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News, Events and Opportunities

NEWS & EVENTS

- RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 4: Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, RUFORUM Executive Secretary 15 July 2020
- (New) RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 5, Wednesday 29 July, 2020: Building a Regional Collective Response to Invasive Pests and Transboundary Crop-Livestock Diseases
- RUFORUM Webinar 4: Delivering food for Africa in a transforming agri-food system in the 'new normal' Analytical Report
- RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Positive Learner Attitude: Why it Matters for Effective Delivery of Higher Education in the 'New Normal'
- Pre-Call Announcement for 2021 RUFORUM Young African Entrepreneurs Competition
- Pre-Call Announcement for 2021 RUFORUM Young Scientists Award (YSA)
- 2020 African University Ranking: Top 200 Universities in Africa
- RUFOURM Survey: Teaching and Learning during and post COVID-19 era. Submission Date 31 July, 2020 (extended)

Events:

- o 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

PUBLICATIONS

- Newly Published Vol. 17 Issue 1 of RUFORUM Working Document Series. June 20, 2020
- Newly published Vol. 5 (1) for the African Journal of Rural Development: Higher Education and Science, Technology and Innovation landscape in Africa. June 20, 2020
- Soil science beyond COVID-19. (Rattan Lal, 2020)
- Sugar Content and Physical Characterization of Four Selected African Nightshade (Solanum nigrum) Edible Berries (Kamau et al., 2020)
- Typology and Prospects for the Improvement of Market Gardening Systems in South-Kivu, Eastern DR Congo (Ndjadi et
- Innovative engagement of rural communities through students attachment programme at Egerton University (Mungai et al., 2018)

FEATURED VIDEO: RUFORUM Webinar 4: Delivering food for Africa in a transforming agri-food systems in the 'new normal

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

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- RUFORUM Global Research Alliance Graduate Research Grants First Call for Proposals. Deadline July 31, 2020 (extended from June 30, 2020)
- MasterCard Foundation COVID-19 Resilience and Recovery Program. Deadline: Open
- Excellence in Africa Digital education program: call for expressions of interest for 2020. [English] [French]. Deadline
 July 31, 2020
- The Prince Claus Fund and the Goethe-Institut: Open Call Cultural and Artistic Responses to Environmental Change.
 Deadline July 31, 2020 at 5:00 PM Amsterdam Time
- o Fostering Knowledge, Communication & Innovation Hubs <u>LEAP4FNSSA Dialogue for Action and Brokerage in West Africa Workshop / Call for Innovative Ideas.</u> **Deadline August 15, 2020**
- o (New) World Bank Group Africa Fellowship Program. Deadline August 23, 2020
- The Hamdan bin Mohammed Award: Innovative Practices in Handling the Covid-19 Pandemic Award. [English][Arabic]
 Deadline August 31, 2020
- o (New) The Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) Prize for Fighting Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19). Deadline: Open
- o <u>Emergency Awards: Rapid Investigation of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed). **Deadline April 30, 2021**</u>

Scholarships and courses:

- PhD Training Opportunities through the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Program. Deadline vary by
 University
- o (New) IsDB-TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. Deadline July 27, 2020
- University of Abomey-Calavi (UAC) Call for application, 8th cohort of students in Biostatistics for the academic year 2020-2021. [English] [French]. Deadline July 30, 2020
- TWAS-CSIR Postgraduate Fellowship Program. Deadline July 31, 2020
- o FOSS<u>4G UK Online 2020 Slides and Recordings.</u> Available from June 23, 2020
- Agribusiness Academy specialist private online courses: Deliver Food and Agribusiness education. Deadline Open

Calls for Papers and Posters:

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

WEBINARS AND E DISCUSSIONS

- (New Registration) RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 5: Building a Regional Collective Response to Invasive Pests and Transboundary Crop-Livestock Diseases. July 29, 2020 at 14:00 (Nairobi time)
 - o Introductory Note for Webinar 5: [English] [French] [Arabic] [Portuguese]
 - o Webinar Guidelines for attendees Joining and participating in a Webinar

JOBS

o APNI new Job opening for Socio-Economist Research Scientist. Deadline October 15, 2020

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