



### **Short biography of Dr. Paul LUU**

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58 years old, Paul LUU is an agronomist specialized in tropical agronomy, graduate from AgroParisTech, the Institute of tropical areas of Montpellier, the National High School of Agricultural Applied Sciences of Dijon, and the University of Montpellier (PhD in “population biology”).

He began his career in the field, with six years in the heart or at the head of agronomic research projects in the Caribbean (St. Lucia), Indian Ocean (Sri Lanka) and the Pacific (Tonga), before joining the international Relationship Department of the French Ministry of agriculture.

During the following 7 years, he was in charge of multilateral relationship with FAO, the World Bank and the CGIAR, of bilateral relationship with the countries in Africa and the Mediterranean area, as well as the management of the French food aid (200 000 t of grain per year), as Head of Mission and then as Head of Department.

Then comes 9 years spent in developing the agriculture of French overseas departments and territories, 3 years as Technical Advisor "Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry" of the Minister of Overseas, then 6 years as Director of ODEADOM (the Board in charge of agricultural development of overseas areas that pays European (CAP) and national subsidies to agriculture of those regions).

In 2011, Paul LUU was appointed Director of Agropolis International, the international association that represents the scientific community "Agronomy - Environment - Biodiversity - Water" of the Languedoc-Roussillon area (one of the largest in the world with over 10,000 scientists). He contributed in particular to the installation of the CGIAR in Montpellier, International organization dedicated to agricultural research for the benefit of the poorest people on the planet. He joined the organization in September 2013 as Liaison Officer with the French Authorities, then as Protocol Officer.

From September 2016, Paul LUU is Executive Secretary of the “4 per 1000 Initiative: Soils for food security and climate”, launched at COP 21 in Paris and hosted by the CGIAR System Office until December 2020, then by the Alliance Bioversity International – CIAT from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

Paul LUU is married (two children) and is fond of environment and nature (flora and fauna) both terrestrial and marine.