

## NEWS AND EVENTS

- [From cleaner to communication researcher: How I overcame challenges to achieve my dream](#)
- [Prof Openjuru appointed Gulu University Vice Chancellor](#)
- [But, how about the African agriculture?](#)
- [Foresight Africa viewpoint – rethinking African growth and service delivery: technology as a catalyst](#)
- [New US \\$15M fellowship program to support Africa’s adaptation to climate change launched](#)
- [BMCE Bank of Africa has announced the 12 winners of the third edition of the African Entrepreneurship Award](#)
- **Save the date:** [The RUFORUM Sixth Biennial Conference, 22-26 October, 2018](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [Prediction of onset and cessation of austral summer rainfall and dry spell frequency analysis in semiarid Botswana](#) (Byakatonda et al, 2018)
- [Sharing higher education’s promise beyond the few in Sub-Saharan Africa](#) (Darvas et al, 2017)
- [Indigenous knowledge systems and climate change management in Africa](#) (Mafongoya & Ajayi [eds], 2017)
- [Castells in Africa: universities and development](#) (Muller, Cloete & van Schalkwyk [eds], 2017)
- [Co-ordination and support of international research data networks](#) (OECD, 2017)
- [Total societal impact: a new lens for strategy](#) (Beal et al, 2017)

**FEATURED VIDEO:** [RUFORUM Member Universities engage in an Intra ACP WriteShop](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Grants and Awards:

- [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**
- (New) [Call for proposals for the Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture](#). For projects to enable farmers use and conserve adapted varieties and ensure that biodiversity for food security is safeguarded. **Deadline: 1 March 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

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## Scholarships and courses:

- **(New - RUFORUM call)** [Doctoral research scholarships for Graduate Teaching Assistantships at RUFORUM member universities](#). Research should be related to social and environmental trade-offs in African agriculture (SENTINEL Project). **Deadline: 30 January 2018**
- **(New - RUFORUM call)** [DAAD-RUFORUM In-Country/In-Region Doctoral Scholarships available for 2018/2019 Academic intake year](#). **Deadline: 8 February 2018**
- **(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 e-learning courses from FAO](#)
- [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**
- [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)** [ARPPIS-DAAD PhD scholarships for study at icipe, Kenya](#). Three-year doctoral training in insect and related sciences for development. **Deadline: 4 February 2018**
- [Call for applications: ASSAf-TWAS-AAAS Regional Workshop on Science Diplomacy to be held in South Africa, from 21 to 25 May 2018](#). **Deadline: 9 February 2018**
- [Scholarships for MSc and PhD at the Makerere University Regional Centre for Crop Improvement \(MaRCCI\)](#). For outstanding candidates from Eastern and Southern Africa. **Deadline: 19 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**
- [Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Sustainable Territorial Development - STeDe](#). Scholarships available. **Deadline: 31 January 2018**
- [International Joint Masters' Degree Programme in Limnology & Wetland Management \(LWM\) 2018](#). **Deadline for ADC and OKP fellowship application is 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)**
- **(New)** [2018 Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship](#). For PhD candidates from low and middle income Commonwealth countries to spend up to 12 months at a UK university. **Deadline: 15 February 2018**
- [VLIR-UOS scholarships for the year 2018-2019](#). For selected trainings or masters programmes taught in English at a Belgian (Flemish) university or university college. **Deadline: Varies by programme applied for**
- [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**
- [PhD course in "Gender in Rural Entrepreneurship" by Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences & University of Dar es Salaam, 12-16 March 2018. Worth 7.5 credits \(ECTS\)](#). **Deadline: 12 February 2018**

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- [Course on Entrepreneurship in emerging economies](#) offered by Wageningen University & Research. Worth two ECTS credits. **Deadline: 14 February 2018**
- [IITA Fellowships to Promote Research on “Youth Engagement in Agribusiness and Rural Economic Activities in Africa”](#). For young scholars and students at the post-course work/research stage of their programs for the study. **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**
- **(New)** [Free online courses on sustainability from the ESRC STEPS Centre at the University of Sussex](#)
- [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 abstract submissions for the XIX. World Congress of the International Commission of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering \(CIGR\)](#), Cyprus, 22-25 April 2018. **New deadline: 19 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**
- [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**

## WEBINARS

- **(New)** [The persistent problem of global acute malnutrition: Why does it persist despite humanitarian and development gains?](#) 17 January 2018

## JOBS

- **(New)** [General Manager at the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association \(SARIMA\)](#). **Deadline: 26 January 2018**

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