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News, Events and Opportunities

NEWS & EVENTS

- "Go and serve the community" is my mantra as I give back after education
- The origin or language of a student should not hinder access to higher education: Uniqueness of MCF-RUFORUM scholarship
- Learning with and from smallholder cassava farmers of Kilifi and Taita Taveta counties, Kenya
- The NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund: \$75 Million Fund to Support NYC Nonprofit Organizations
- Telecommunication firms help in shift to online learning
- Six countries announce closures of universities
- International students struggle under containment measures

Events:

- (New) Botho University International Research Conference (BUIRC): Research and Innovation for Sustainable Development in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Botho University, Gaborone, Botswana. November 25 - 26, 2020
- National Agricultural Research Organization Makerere University (NARO-MAK), Third Joint Scientific Conference: November 10 - 13, 2020, Kampala-Uganda
- Open GEODATA for Planning Activities, Kampala INSPIRE Hackathon 2020. The hackathon starts on March 2020. The hackathon at the University of Makerere, Kampala on May 4 - 5, 2020. the hackathon results presentations on May 8. 2020 9:00 AM in Kampala

PUBLICATIONS

- Socio-economic factors influencing Afzelia africana Sm. use value and traditional knowledge in Uganda: implications for sustainable management. (Biara et al., 2020)
- Research Summary, Drought Characteristics of the Upper Nile Water Management Zone, Uganda. (Egeru et al., 2020)
- Genetic Diversity and Genotype × Environment Interaction of Advanced Elite Sovbean Genotypes in Uganda. (Mukuze, 2019)
- Prevalence and monetary loss due to cystic Echinococcosis in slaughter house livestock: A case study of Migori County, Kenya (Kere, 2019)

FEATURED VIDEO: RUFORUM Arab Partnership Consultative Meeting in Kampala, Uganda (2019)

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OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- o Partnerships for enhanced engagement in research (peer) opportunity to support graduate student research on land and resource governance. **Deadline April 3, 2020**
- The 2020 Microsoft Research EMEA PhD Award. Deadline April 1, 2020 at 11:59 PM UTC
- o (UM6P and EPFL) Excellence in Africa Initiative: The junior faculty development program. Deadline March 31, 2020

Scholarships and courses:

- (New) The West Africa Center for Crop Improvement (WACCI). Call for Applications 2021, PhD training in Plant Breeding.
 Deadline April 13,2020
- o The University of Louvain (UCLouvain) PhD scholarships 2020. Deadline April 10, 2020
- o MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at KNUST. Deadline May 1, 2020 at 17:00 GMT
- MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2020/2021. For African students to study Masters at Gulu University or Egerton
 University. Deadline: March 31, 2020 at 17:00 Hours (GMT+3)
- Participatory Video Facilitation for socially inclusive agricultural research: 5 days training Course (25-29 May. 2020).
 Deadline April 17, 2020
- Outcomes from Telemeeting for the Open Source Geospatial Foundation (**OSGeo**) Live for RUFORUM universities AgriGIS programs:
 - GeoForAll teaching and software research resources
 - join GeoForAll
 - GeoForAll -- Geo for All Network

Calls for Papers and Posters:

 (RUFORUM call) <u>Call for manuscripts: African Journal of Rural Development</u>. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

JOBS

- (New) Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), <u>Job Advert- Business Development Specialist</u>.
 Deadline March 31, 2020
- (New) The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) Secretariat advert <u>Vacancies for the posts of Principal</u> <u>Innovations and Outreach Officer (P3), Senior Administrative Officer (P2) and Senior Qualifications Framework Officer</u> (<u>P2)</u>. **Deadline April 6, 2020**
- Expression of Interest Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA). <u>Invitation for Pre-Qualification of Consultants Country</u>: <u>Name of Project</u>: Feasibility Study for the Youth <u>Employment Entrepreneurship and Agro Innovations Development in the Agricultural Sector in Uganda</u>. The Terms of reference for feasibility study BADEA may download from the link. <u>Deadline Match 23, 2020</u>

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