

## NEWS & EVENTS

- **(New)** [RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 5, Wednesday 29 July, 2020: Building a Regional Collective Response to Invasive Pests and Transboundary Crop-Livestock Diseases](#)
- [Highlights of key messages from Webinar 4: Delivering food for Africa in a transforming agri-food systems in the 'new normal' by Dr. Alice Mutiti Mweetwa, RUFORUM Deputy Executive Secretary, Program Development and Implementation](#)
- [RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 - Delivering Food for Africa in a Transforming Agri-food System in the 'New Normal'](#)
- [RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 - Innovations for delivering agricultural advisory services to farmers to enable them make smart decisions](#)
- [RUFORUM to hold Triennial Conference in francophone Benin](#)
- [2020 Global Report on Food Crisis: Joint Analysis for Better Decisions](#)
- [Strategy for Managing Invasive Species in Africa 2021–2030](#)
- [International research collaborations: how can we shift the power towards Africa?](#)
- [Agrinatura's position on the future of global food systems in relation the EC's Farm to Fork Strategy](#)
- **RUFORUM Survey:** [Teaching and Learning during and post COVID-19 era](#). Submission Date 31 July, 2020 (extended)

## Events:

- [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
- [Emerald Books: African Economic Development](#). May 19, 2019
- [Regional Animal Feed Action Plan for East Africa: why, what, for whom, how used and benefits](#) (Opio et al., 2020)
- [Effect of land terracing on soil physical properties across slope positions and profile depths in medium and high altitude regions of Rwanda](#) (Fashaho et al., 2019)

**FEATURED VIDEO:** [The Worst Pandemics in History - What Do They Teach Us?](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Grants and Awards:

- [RUFORUM Global Research Alliance Graduate Research Grants First Call for Proposals](#). Deadline July 31, 2020 (extended from June 30, 2020)

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- **(New)** [EDCTP Grant Opportunity: Innovative approaches to enhance poverty-related diseases research](#). **Deadline August 13, 2020**
- **(New)** [EDCTP Grant Opportunity: Strategic actions to maximise the impact of research on reducing disease burden, in collaboration with development cooperation initiatives](#). **Deadline August 13, 2020**
- [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**
- **(New)** [Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries \(PEDL\) — Special Call for Proposals on Firms and Climate Change](#). **Deadline August 31, 2020 at 23:59 BST**
- **(New)** [PFAN: Call for Climate or Clean Energy Projects](#). **Deadline September 1, 2020**
- [The Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization \(ICESCO\) Prize for Fighting Novel Coronavirus \(Covid-19\)](#). **Deadline: Open**
- **(New)** [the Olam International in partnership with Agropolis Fondation - Prize for Innovation in Food Security 2021](#). **Deadline January 11, 2021 at 23:59 CET (France)**
- [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**

## Scholarships and courses:

- [PhD Training Opportunities through the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship \(GTA\) Program](#). **Deadline vary by University**
- [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**
- [FOSS4G UK Online 2020 Slides and Recordings](#). **Available from June 23, 2020**
- Agribusiness Academy – [specialist private online courses: Deliver Food and Agribusiness education](#). **Deadline Open**

## Calls for Papers and Posters:

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

## WEBINARS AND E\_DISCUSSIONS

Registration for Upcoming RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020:

- **(New)** [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)**
  - Introductory Note for Webinar 5: [[English](#)] [[French](#)] [[Arabic](#)] [[Portuguese](#)]
  - [Webinar Guidelines for attendees Joining and participating in a Webinar](#)
- **(New)** [RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 – Webinar 6: Universities and Research Institutions Supporting Family Farmers During and Post COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa](#). **July 31, 2020 at 14:00 (Nairobi time)**
  - Introductory Note for Webinar 6: [[English](#)] [[French](#)] [[Arabic](#)] [[Portuguese](#)]
  - [Webinar Guidelines for attendees Joining and participating in a Webinar](#)

## JOBS

- **(New)** [Exciting Vacancy at The National Research Foundation \(NRF\): Director, African Open Science Platform \(AOSP\)](#). **Deadline July 31, 2020**

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