Agrinatura organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Agrinatura Scientific Conference during the General Assembly in Cork, Ireland. As member of this working group, I participated to the organisation of this event before and on site, I also presented a communication and moderated a session. I attended the 2022 Agrinatura General Assembly in Cork as official substitute of Ludovic Andres (ISTOM representative) who couldn't attend himself.

Being member of Agrinatura is of high importance for ISTOM which specificity is to train students dedicated to work in the Global South. ISTOM is interested in developing partnerships of higher education and research with European universities. I believe Agrinatura is a strong alliance with an important mission of supporting knowledge for agriculture and development. I am willing to continue contributing to this network and involve more deeply in facilitating synergies within Agrinatura.

Thank you in advance for taking time to read this letter and review my resume.

Sincerely,  
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