# **RUFORUM Weekly Digest**



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News, Events and Opportunities

#### **NEWS & EVENTS**

- Former RUFORUM Chairperson of Principals and Deans Prof Stephen Kiama appointed University of Nairobi Vice
- New Africa-China Masters for Agricultural Education
- Leaders call for greater African HE collaboration
- Women in STEM leadership The need for policy
- Growing female STEM academics starts in schools
- For Agriculture innovation to thrive in Africa, universities should take lead role
- RUFORUM Survey: ICT capacity and knowledge priorities study
- **Events:** 
  - Meltingpot2020 Innovation Summit, 14-15 February 2020, University of Mauritius, Mauritius
  - High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) e-consultation Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems. Open until: January 19, 2020

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- (RUFORUM publication) Committee of Ten Heads of State Reports [English] [French] [Arabic] (RUFORUM, 2019)
- (RUFORUM publication) STISA Report [English] [French] (RUFORUM, 2019)
- (RUFORUM publication) Impact Evaluation Reports [English] [French] (RUFORUM, 2019)
- (New) Newly published issue Vol. 4 (1) for the African Journal of Rural Development. January 8, 2020
- A Pilot Survey on Retail Fish Marketing in Juba, South Sudan: perceptions on motivation and challenges (John K.B Alosias, 2019)

### FEATURED VIDEO: Africa Dialogues with Prof. Patrick Lumumba on How Africa Can Work Again

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Grants and Awards:**

- (New) Call for Erasmus+ program for ACP Countries. Deadline: February 5, 2020
- (New) Write a blog for the University World News Africa edition about some aspect of higher education and the way it affects your life. Deadline: Open
- TWAS Medal Lectures. Awarded to TWAS members, in recognition of their achievements in their fields of research. The recipients lecture on a main aspect of their work. Deadline: Open
- o TWAS-Abdus Salam Medal. Awarded to highly distinguished personalities who have served the cause of science in the Developing World. No limit on age, country or field. Deadline: Open
- WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Program 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) 2020 DAAD In-Country In-Region Competitive Masters & PhD Scholarships, Makerere University. Deadline February 14, 2020.
- o (New) Call for New Applications for the IsDB Scholarship Program for the Year 2020-2021. Deadline February 28, 2020
- (New) ARPPIS-DAAD PhD Scholarships for Study at the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE).
   Deadline January 31, 2020
- (New) ICIPE is offering two PhD positions to work on fall armyworm under the plant health theme. Deadline January 15,
   2020
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarships 2020-2021. For individuals from eligible developing countries to undertake post-graduate studies at German universities in development-related subjects. Deadlines vary by course
- University of Queensland grant-aligned priority PhD scholarships. Support living costs of PhD students with research projects aligned to selected research grants. International students are also eligible.
- Rhodes Scholarship 2020. Supports exceptional young people for postgraduate study at the University of Oxford. Deadline:
   Varies by region
  - Making Education Work: Transforming education for youth employment in the agri-sector. 13 24 April 2020 in Wageningen, the Netherlands (15 March – 30 May full program including online learning & coaching)
  - Making Research work: Solving complex agri-food problems through action research. 11 22 May 2020 in Wageningen, the Netherlands (13 April 30 June full program including online learning & coaching) Making Innovation work: Coaching partnerships for inclusive agribusiness. 8 19 June 2020 in Wageningen, the Netherlands (10 May 20 July full program including online learning & coaching)
  - Making Agribusiness Work: Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit. 22 June 6 July 2020 in Ibadan,
     Nigeria
  - Faire Marcher l'Agro-business : Lier les producteurs aux marchés à travers des relations d'affaires durables.
     27 March 2020 in Grand Popo, Benin
- Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars 2020/2021. Open to young researchers from all around
  the world who have completed a master's degree or PhD. Thematic areas for post-graduate scientific research include
  agriculture, biodiversity and sustainability, and poverty reduction. Deadlines vary by country
- Nestlé Foundation grants for research in human nutrition in low-income and lower middle-income countries. Support includes grants for master's and PhD projects. Applications accepted all year round
- <u>FAO e-learning courses</u>. Cover diverse topics in the areas of food and nutrition security, social and economic development, sustainable management of natural resources, communication and information management
- GODAN free online course on Open Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition
- Free software, teaching and research resources from GeoForAll
- UN Women Training Centre <u>Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Gender Equality in the 2030 Agenda for</u> <u>Sustainable Development</u>,
- Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Safety online training course.
   Free, open-access, certificate-based online course offered by Feed the Future's Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research

## **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**
- <u>East African Journal of Science Technology and Innovation first call for papers for publication</u>. Thematic areas of interest include: agriculture, natural resources management, infrastructure, energy, ICT and STEM
- Call for submission of original research/review papers for a forthcoming special issue of DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology on data management

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### **JOBS**

- (New) Postdoctoral Researcher-Economics related to food, agriculture, and rural change in Africa. Deadline January 15, 0 2020
- 26 vacancies at the Natural Resources Institute (NRI) of University of Greenwich under the Food and Nutrition Security Initiative (FaNSI). Various positions for professors, fellows and professional services. Deadlines vary
- FAO Internship Program. Candidates must be nationals of FAO member nations, aged 21- 30 and enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree programme or recent graduates

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