

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:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [IMPRESSA Awards 2017](#). RUFORUM award recognizing outstanding university scientists contributing to agricultural Research and Science for Development in Africa. **Deadline: 31 July 2017**
- **(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**
 - **(New)** [TWAS Regional Prize 2017: Public Understanding and Popularization of Science](#). **Extended deadline: 15 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**
- Best Sweet Potato Scientific Paper Award – 2017 Edition. **Deadline: 30 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**
- Pan African University call for applications for the 2017/2018 academic year. The African Union Commission will offer full scholarships to successful African candidates. **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**
- [International Tropical Timber Organization Fellowships 2017.](#) Eligible African countries include Benin, Cameroon, DR Congo, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali and Mozambique. **Deadline: 20 Jun 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 papers for special issue of African Journal of Rural Development: "Multi-stakeholder Research & Innovation Platforms in Agricultural Research for Development"](#). **Deadline: 15 July 2017**
- **(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**
- **(New)** [Call for papers for the 8th ANIE Annual Conference on the theme "Higher Education in Africa: New Regional and Global Dynamics", 4-6 October 2017, Kigali.](#) **Deadline: 15 July 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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