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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* \(f.\) \(Miesho et al, 2017\)](#)
- [Next generation data systems and knowledge products to support agricultural producers and science-based policy decision making \(Capalbo, Antle & Seavert, 2017\)](#)
- [African Higher Education in the 21st Century: Blending optimism with reality \(Osiru, Karungi & Adipala, 2016\)](#)
- [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.
- [International On-Line Course on Postharvest & Fresh-Cut Technologies](#), 1 December 2017 - 31 July 2018. Registration grants available. **Deadline: 28 November 2017**
- [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.

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- **(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)**
- [I 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**

WEBINARS

- **(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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