



"New Ideas for Agriculture: Impact of Indigenous and Local Knowledge on the SDGs" Event and many more Exciting Prospects

Welcome to our latest newsletter! In this edition you will discover the captivating story of an inspiring collaboration between Fraunhofer ISE and KIRDI. Also mark your calendars as we unveil upcoming events on Indigenous Agriculture Solutions and Entrepreneurship. Learn more about the 'THRIVE Global Impact Challenge 2023'. And definitely don't miss the opportunity to showcase your project's impact on our website. Dive in and embrace the spirit of innovation with WAITRO!

NEWS

Fraunhofer for Development (F4D)-Match Bear Fruit



Discover the Power of WAITRO: Learn more about a 6-year journey from idea to impact, proving that nurturing partnerships before securing funding can yield remarkable results. The [SolCoolDry system](#) exemplifies the power of dedicated collaboration between Fraunhofer ISE and KIRDI, transforming solar energy into solutions for preserving food and boosting livelihoods in rural Africa.

Instituto Pedro Nunes Supports Startups

A new Gateway to European Innovation: WAITRO Member Instituto Pedro Nunes (IPN) becomes the first Portuguese partner in the category "access to infrastructure and support in R&D" of the prestigious European Innovation Council (EIC) Ecosystem Partnership and Co-Investment Support Program. With a budget of over 10 billion euros dedicated to empowering startups and SMEs on their path to success, the EIC offers an impressive array of business acceleration services, including access to mentors, coaches, experts, trainers, and business partners.

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Researchers of WAITRO Member Organizations Create Impact on SDGs

Explore how WAITRO members are breaking down borders and joining forces to drive progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals in our "Impact and Insights" feature on the WAITRO website. Witness remarkable partnerships and innovative solutions, and transformative initiatives from BRIN (Indonesia), TISTR (Thailand), Fraunhofer (Germany), CMRDI (Egypt), and Leitat (Spain) that are shaping a more sustainable future.

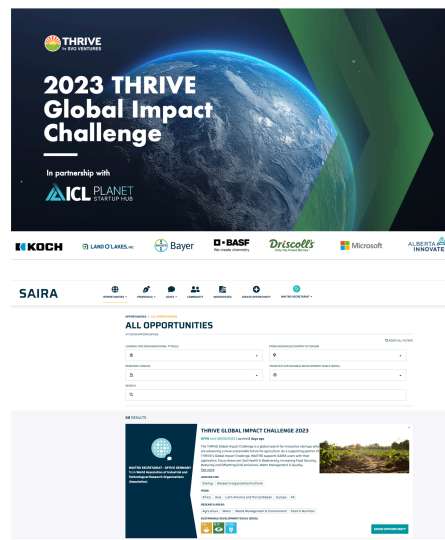
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OPEN OPPURTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

THRIVE Global Impact Challenge 2023

WAITRO has partnered with SVG Ventures to support the THRIVE Global Impact Challenge 2023—a quest to identify the innovative startups driving a sustainable future in agriculture. The challenge addresses four focal points: enhancing soil health and biodiversity, bolstering food security, mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, and optimizing water management and quality. Participants have the chance to secure up to

\$1 million USD in investment from SVG Ventures and other valuable rewards. WAITRO Secretariat has introduced THRIVE as an Opportunity on SAIRA. Responding offers SAIRA users the opportunity for assistance with their applications. The application deadline is August 28th.



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PROMOTE YOUR IMPACT ON THE SDGs

Are you employed at a WAITRO member organization? Is your project making a positive impact on the Sustainable Development Goals? Utilize the power of WAITRO to promote your achievements and connect with potential partners. We are dedicated to showcasing your remarkable contributions to the SDGs on our [website](#) and in the newsletter, which is read not only by researchers but also administrators, funding agencies and investors. You may find new partnerships that you didn't even know that you were looking for!



How It Works

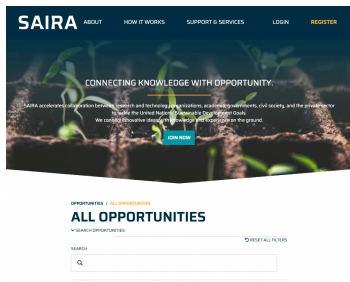
PROMOTE YOUR ORGANIZATION'S STRENGTHS

This valuable opportunity aims at showcasing the strengths of your organization to potential research partners and share the areas in which you seek collaboration worldwide. If you wish to be part of the inaugural cohort, simply reach out to the Secretariat for a template!



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WAITRO'S MATCHMAKING PLATFORM FOR GLOBAL COLLABORATION



In July, SAIRA passed the mark of 1000 users from 400 registered organizations in 110 countries around the world. Make sure to join SAIRA to avoid missing out on opportunities to build new partnerships. Registration and use is free to researchers, innovators, and investors. Finding the right partner isn't easy.

Using SAIRA is!

CONTACT TO IMPACT INVESTORS

As part of our efforts to continuously improve SAIRA and improve WAITRO's services, we are looking to partner with impact investors to test a matchmaking process between impact investors and researchers. Please feel free to reach out in case you could make introductions to an impact investor.

Contact us

EVENTS

UPCOMING / SAVE THE DATE



New Ideas for Agriculture: Impact of Indigenous and Local Knowledge on the SDGs

*Date: August 29th, 2023
Online*

Join us on August 29th as we explore the impact of Indigenous and Local Knowledge on achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2 “Zero Hunger”. Hear successful examples of commercialization from Africa and Asia and explore how the WAITRO network might create a network of experts in commercializing knowledge and capturing value for local economies, whilst increasing the climate resilience of the food system. Contact the Secretariat if you are interested in participating, especially if you have a point of view that needs to be represented.

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MENA Regional Networking Event

*Date: September 25th-26th, 2023
Place: Istanbul*

Two day meeting to get to know better our WAITRO MENA Members, and introduce non-members to the Global Innovation Family. Hosted by the MENA Regional Focal Point at TÜBİTAK - The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye. The two day event will kick off on the 25th with introductions to the WAITRO ecosystem, case studies highlighting the benefits of membership within the region followed by presentations on funding opportunities both within MENA and globally. Customized networking activities in the afternoon will bring members together around defined opportunities to build partnerships. The second day will focus on setting goals for, and building partnerships within, the WAITRO Working Group on SDG6: Clean water and sanitation.

Entrepreneurship @WAITRO: Event Series – Kick-off Session

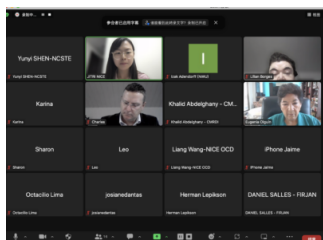
*Date: October 5th, 2023
Online*

Entrepreneurship is the driving force behind transforming research into practical solutions that fuel economic growth and make a lasting impact. That’s why WAITRO is thrilled to announce the launch of an exclusive event series dedicated to entrepreneurship within our WAITRO community. Get inspired, exchange ideas, and ignite innovation. The objective is simple: to foster an interactive exchange among members, enabling you to gain valuable insights into the remarkable entrepreneurial activities of fellow WAITRO members. From past successes to current breakthroughs and future endeavors, this event series will provide a platform for sharing experiences and igniting new ideas. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event series.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT (PAST EVENTS)

Webinar on China's International Science and Technology Cooperation Funding System

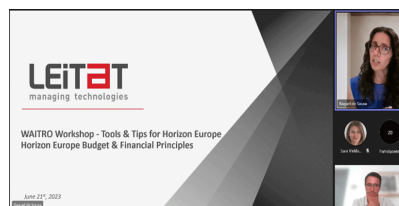
WAITRO China office hosted a webinar introducing China's International Science and Technology Cooperation Funding System, focusing on partnerships with countries like Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, and more. The series covered funding programs with various regions, encouraging global partnerships.



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LEITAT – WAITRO Workshop “Horizon Europe Tools & Tips”

The WAITRO Regional Focal Point for Europe organized a webinar on Horizon Europe Tools & Tips. Aimed at fostering international cooperation, the event provided an overview of expectations for Non-European partners in Horizon Europe proposals. The workshop facilitated networking and collaboration, attracting participants from 23 countries. Presentations covered the funding process and useful tools.



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NEW MEMBERS

Universidad de Medellín

WAITRO is delighted to welcome Universidad de Medellín as its newest member, fostering global research collaborations and innovation in industrial and technological sectors. The university's focus on sustainable development aligns with WAITRO's commitment to addressing SDGs.



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