NEWS AND EVENTS

- RUFORUM and universities in Africa’s agricultural transformation
- RUFORUM: An Innovative mechanism for engaging African universities for development
- More practical training – A growing call in higher education
- African Academy of Sciences launches open access publishing platform
- AU moves to expedite Africa-wide quality assurance project

PUBLICATIONS

- Traditions, beliefs and indigenous technologies in connection with the edible longhorn grasshopper Ruspolia differens (Serville 1838) in Tanzania (Mmari et al, 2017)
- Biochemical basis of cowpea resistance to bruchid, Callosobruchus maculatus (L.) (Miesho et al, 2017)
- Next generation data systems and knowledge products to support agricultural producers and science-based policy decision making (Capalbo, Antle & Seavert, 2017)
- Harnessing regional and national capacities to strengthen agricultural research for development in Africa: a case study of DAAD support to RUFORUM (Chindime et al, 2016)

FEATURED VIDEO: Cameroon: From helper to multi-millionaire farmer in 7 years

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(RUFORUM call)** Special call for applications: Ten RUFORUM Community-Based Field Attachment Programme Awards. For MSc and PhD students who have recently graduated or who have submitted their theses and are awaiting results. **Deadline: 30 November 2017**
- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for establishment of Agribusiness Incubation Hubs 2017/2018: RUFORUM Entrepreneurship Challenge Program (RECAP). Open to all RUFORUM member universities. **Deadline: 30 December, 2017**
- Student challenge: design the ultimate urban greenhouse. Open to students in universities around the world. **Queries should be submitted to: rio.pals@wur.nl. Deadline: 30 November 2017**
- IFS Individual Research Grants for promising young developing country researchers. Research areas include water resources research and food security. **Deadline: 31 December 2017**
- **Hult Prize 2018.** Students from any college or university in the world are invited to form teams and apply. The winning team will be awarded US$1 million in seed capital. **Deadline: 23 December 2017**
- IAAE 2018 Carl K. Eicher Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in agricultural economics in Africa. Dissertations must have been completed during 2015, 2016 or 2017. **Nomination deadline: 26 January 2018**
- BioInnovate 2nd call for concept notes for sustainable bioinnovations towards value addition and agro/bioprocessing for smallholder farmers and communities in eastern Africa. **Deadline: 2 February 2018**
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- Erasmus+ call for proposals for capacity building in the field of higher education 2018. **Deadline: 8 February 2018**
- 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) MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2018.** For BSc and MSc programmes tenable at Egerton University and Gulu University. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call) PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program.** Applications will be accepted throughout the year
- **The New Extensionist Learning Kit,** A learning kit by the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) with 13 modules designed for self-directed, face-to-face or blended learning.
- **Free FAO online course on “Enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of food security cluster coordination”**
- **The Global Landscapes Forum Youth Ambassador program,** A one year social media outreach mentoring and internship for foreign students and professionals based in Europe.
- **DAAD PhD scholarships tenable at LUANAR in the fields of Aquaculture and Fisheries Science & Rural Development and Extension,** **Deadline: 30 November 2017**
- **DAAD-PhD fellowship opportunities in Higher Education Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal,** **Deadline: 30 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**
- **2017 call for applications from the TWAS-UNESCO Associateship Scheme,** Enables researchers from the developing countries to visit participating centres of excellence in the South for research collaboration. Applicants must hold a PhD or equivalent degree. **Deadline: 1 December 2017**
- **International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) — Arturo Falaschi Fellowships Programme,** **Deadline: 31 December for short-term fellowships**
- **Free e-learning courses from FAO**
- **Overseas Development Institute Fellowships 2018-20,** Open to candidates of all nationalities who have a master’s degree or PhD in economics, statistics or a related field. **Deadline: 1 December 2017**
- **American Association of University Women (AAUW) International Fellowship,** For women pursuing full-time graduate or post-doctoral study in the U.S. who are not citizens or permanent residents. **Deadline: 1 December 2017**
- **Global Sustainability Fellows Program 2018,** Preference will be given to applicants who are entering, enrolled, or recently graduated from an accredited graduate-level program. **Deadline: 4 December 2017**
- **(New) Israeli Agency for International Development (MASHAV) professional courses in early 2018,** Subject areas include agriculture, energy and education. A limited number of scholarships available. **Deadlines vary**
- **Matasa Fellowships for young African researchers,** Fellows will be supported to produce a synthesis paper and policy brief on the theme “Youth Employment and Private Sector Growth in Africa”. **Deadline: 7 December 2017**
- **(New) Irish Aid Fellowship Training Programme 2018-2019,** Scholarships for qualified candidates from developing countries to undertake master’s degrees in Ireland or home region. **Deadline: 8 December 2017**

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- **Commonwealth Rutherford Fellowships.** 1-2 year fellowships for post-doctoral research in the UK. **Deadline:** 11 December 2017
- **(New)** Telemachus International Mentoring Programme 2018. For young individuals aged between 18 - 29 from all over the world. **Deadline:** 15 December 2017
- **(New)** Oxford-Weidenfeld and Hoffmann Scholarships and Leadership Programme. Supports outstanding postgraduate students from developing and emerging economies to undertake post-graduate studies at the University of Oxford. **Deadline:** Varied dates in January 2018, depending on the course
- **(New)** Innovation Prize for Africa 2018. Priority areas include agriculture/agribusiness, environment and ICT. Open to all Africans including those living in the diaspora. **Deadline:** 10 January 2018
- US National Academy of Sciences PEER Program invites scientists in developing countries to work with U.S. collaborators in research and capacity building on various topics. **Deadline:** 12 January 2018
- **(New)** Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management (MESPOM). Open to all countries. **Deadline for applicants seeking financial aid:** 15 January 2018
- Application for 2018 intake at the Graduate Institute Geneva 2018 now open. For masters and PhD programs that address global, international, and transnational challenges. Financial aid available. **Deadline:** 15 January 2018
- **STEPS Summer School on Pathways to Sustainability,** 14-25 May 2018, United Kingdom. For doctoral and postdoctoral researchers. Some scholarships are available. **Deadline:** 28 January 2018
- **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Sustainable Territorial Development - STeDe.** Scholarships available. **Deadline:** 31 January 2018
- University of Antwerp Master’s Programmes in Development Studies 2018-2019. Scholarships available for applicants from a number of African countries. **Deadline:** 1 February 2018 (VLIR-UOS scholarship) & 15 February 2018 (Master Mind scholarship)
- MasterCard Foundation scholars Program at Michigan State University (MSU) 2018. Scholarships for citizens and residents of Sub-Saharan Africa to undertake graduate study at MSU. **Deadline:** 1 February 2018
- **IITA fellowships to promote research on “Youth engagement in agribusiness and rural economic activities in Africa”.** **Deadline:** 28 February 2018
- Call for applications: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP) intake for 2018-2020. Full scholarships available. **Deadline:** 28 February 2018
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation — International Climate Protection Fellowships 2018. 20 fellowships for young climate experts from developing countries. **Deadline:** 1 March 2018
- Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions (IMMANA Fellowships). Applicants may be of any nationality. **Deadline:** 1 March 2018 for full proposals
- Elsevier Publishing Campus: free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research
- 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
- Digital media bootcamp at the Global Landscapes Forum (Bonn, 16-20 December). Open to youth and professional communications staff. Bootcamp is free, but participants have to fund their travel and accommodation.
• **(New)** Call for abstracts for the 2nd HEIRRI Conference on “Education towards a responsible society, transforming universities through Responsible Research and Innovation”, 27 April 2018, Vienna. **Deadline: 30 November 2017**

• Call for papers for the 10th Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting: Agricultural Economics Society of Tanzania (AGREST) to be held on 15 & 16th March 2018 in Dodoma. **Deadline: 30 November 2017**

• Call for abstracts for the conference “Sorghum in the 21st Century”, 9-12 April 2018, Cape Town. Sponsorship available. **Deadline: 30 November 2017 (oral presentations) & 31 January 2018 (posters)**

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• Call for articles: Nature & Faune Journal on the theme, “Creating a forest landscape restoration movement in Africa”. **Deadline: 1 December 2017**

• Call for proposals for seminars, panel contributions, posters, and materials for symposium on “”, University of Illinois. Funding available to support travel for a limited number of graduate students. **Deadline: 15 January 2018**

• Call for submission of papers (oral and visual) for the 30th International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE 2018) in Vancouver, 28 July – 2 August 2018. **Deadline: 15 January 2018**

• Call for papers for the 2nd Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation in Africa, to be held in Ibadan, Nigeria on 14 & 15 May 2018. **Deadline: 20 January 2018**

**WEBINAR**

• **(New)** Cross-sector partnerships in ICT4Ag: ZFU Ecofarmer Combo, 6 December 2017

• AgriFoSe2030 webinar on “How to write policy briefs in the field of sustainable agriculture and food security”, 14 December 2017

**JOBS**

• Policy Advisor at the Secretariat of Global Donor Platform for Rural Development hosted by the German implementing agency (GIZ) in Bonn. **Deadline: 31 December 2017**

• Food and Agriculture Organization Fellowship Programme. Applicants should have a graduate or post-graduate degree, or be enrolled in a PhD programme. There are no age limits. **Deadline: 31 December 2017**

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