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News, Events and Opportunities

NEWS & EVENTS

- RUFORUM Webinar Series Webinar 1: Learning from a crisis: University leaders' response to the COVID 19 Pandemic
- THOUGHT PIECE ON COVID-19: RUFORUM's proposed four priority responses to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Extract of Press News on Higher Education in Africa
- Health and Socio-Economic Impacts of Physical Distancing for COVID-19 In Africa
- What are the health and socio-economic impacts of physical distancing in African countries and how can they be mitigated?
- World Bank Announces \$500 Million to Fight Locusts, Preserve Food Security and Protect Livelihoods
- Over 100 PhDs face review in single university
- Farmer Misconceptions of Cassava Diseases, Income and Food Security Opportunities from Cassava Production in Coastal Kenya
- It is beyond high yield when selecting cassava varieties for planting. An experience from Bukedea and Kumi districts in Uganda

Events:

- o (New) The 3rd EAC Regional E-Health & Telemedicine Workshop, Ministerial Conference And Trade Exhibition. Kampala, Uganda. September 8 - 11. 2020
- (New) The Horn of Africa and Sahel Virtual Knowledge Share Fair: Promoting innovation to build resilience against climate shocks. The virtual event will take place online in October 20 - 22, 2020

PUBLICATIONS

- Structure, Composition and Plant-species Diversity in Umabdalla Natural Reserved Forest, South Kordofan Sudan. (Abdelkareem et al., 2020)
- Analysing the dynamics of quality loss during precooling and ambient storage of pomegranate fruit. (Mukama et al., 2019)
- Analysis of the effects of package design on the rate and uniformity of cooling of stacked pomegranates: Numerical and experimental studies. (Ambaw et al., 2017)

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 from May 20, 2020)
- o RUFORUM Call for Post Doctoral Fellowships: RU/2020/Post Doc/01. Deadline June 10, 2020 (extended from May 20,
- 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 June 10, 2020 (extended from May 31, 2020)

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- Billion Molecules against Covid-19 JEDI GRANDCHALLENGE. Deadline June 6, 2020
- NRF and Partners pleased to announce the COVID-19 Africa Rapid Grant Fund. Deadline June 17, 2020 at 24:00 Central
 Africa Time (CAT)
- o IDRC Doctoral Research Awards 2020. Deadline June 17, 2020 at 16:00 (EDT)
- o (New) CABI Led Global Burden of Crop Loss Summer Bursary Receiving Applications. Deadline June 19, 2020
- UNDP and Hackster.io partner to launch a global innovation challenge to tackle COVID-19. Deadline June 30, 2020
- o AAS-Funding for Covid-19 Research & Development Goals for Africa. Deadline June 30, 2020
- o The UNDP COVID-19 Detect and Protect Award. Deadline June 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM PT
- (New) APNI, UM6P and OCP 2020 African Plant Nutrition Outreach Fellowship Award. Deadline July 1, 2020

Scholarships and courses:

- PhD Training Opportunities through the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Program. Deadline vary by University
- IsDB-TWAS Joint Research & Technology Transfer Grant 2020: Quick-Response Research on COVID-19. Deadline June
 4, 2020
- o IsDB-TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. Deadline June 8, 2020
- <u>Call for Applications: Mobility of African Scholars for Transformative Engineering Training (MASTET)</u>. **Deadline June 30**,
 2020
- (New) UM6P invites for admissions to its Master in Fertilizer Science and Technology. Deadline June 30, 2020
 - UM6P Invitation letter to apply for Master in Fertilizer Science and Technology
- o (New) Mobility of Innovative Renewable Energy Technologies (MIRET) Scholarship. Deadline before July 15, 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
- o <u>TWAS-CSIR Postgraduate Fellowship Program.</u> Deadline July 31, 2020

Calls for Papers and Posters:

- o (RUFORUM call) African Journal of Rural Development Call for Papers: Themed Supplementary Issues Deadline July 15, 2020
- (RUFORUM call) <u>Call for manuscripts: African Journal of Rural Development</u>. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

WEBINARS AND E DISCUSSIONS

- (New Registration) RUFORUM Webinar Series Webinar 1: Learning from a crisis: University leaders' response to the
 COVID 19 Pandemic. June 10, 2020 at 2:00 PM (Nairobi time)
 - Introductory Note for Webinar 1: [English] [French]
- FAO [PAEPARD] Zoominar IV on Accelerating Digital Extension Advisory Services (DEAS) in post COVID-19 Context.
 Every Thursday at 12:00 PM (Cairo time)

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