

Vol.3, No.28

A weekly digest of News, Events and Opportunities

**View Online Version** 

#### **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 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
- 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 <u>Programme</u>. 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 fulltime 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













- 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
- 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 postgraduate degree, or be enrolled in a PhD programme. There are no age limits. Deadline: 31 December 2017

Disclaimer: Reasonable care is taken to ensure that the information provided in the RUFORUM Weekly Digest is accurate. However, RUFORUM does not vouch for the accuracy of information provided on websites to which the digest links. Opinions shared on external sites as well as articles published on the RUFORUM blog and website, including editorials, news, comments and reviews, reflect the individual views of the authors and should not be construed to be those of RUFORUM or its partners.









