

NEWS AND EVENTS

- [African Journal of Rural Development publishes inaugural issues](#)
- [Universities recognised as important stakeholders in enhancing the impact of agricultural research for development – RUFORUM at the GCARD3 Conference](#)
- [Makerere University engages farmers to evaluate *Striga*-resistant rice varieties](#)
- [Visit by Dr. Thomas Odong, Plant Breeder at the RUFORUM Regional Program on Plant Breeding, Biotechnology and Seed Systems, to WACCI](#)
- [Rwanda takes long view to invest in African science](#)
- [1st World Congress on Innovations for Livestock Development. 26-30 June 2016, Nakuru, Kenya.](#)
- [CCARDESA 1st Agricultural Science Week and 2nd General Assembly. 20-24 June 2016, Lilongwe, Malawi](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Strengthening the design and management of PhD programmes in African universities: a case study of three RUFORUM Regional PhD Programmes \(Okori, 2016\) *RUFORUM Working Document No. 12*](#)
- [Role of Universities in development of improved crop varieties, seed production, dissemination and impacts: Case studies of dry, canning, snap and runner beans, pigeonpea and onions \(Kimani, 2014\)](#)
- [Prevalence and severity of sorghum leaf blight in the sorghum growing areas of Central Sudan \(Beshir et al, 2015\)](#)
- [Climate-Smart Agriculture for decision makers and implementers. A ready-to-use curriculum with a reader and student workbook \(CCAFS, 2016\)](#)
- [Poverty in a rising Africa \(World Bank, 2016\)](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- [Anzisha Prize 2016 for young innovators in Africa. Nomination deadline: 15 April, 2016](#)
- [GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2016. A 50,000 US dollar award for excellence in leadership in agricultural and life science universities. Deadline for nominations: 25 April, 2016](#)

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- **(New)** [RINEA Mobility Grant Scheme](#) to support participation of universities, research organisations and SMEs in Africa to brokerage events in Italy and Denmark. **Deadline: 29 April, 2016.**
- [Carnegie Fund for Conference Attendance](#). Supports African beneficiaries of Carnegie-supported postgraduate programs to present papers at major international conferences. **Deadline: 30 April, 2016**
- [World Food Prize and Borlaug Field Award 2016](#). **Nomination deadlines: 1 May, 2016** for the World Food Prize, and **30 June 2016** for the Borlaug Field Award.
- [African Entrepreneurship Award 2016](#). **Deadline: 6 May, 2016**
- [SANBio/BIOFISA II Programme](#) invites institutions in SADC countries to submit [concept notes](#) for grants to support flagship projects in nutrition, animal health and aquaculture. **Deadline: 16 May, 2016**
- [The World Academy of Sciences \(TWAS\) Research Grants 2016](#). Several research grants, mainly in the basic sciences, for researchers in the developing world. **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**
- [APPEAR call for applications for preparatory funding, academic partnership and PhD scholarship](#). **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**
- **(New)** [Africa Food Prize](#). An newly launched US\$100,000 prize for individuals and institutions who are making outstanding contributions to agriculture in Africa. **Deadline: 10 June, 2016**
- [Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme](#) to improve the skills and competences of students and staff in Higher Education Institutions in Africa. **Deadline: 15 June, 2016**
- **(New)** [The Blue Economy Challenge](#). This AU\$3 million challenge calls for solutions that ensure sustainability of aquaculture, especially in the Indian Ocean region. **Deadline: 30 June, 2016.**
- [NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field](#). **Deadline: Open till December 2018**
- **(New)** [WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme](#). Supports young scientists to turn their ideas into research projects and present research results at various fora. **Deadline: September 2016 for research projects**. Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime.

Scholarships:

- [PhD in Sustainability Science](#) at United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability. Scholarships available for applicants from developing countries. **Deadline: 28 April, 2016**
- [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellowships 2016](#). Fellowships include the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE). **Deadline: 28 April, 2016**

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- [Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center Academic Writing Residency](#). *Open to* university and think tank-based academics, researchers, professors, and scientists in any discipline. **Deadline: 2 May, 2016.**
- [AAU small grants for graduate internships](#) for its member universities. **Deadline: 23 May, 2016**
- [Iso Lomso Fellowships](#) at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study. For African doctoral scholars holding an academic position at a university or research institution in Africa. **Deadline: 25 May, 2016**
- [2016 OWSD PhD Fellowships](#) for women scientists from developing countries to study in a developing country outside their own. **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**
- [METEGA mobility scholarships](#). Support for master and doctoral studies as well as staff exchange among the consortium partners. **Deadline: Masters and PhD: 24 April 2016, staff exchange: 31 January 2018**
- [Nestlé Foundation grants](#) for research in human nutrition in low-income and lower middle-income countries. Support includes grants for Masters and PhD projects. **Applications accepted all year round**

Calls for papers:

- **(RUFORUM Call)** [Calls for proposals: Doctoral regional research grants targeting barley, finger millet, pearl millet and sorghum](#). **Extended deadline: 30 April, 2016**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for short, extended abstracts and posters/exhibitions](#) for the 5th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016. **Deadline: 30 June, 2016**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- [Call for papers for the 14th International Conference on Private Higher Education in Africa](#), Addis Ababa. **Deadline for abstracts: 15 April, 2016**
- [Call for papers for conference on 'Solidarity in a Competing World - Fair Use of Resources'](#) at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU Vienna), Austria. **Abstract deadline: 15 April, 2016**
- **(New)** [Call for papers](#) for 2nd Regional Conference on Knowledge Management themed “Knowledge Management for Sustainable Development in Africa”. **Deadline: 27 May 2016.**
- **(New)** Third call for proposals for the [Food & Business Applied Research Fund \(ARF\)](#). **Deadline: 5 July 2016 and December 6, 2016.**



Jobs:

- Vacancies at Rwanda Agricultural Board for: Expert in Cassava Breeding; Senior Scientist in Plant Molecular Biology; and Senior Scientist in Plant Tissue Culture. **Deadline for all positions: 15 April, 2016**
- Teaching positions at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR). **Deadline: 15 April, 2016**
- **(New)** Post-Doctoral Scientist for ILRI's Feed and Forages Biosciences Programme. **Deadline: 15 May 2016**
- **(New)** Access Agriculture seeks to recruit an Executive Secretary. **Deadline: 30 June 2016**

FEATURED VIDEO: [RUFORUM: Mozambique Country Story](#)

