

NEWS AND EVENTS

- [Higher Education Actors in Africa Convene in Pretoria to Brainstorm on a Regional Program for Strengthening Higher Agricultural Education in Africa \(SHAEA\)](#)
- [Part Two of the RUFORUM Working Document Series Vol. 14 published](#)
- [From Uganda to South Africa – My Intra-ACP Africa Mobility experience](#)
- [Young entrepreneur elected new President of the East Africa Farmer's Federation \(EAFF\)](#)
- [Lifelong learning requires an evolving university](#)
- **Event:** [The 4th International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists \(IAALD\) – Africa Conference, 31 May -1 June 2018, Pretoria](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [RUFORUM Quarterly Report July-September 2017 \(RUFORUM, 2017\)](#)
- [Use of plants as dyes: A case study of the use of pre-mordanting method to dye cotton fabric with extracts from *Allium burdickii* \(Agulei et al, 2017\)](#)
- [The influence of soil moisture on maize growth and yield in flood recession farming in the Okavango delta: the case of maize \(Bosekeng et al, 2017\)](#)
- [Assessment of profitability and efficiency of cassava production among government and non-government assisted farmers association in Osun State, Nigeria \(Ayodeji et al, 2017\)](#)
- [Effect of toasting on phytic acid, protein and pH in a plant-based diet and its ingesta in fed catfish \(Kemigabo et al, 2017\)](#)
- [Not by technology and money alone: the importance of functional capacity strengthening in agribusiness partnerships \(Salm, Dugue & Defoer \[eds\], 2017\)](#)
- [Africa Agriculture Status Report 2017: the business of smallholder agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa \(Issue 5\) \(AGRA, 2017\)](#)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Meet Agbolosoo John Atsu, an MCF@RUFORUM Scholar 2017](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for grant proposals under the Community Action Research Programme Plus Programme \(CARP+\) of RUFORUM. Deadline: 31 October 2017](#)
- [DAAD scholarships for postgraduate studies in Germany 2018-2019. Application deadlines vary across universities and programmes up to October 2017](#)
- [Germany's International Climate Initiative \(IKI\) supports projects on climate change mitigation and adaptation. Open to a broad range of participants including universities. Deadline: 12 October 2017](#)
- [Young Scientist Travel Grant \(YSTG\) to attend the International Conference on "Living territories for sustainable development", 22-24 January, Montpellier. Deadline: 13 October 2017](#)
- [Kwame Nkrumah Regional Scientific Awards for Women 2017. Deadline: 31 October 2017](#)
- [Nominate the Agrofood Broker of the Year 2017. A professional in the field of Food and Nutrition Security, who has undertaken significant brokering activities in 2016/2017.](#)

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- Grand Challenges Explorations. Grant opportunities to foster innovation to solve key health and development problems. **Open to anyone from any country and discipline. Deadline: 8 November 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 - Travel Grant. Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. **Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime.**

Scholarships and courses:

- **(RUFORUM call)** PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. **Applications will be accepted throughout the year**
- Wageningen University & Research MOOC on 'Advanced Biobased Conversion'. **Free online course**
- International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) — Arturo Falaschi Fellowships Programme. **Deadline: 31 December for short-term fellowships**
- 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**
- Mo Ibrahim Foundation Fellowship 2018. For young professionals, mid-career, and/or new executives who are nationals of an African country, residing anywhere in the world. **Deadline: 15 October 2017**
- Aspen Institute New Voices Fellowship 2018. A year-long program in media skills, communication, and leadership for top development professionals in the developing world. **Deadline: 15 October 2017**
- DIES University Leadership and Management Training Course (UNILEAD). For young managers who work in their university's central administrative departments. **Deadline: 16 October 2017**
- Call for post-doctoral candidate to work on the gender-energy-entrepreneurship-environment nexus in Tanzania. **Tenable at Chalmers University of Technology. Email: helene.ahlborg@chalmers.se**
- HarvardX - Free online courses from Harvard University including data analysis, statistics and genomics. **Deadlines vary.**
- **(New)** USDA 2018 Borlaug Global Cocoa Initiative Fellowships. For applicants from Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Liberia. **Deadline: 5 November 2017**
- **(New)** Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program. For accredited universities in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda; and African-born scholars in the United States or Canada. **Deadline: 8 November 2017**
- STIAS Iso Lomso Fellowships. Three year fellowship for early career African researchers who hold an academic position at a university or research institution anywhere in Africa. **Deadline: 15 November 2017**
- Schlumberger Foundation - Funding for Women in PhD and Post-Doctoral Studies 2018-2019 in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. **Deadline: 17 November 2017**
- Australia Awards – Africa for master's studies, short courses and post-doctoral fellowships. **Deadline: 30 November 2017 for post-docs; 15 December 2017 for masters; and 15 January 2018 for short courses**
- Association of African Universities (AAU) Staff Exchange Programme 2017. For staff of AAU member universities. **All exchange missions have to be completed by end of December 2017**
- Free e-learning courses from FAO
- ICRA Courses 2018. Scholarships available:
 - Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security, 12 – 30 March 2018, Wageningen. For lecturers, trainers and researchers in tertiary agricultural education

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- [Facing rural innovation challenges - Linking research to inclusive development for food security](#)
14 May – 1 June 2018, Wageningen. For professionals working in agricultural research, agribusiness, rural advisory services, food security and producer organisations.
- [Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit – Key skills for inclusive business brokerage](#)
25 June – 6 July 2018, Ibadan. For agribusiness service providers and coaches working with smallholder farmers and agro-entrepreneurs.
- [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
- e-agriculture learning activity: Drones for agriculture and rural development. Register [here](#)
- [Elsevier Publishing Campus](#): free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research.

Calls for papers

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- [Call for papers for .](#) Travel grants available for authors. **Deadline: 10 October 2017**
- [Call for papers and workshop proposals for the 4th International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists \(IAALD\) – Africa Conference 2018](#), Pretoria. **New deadline: 31 October 2017**
- [Call for articles: Nature & Faune Journal](#) on the theme, “Creating a forest landscape restoration movement in Africa”. **Deadline: 1 December 2017**

WEBINARS

- **(New)** AAU-TRUSTAFRICA Webinar on “promoting diversification, differentiation, and harmonization of the African higher education system”, 19 October 2017. **Register at www.aau.org/webinars**

JOBS

- **(New)** [FAO call for Agroecology consultants](#). **Deadline: 12 October 2017**

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