NEWS AND EVENTS

- President Sirleaf meets high-level delegation from Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM)
- RUFORUM, AWARD train female mid-career professionals
- Skills shortages still blocking development – Report
- US and UK universities slip in new QS world rankings
- Event: GCP21 Fourth International Cassava Conference, 11-15 June 2018, Cotonou, Benin

PUBLICATIONS

- Distribution of maize lethal necrosis disease, its causal viruses and alternative hosts in the north - central regions of Tanzania (Mariki, 2017)
- Characterization of slow pyrolysis wood vinegar and tar from banana wastes biomass as potential organic pesticides (Omulo et al, 2017)
- Teff-based complementary foods fortified with soybean and orange-fleshed sweet potato (Mesfin et al, 2017)
- Development and acceptability evaluation of millet-sesame-soy composite as a complementary food in Acholi sub-region of Uganda (Nassanga, 2016)
- Effects of spatial arrangement of maize (Zea mays [L.]) Intercropped with common beans (Phaseolus vulgaris [L.]) And cowpeas (Vigna unguiculata [L.]) on growth and yield (Mvubu, 2015)

FEATURED VIDEO: Training a generation of AgLeaders for agricultural transformation in Africa

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- **(New)** The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) invites nomination for the following prizes:
  - TWAS Regional Prize 2017: Public Understanding and Popularization of Science. **Deadline: 20 June 2017**
  - TWAS-C.N.R. Rao Prize for Scientific Research for TWAS Fellows from the world's Least Developed Countries who have contributed to global science. **Deadline: 26 June 2017**
  - TWAS-Atta-ur-Rahman Prize in Chemistry for chemists under the age of 40 from a developing country. **Deadline: 26 June 2017**
  - TWAS-Fayzah M. Al-Kharafi Prize for women scientists in the medical sciences. **Deadline: 10 July 2017**
  - TWAS-Samira Omar Innovation for Sustainability Prize for a female scientist in the field of conservation and management of natural resources. **Deadline: 10 July 2017**
  - TWAS-Abdool Karim Prize for women scientists in the biological sciences. **Deadline: 10 July 2017**
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- The 2017 BCFN YES! Research Grant Competition invites young PhD and postdoc researchers from any background and nationality to submit a research project on food sustainability. **Deadline: 28 June 2017**
- The Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund 2016/2017 for scientists employed within African National Agricultural Research Systems. **Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis until 30 June 2017**
- Global Development Awards Competition 2017. Six researchers or development practitioners from low or middle-income countries will stand the chance to win up to US$30,000. **Deadline: 16 July 2017**
- Toyota Foundation call for proposals for joint or individual research grants beginning in May 2018. Open to all areas of research and persons of all nationalities. **Deadline: 8 September 2017**
- Call for Geodata for Agriculture and Water (G4AW) Facility 2017-2018. **Deadline: 14 September 2017**
- OCLC/ALISE Library & Information Science Research Grant Program (LISRGP) 2018 Call for Proposals. **Deadline: 15 September 2017**
- NEPAD–SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field. **Deadline: Open till December 2018**
- WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme. Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime
- **(New)** Feed the Future Innovation lab for Peanut Research (PRIL). **Deadline: 6 September 2017**

Scholarships and courses:
- **(RUFORUM call)** PhD training opportunities at the African Center of Excellence for Oil Field Chemicals Research (CEFOR) University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. **Deadline: 30 June 2017**
- **(RUFORUM Call)** Staff Exchange Fellowship at the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources. **Deadline: 30th June 2017**
- **(RUFORUM call)** PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. **Applications will be accepted throughout the year**
- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for proposals for the RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA). **Proposals will be accepted throughout 2017**
- The Association of African Universities (AAU) Graduate Internship Grant. Small grants of up to US$600 per student for graduate internships for students in AAU member universities. **Deadline: 23 May 2017**
- **(New)** GFAR webinar on Farmers’ rights: achieving complementarity between the informal and formal seed systems. 30 May 2017. **Register now**
- PhD studies at the African Center of Excellence in Internet of Things (ACEIoT), University of Rwanda. Scholarships available for eligible students from Eastern and Southern Africa. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**
- MSc and PhD studies at the Africa Center of Excellence for Climate Smart Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation. Scholarships available for students from Eastern and Southern Africa. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**
- PhD Training Fellowships for Women Scientists from 66 developing countries. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**
- PhD scholarships at Centre for Research, Agricultural Advancement, Teaching Excellence and Sustainability in Food and Nutritional Security (CREATES), Tanzania. **Applications will be received till slots are filled**
- GREAT course in gender-responsive cereal grain breeding for small, interdisciplinary teams of researchers from sub-Saharan Africa. Partial funding support is available. **Deadline: 9 June 2017**
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- Intra-Africa Mobility program MoBreed: Applications invited for MSc and PhD in Orphan Crops breeding. **Deadline: 10 June 2017**
- **(New)** OWSD PhD training fellowships for women scientists from science and technology lagging countries. **Deadline: 19 June 2017**
- LEARN Postdoctoral Fellowship in Livestock Emissions Research. Support for an emerging scientist from a developing country to complete a research project in New Zealand. **Deadline: 30 June 2017**
- **(New)** IWC scholarships to study Master of Integrated Water Management in Brisbane, Australia starting 1 September 2018. **Deadline: 1 August 2017**
- Scholarships to study courses in Chinese universities in the 2017/2018 Academic Year. **Deadlines vary**
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018 for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course**
- Arturo Falaschi ICGEB (International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology) Research Fellowships for research in Trieste, New Delhi, and Cape Town. **Deadlines vary by course**
- Food Security courses at the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation in 2017. Fellowships available. **Deadlines vary by course**
- 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)** Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- Call for abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the International Colloquium for Scientific Exchange on Cashew (CIESA) from 26 to 28 September 2017 in Abidjan. **Deadline: 30 June 2017**
- Call for abstracts for the 22nd AAIS (African Association of Insect Scientists) Meeting and Scientific Conference, 23-26 October 2017, Wad Medani. **Deadline: 30 June 2017**
- Call for papers and workshop proposals for the 4th International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD) – Africa Conference 2018, Pretoria. **Deadline: 30 September 2017**

WEBINARS & E-DISCUSSIONS

- e-Forum on “ICTs and Open Data in Agriculture and Nutrition”, 19 June - 14 July 2017
- GFAR webinar on ”Beyond Decision Making: Foresight as a Process for Improving Attitude Towards Change”, 27 June 2017
- FAO webinar on “Developing Capacities to Access and Use AGORA: Experience and Lessons from Africa and Asia”, 29 June 2017
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JOBS

- **(New) RUFORUM Vacancy: Manager Information & Technology.** Deadline: 31 August, 2017
- **(New) ILRI vacancy: Instructional Design Specialist to be based in Nairobi.** Deadline: 26 June 2017
- **(New) ILRI vacancy: Head, Communications and Knowledge Management.** Deadline: 30 June 2017
- **(New) Consultancies at FARA:**
  - Individual consultant to develop **Agricultural Innovation System – Policy Practice Index**. Deadline: 29 June 2017
  - Individual Consultant to Develop **programme Process Manual** Deadline: 3 July 2017
  - **AWARD Website Consultancy.** Deadline: 31 July 2017

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