# **RUFORUM Weekly Digest**



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# **NEWS & EVENTS**

- (New) Survey on the development of African Tailored Master-level MOOCs in collaboration with Mohammed VI Polytechnic
  University (UM6P)
- Harnessing Artificial Intelligence's transformative power to make food systems more efficient, sustainable and inclusive
- <u>Mak Graduate students and others from RUFORUM partnering universities undergo training at Cape Coast University-</u> <u>Ghana: Makerere Dons facilitate the training</u>
- The Post Doctoral Fellowship supported by Carnegie kick-started my career as a Scientist
- Dr Symphorien Agbahoungba's Post-Doctoral fellowship experience under RUFORUM and what it means for his career and Country Benin
- <u>Generation of Future Science Leaders through Mentorship and Research: Experience under the Carnegie Post-Doctoral</u>
  <u>Fellowship</u>
- Dr. Gabriel Karubanga a post-Doctoral Fellow shares his engagement at Makerere University

#### **Events:**

- <u>Women in Tech Africa 2020 Conference</u>. *March 18-19, 2020 Century City Conference Centre (CCCC) Cape Town, South Africa*
- <u>Global African Swine Fever Research Alliance (GARA) 2020 the 5<sup>th</sup> bi-annual Scientific Meeting.</u> April 14 -16, 2020, Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort Hotel in Kampala, Uganda

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- <u>Screening Finger Millet (Eleusine coracana Gaertn) Genotypes for Resistance to Witch Weed (Striga asiatica L.</u> Kuntze) Infection under Controlled Environments. (Kudzai, 2019)
- IN VITRO and IN VIVO Evaluation of Antifungal Activity of Botanical Extracts in The Control of Late Blight (*Phythopthora infestans*) of Tomato (*Solanum esculentum*). (*Tedious*, 2019)
- Response of Groundnut (Acharis hypogea L.) Genotypes to Yellow Witch Weed (Alectra vogelii (Benth.) Infestations. (Makaza, 2019)

#### FEATURED VIDEO: Locust swarms threaten the food supply of millions

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Grants and Awards:

- o (New) AR4D Funding Opportunities February 2020. Deadlines vary
- o GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2020 Nominations Open. Deadline May 31, 2020 5:00 pm GMT

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- AGNES-PAWS 2020 Call for Applications: Intra-Africa Mobility Grants for Junior Researchers (supported by BMBF and AvH). [English] [French] Deadline March 31, 2020 at 00:00 GMT
- o (UM6P and EPFL) Excellence in Africa Initiative: The junior faculty development program. Deadline March 31, 2020

#### Scholarships and courses:

- o (New) MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at KNUST. Deadline May 1, 2020 at 17:00 GMT
- <u>Makerere University / Leibniz Universität 2020 SNRM Session 2 Summer School (Fully Funded) | Opportunities For</u> <u>Africans.</u> Deadline: March 6, 2020
- (New) <u>Strategising Climate Smart Agriculture for RTB Crops: MSc Student Call.</u> Deadline March 20, 2020 at 21:00 (Central Africa Time)
- 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)
- <u>OWSD PhD Fellowships the call for applications is now open.</u> Deadline March 31, 2020
- <u>Mbarara University of Science and Technology, the Pharm-Biotechnology and Traditional Medicine Centre</u> (PHARMBIOTRAC) Africa Center of Excellence Project (ACE) - Call for Applications for a Short Course. **Deadline Vary**
- <u>Participatory Video Facilitation for socially inclusive agricultural research</u>: 5 days training Course (25-29 May. 2020).
  Deadline April 17, 2020

#### **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

• World Vegetable Center is hiring an experienced consultant: Seed laws and regulations affecting the vegetable seed sector in sub-Saharan Africa. Deadline March 30, 2020

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