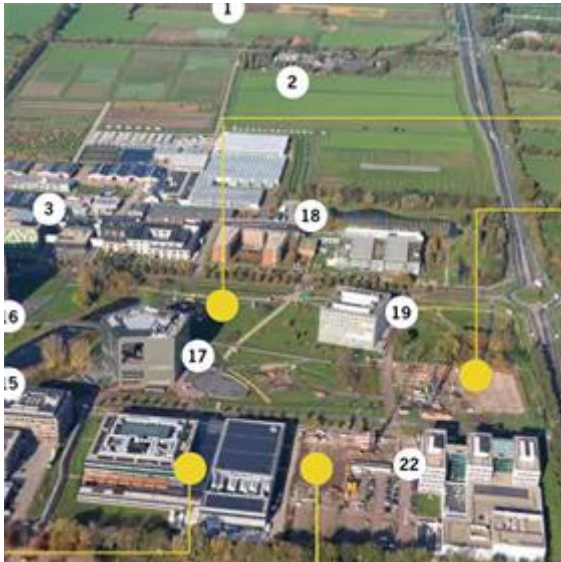


## Alumni News | December 2020 | Happy Winter Holidays



We wish you and your loved ones happy winter holidays!



### Do you still recognize Wageningen Campus?

Perhaps you have not been to the Campus for a while but the Campus continues to grow as a meeting place for researchers, students, entrepreneurs, and alumni. Watch the [digital campus tour](#) to get an impression and read on p. 26 about the recent developments and building plans in the new Wageningen World, the quarterly magazine for associates and alumni of WUR. Click [here](#) to update your subscription details.

Campus Activities 



## Life after WUR | scientist Carlos Cabrera

Cabrera received a grant from Nuffic to do the Master's in biotechnology at Wageningen. He seized the opportunity, came to the Netherlands from Costa Rica, and never left again. The dedicated scientist and entrepreneur started his own company Greencoverly using his own proprietary technology to extract useful components from the food industry's liquid side waste streams. © Eric Scholten

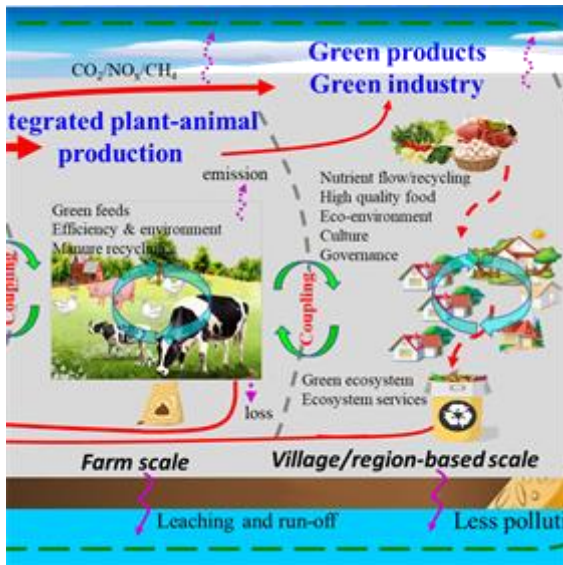
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## Dialogues on Challenges African Food Systems

*Climate-Resilient Food Systems for Africa: From Evidence to Action* is a virtual dialogue series leading up to the Climate Adaptation Summit in 2021. The challenges facing the food system, particularly in Africa, are immense and the global community is not on track to meet SDG targets nor the Paris Agreement. Are you interested in the views of experts from various important areas such as farmers, cooperatives, companies, NGOs, financial institutions, and governments?

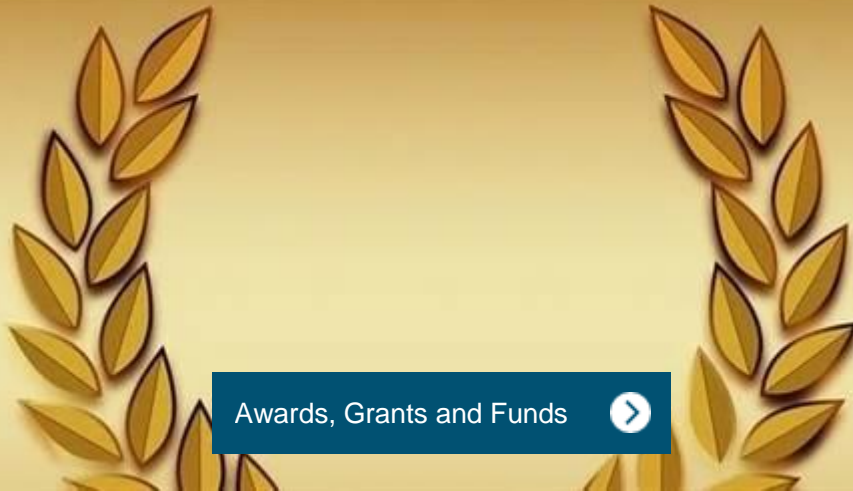
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## Outstanding Chinese PhD students

An online ceremony marked the official start of the Sino-Dutch Agriculture Green Development Programme. The AGD Programme, involving 90 PhD candidates, is of great importance to China Agricultural University, WUR, China, and the world. Prof. Fusuo Zhang, who received an honorary doctorate from WUR in 2018, delivered a contribution to the AGD Programme in China. The PhD students are planning to come to Wageningen, some already arrived.

Sustainable Chinese agriculture



Awards, Grants and Funds



The **Marina van Damme Fund** has awarded two grants. Iris van der Meer and Iris van 't Erve have each received a grant of €9,000. The scholarships are intended to further develop the career of talented and driven female engineers.

The **Thesis Award** preparations are in full swing. Four students will be awarded a prize for their thesis' level of excellence. One prize is awarded per education domain. Chair holders may submit student theses that have been assessed with at least a nine before 14 March 2021.

The **AtlasInvest Entrepreneurship Grant** offers a helping hand to ambitious startup

companies who are active in Wageningen domains. Read the story of the founder of this new grant consisting of one for the best entrepreneurial idea and one for the best initiative aimed at sustainability.

[The Emergency Fund](#) already helped 22 students in need to reduce their financial problems caused by the Covid-19 outbreak. This was possible through heartwarming financial support from the WUR community who donated almost €70,000. Donating is still possible.

These examples are all initiated by/made possible with the help of [University Fund Wageningen](#).



## For bookworms

[Book | Light on Campus](#), full of beautiful pictures of Wageningen Campus such as the picture in the header of this newsletter. With the purchase of this book, you will also support the education of students from developing countries, as all proceeds will be donated to the Anne van den Ban Fund.

[E-Book | Snapshots](#), with an anthology of true stories by the Wageningen Comedy Club.

[Book & video | on the life cycle of insects in Surinam](#) by the renowned botanical artist and entomologist Sibylla Merian, born in 1647.

### Written by alumni

[Book | Plant empowerment](#), on a unique cultivation method that empowers the plant.

[Book | From technological inventories to product development](#), a journey on traditional foods with Djidjoho Hounhouigan.

[Book | Time to Lead](#), lessons for today's leaders from bold decisions that changed history.



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