

General Assembly Announcement 2024

Dear Agrinatura Association,

We are delighted to announce that this year's General Assembly will be held as a face-to-face event and will be co-hosted by the Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) and the University of Helsinki, Finland. You are cordially invited to the Agrinatura General Assembly (GA) on May 14th – 15th, 2024.

This year, Agrinatura will present to our members a proposal for a new structure whose goal is to construct a solid organisation. We highly encourage member participation and join us in this significant evolution. Your attendance at the General Assembly is vital as we shape the future of Agrinatura.

On the first day of the two-day General Assembly and 3rd conference event, our primary focus will be on the business meeting, during which several announcements will be subject to a vote. Approval will require a simple majority. Below are the points for voting:

- Approval of the Minutes from General Assembly meeting in Prague 2023
- Financial report 2023 (documentation attached)
- Budget 2024 (documentation attached)
- Changes in Membership (see below)
 - Application to the Board of Directors:
 - a. Inese Rozensteine (CIRAD)
 - b. Prof. De Mil Tom (Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech)
 - c. Prof. Moutaz Alhamada (ISTOM).
 - Revocation of Prof. Frédéric Francis (Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech) and Claire Duran (ISTOM).
 - Revocation of Petra Chaloupková as Vice president
 - Election of Vice president of Agrinatura (Ioannis Dimitrios)

All necessary documentation will be provided in advance via email (attached to this message) or accessible on our websites <https://agrinatura-eu.eu/meetings/agrinatura-general-assembly-2024-helsinki/>. The Secretary-General will be available to address any inquiries you may have.

Ensuring representation from all association members at the General Assembly is crucial to achieving a quorum. If you are the designated Agrinatura Association

A representative for your institution who is unable to attend, we kindly request that you nominate a suitable replacement. Your voting rights may be delegated to another individual from your institution, the Representative of another association member, or to the Agrinatura association President/Secretary-General.

If you are unable to attend, please fill out this [Proxy form](#).

After the voting session, our agenda will continue with a discussion on the topic of 'Connecting Universities, Research Institutions, and Partners for Agri-Food Systems Transformation.' Two panels of experts will engage in dialogue on the following topics:

- 'The Role of Universities and Research Institutes in Shaping New Partnerships'.
- 'Elevating Capacity Building in Africa to Build Resilient Agri-Food Systems.'

These panels aim to delve into the critical roles of universities, research institutions, and partners in advancing agricultural transformation and building resilient food systems.

The second day, scheduled for May 15th, 2024, will feature the 3rd Agrinatura Conference: 'Bringing Evidence-based Knowledge into Decision-making for Sustainable, Healthy, and Inclusive Global Food Systems.' This conference will include four sessions aimed at fostering discussion and collaboration:

- 'Agrinatura Projects Impact on Informed Decision Making for Sustainable Food Systems Transformation'.
- 'CEA-FIRST: Advancing Research and Innovation for Food Systems Transformation in Europe and Africa'.
- 'Harnessing the power of collaborative action to enable impactful Research and Innovation.'
- 'Evidence-based knowledge into decision-making: imperative opportunities, challenges and the role of Agrinatura network.'

This event promises to provide valuable insights and opportunities for networking. We believe that by coming together to share knowledge and experiences, we can collectively contribute to the advancement of sustainable, healthy, and inclusive global food systems.

We look forward to seeing you there and fostering meaningful collaboration among all participants.



Dr Stephen Onakuse
President



Dr Mabel Hernandez-Altamirano
Secretary-General

