NEWS AND EVENTS

- The untapped potential of regional programmes support to higher education
- The role of higher education in creating inclusive societies
- Makerere University releases new soybean variety Maksoy 6N
- Four African Centres of Excellence launched in Uganda
- Key factors in quality of masters courses identified
- Event: 21st Century Quality Assurance Knowledge and Skills Workshop, 12-15 December 2017, Kampala

PUBLICATIONS

- Innovative research and teaching methods towards creation of entrepreneurs (Sila, Tsunoda & Molteni, 2016)
- Recreating a university for development relevance: the case of University of Juba (Akec, 2016)
- Effect of consumption of foods fortified with baobab fruit pulp and moringa leaf powder on the nutritional status of children (Agossadou et al, 2016)
- Production and potential utilization of crop residues and agro-industrial by-products in ruminant nutrition in Eritrea (Eyob et al, 2016)
- The challenge of mycotoxin contamination to Indigenous chicken production in Western Kenya (Rachuonyo et al, 2016)
- The State of Food and Agriculture 2017 (FAO, 2017)
- Designing the next generation of climate adaptation research for development (Jones et al, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Killing fruit flies with food baits

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- 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**
- (New) AuthorAID travel grants (USD 1500 each). For early-career researchers to present their research at an academic conference. **Deadline: 3 January 2018**
- 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**
- Erasmus+ call for proposals for capacity building in the field of higher education. **Deadline: 8 February 2018**

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- **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
- 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.
- **Australia Awards – Africa** for master’s studies and short courses. **Deadline: 15 December 2017 for masters & 15 January 2018 for short courses**
- **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**
- **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**
- **(New) Gates Cambridge Scholarship.** For citizens of any country outside the United Kingdom to pursue full-time residential postgraduate courses (including PhD & MSc) at the University of Cambridge. **Deadline: Dependent on course - either 6 December 2017 or 4 January 2018**
- **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**
- **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**
- **Commonwealth Rutherford Fellowships.** 1-2 year fellowships for post-doctoral research in the UK. **Deadline: 11 December 2017**
- **Telemachus International Mentoring Programme 2018.** For young individuals aged between 18 - 29 from all over the world. **Deadline: 15 December 2017**
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- **RIS-ITEC Programme on Science Diplomacy, 8 -19 January 2018, New Delhi.** Open to government officials, academicians, researchers and journalists from developing and transition economies who are ITEC members. Costs will be covered by the Government of India. **Deadline: 31 December 2017**
- **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**
- **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
- **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. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 January 2018**
- **(New) International Joint Masters’ Degree Programme in Limnology & Wetland Management (LWM) 2018.** Deadline: 8 January 2018 for applicants intending to apply for ADC and OKP fellowships.
- **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**
- **(New)** Call for papers for Göttingen-CODATA RDM Symposium 2018. Topic of the symposium is ‘The critical role of university RDM infrastructure in transforming data to knowledge’. **Deadline: 22 December 2017**
- **Call for abstracts for the conference “Sorghum in the 21st Century”,** 9-12 April 2018, Cape Town. Sponsorship available. **Deadline: 31 January 2018 for posters**
- **Call for proposals for seminars, panel contributions, posters, and materials for symposium on “Revalorizing Extension: Evidence and Practice”,** 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) FAO webinar: Ecosystem based Adaptation in Agricultural Sectors - Scaling up of Adaptation in the Agricultural Sectors, 5 December 2017**
- **(New) What is the Landscape Approach?, 5 December 2017**
- **GFAR/GLF webinar on “Innovative Annual Reports”, 6 December 2017**
- **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**
- **(New) How are the pathways to resilience in pastoralist areas of Eastern Africa evolving?, 10 January 2018**

**JOBS**

- **(New) ILRI vacancy: Post-Doctoral Scientist – Sustainable Livestock Systems. The position will be based in Nairobi. **Deadline: 29 December 2017**
- **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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