# **RUFORUM Weekly Digest**



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News, Events and Opportunities

#### **NEWS & EVENTS**

- RUFORUM Secretariat Wishes All Muslim Community Happy Eid
- African Universities Response to COVID-19, Emerging and Reemerging Global Epidemics and Pandemic
- Gender-based assessment of STI ecosystem in Mozambique
- World Bank The COVID-19 Crisis Response: Supporting tertiary education for continuity, adaptation, and innovation
- Joint Communication to The European Parliament and The Council: Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa
- African scientists weigh in on COVID-19 research priorities
- Will foreign students start degrees if they can't travel?

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Reactions of pineapple cultivars to pineapple heart rot disease in central Uganda. (Oculi et al., 2020)
- Africa's response to the COVID-19 pandemic: A review of the nature of the virus, impacts and implications for preparedness. (Badu et al., 2020)
- Opinion paper: A regional feed action plan one-of-a-kind example from East Africa. (Opio et al., 2020)

# FEATURED VIDEO: RUFORUM Annual General Meeting 2019, Cape Coast-Ghana: AGM **Highlights**

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Grants and Awards:**

- RUFORUM Global Research Alliance Graduate Research Grants First Call for Proposals. Deadline June 30, 2020
- RUFORUM Call for the Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Research Grants 2020/2021. Deadline June 10, 2020 (extended form May 20, 2020)
- RUFORUM Call for Post Doctoral Fellowships: RU/2020/Post Doc/01. Deadline June 10, 2020 (extended from May 20, 2020)
- Call for Post- Doctoral Fellowships: RN/2020/Post Doc/02. Deadline June 10, 2020 (extended from May 20, 2020)
- RUFORUM call for Expression of Interest for Staff Mobility in African Universities. Deadline May 31, 2020
- SSRC-Rapid-Response Grants on Covid-19 and the Social Sciences. Deadline June 1, 2020
- Billion Molecules against Covid-19 JEDI GRANDCHALLENGE, Deadline June 6, 2020 0
- (New) NRF and Partners pleased to announce the COVID-19 Africa Rapid Grant Fund. Deadline June 17, 2020 at 24:00 **Central Africa Time (CAT)**
- IDRC Doctoral Research Awards 2020. Deadline June 17, 2020 at 16:00 (EDT)
- UNDP and Hackster.io partner to launch a global innovation challenge to tackle COVID-19. Deadline June 30, 2020
- AAS-Funding for Covid-19 Research & Development Goals for Africa. Deadline June 30, 2020
- The UNDP COVID-19 Detect and Protect Award. Deadline June 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM PT

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# Scholarships and courses:

- PhD Training Opportunities through the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Program. Deadline vary by University
- o <u>Islamic Development Bank: Call for Innovation via Transform Fund 2020¬- Enhancing Member Countries Preparedness and Response to COVID-19 Pandemic.</u> **Deadline June 1, 2020** 
  - IsDB Application Form (Useful Information)
- IsDB-TWAS Joint Research & Technology Transfer Grant 2020: Quick-Response Research on COVID-19. Deadline June
  4, 2020
- o <u>IsDB-TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.</u> Deadline June 8, 2020
- The African Scientific, Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC) in Partnership with The Euro-Mediterranean University
  of Fes (UEMF)- Morocco: Call for Scholarship Scheme 2020- 1ST Call.
  Deadline July 15, 2020 at 17.00 hours (GMT+0)
  Rabat Local time
- Call for Applications: Mobility of African Scholars for Transformative Engineering Training (MASTET). Deadline June 30,
  2020
- TWAS-CSIR Postgraduate Fellowship Program. Deadline July 31, 2020

### **Calls for Papers and Posters:**

- (RUFORUM call) African Journal of Rural Development Call for Papers: Themed Supplementary Issues Deadline July
  15. 2020
- (RUFORUM call) Call for manuscripts: African Journal of Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. Deadline: Open
- (New) Call for papers for a special issue of JSAA: "The Impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education and Student Affairs in Africa". Deadline for Expressions of Interest/Abstracts May 31, 2020

## WEBINARS AND E DISCUSSIONS

- (New) FAO [PAEPARD] Zoominar IV on Accelerating Digital Extension Advisory Services (DEAS) in post COVID-19
  Context. Every Thursday at 12:00 PM (Cairo time)
- (New) Alliance for African Partnership Dialogue #3 Educational Access at Higher Education Institutions in the Age of <u>COVID-19.</u> May 27, 2020 at 8:00 AM Eastern, 12:00 PM GMT, 1:00 PM WAT, 2:00 PM SAT, 3: 00 PM EAT

### **JOBS**

World Vegetable Center- 2 Job Openings: <u>Agricultural Economist</u>, <u>Postdoctoral Scientist - Impact Evaluation</u>. **Deadline** vary by job position

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