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NEWS & EVENTS

- Upcoming RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020:
 - (New) Webinar 5, Wednesday 29 July, 2020: Building a Regional Collective Response to Invasive Pests and Transboundary Crop-Livestock Diseases
 - (New) Webinar 6, Friday 31 July, 2020: Universities and Research Institutions Supporting Family Farmers
 During and Post COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa
- 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 Re-contextualising support for enhancing productivity and technical assistance
 for smallholder famers
- <u>RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Delivering Food for Africa in a Transforming Agri-food System in the 'New</u> <u>Normal'- Response by the African Union Commission</u>
- RUFORUM to hold Triennial Conference in francophone Benin
- 2020 Global Report on Food Crisis: Joint Analysis for Better Decisions
- <u>Strategy for Managing Invasive Species in Africa 2021–2030</u>
- 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
- RUFOURM Survey: <u>Teaching and Learning during and post COVID-19 era</u>. Submission Date 31 July, 2020 (extended)

Events:

- <u>Botho University International Research Conference (BUIRC): Research and Innovation for Sustainable</u> <u>Development in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.</u> *Botho University, Gaborone, Botswana. November 25 – 26, 2020*
- <u>National Agricultural Research Organization Makerere University (NARO-MAK), Third Joint Scientific</u> <u>Conference:</u> *November 10 – 13, 2020, Kampala-Uganda*

PUBLICATIONS

- <u>Newly Published Vol. 17 Issue 1 of RUFORUM Working Document Series.</u> June 20, 2020
- <u>Newly published Vol. 5 (1) for the African Journal of Rural Development: Higher Education and Science, Technology and</u> <u>Innovation landscape in Africa. June 20, 2020</u>
- 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:

• <u>RUFORUM Global Research Alliance Graduate Research Grants First Call for Proposals.</u> Deadline July 31, 2020 (extended from June 30, 2020)

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- <u>EDCTP Grant Opportunity: Innovative approaches to enhance poverty-related diseases research.</u> Deadline August 13, 2020
- 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
- o 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
- <u>Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL)</u> <u>Special Call for Proposals on Firms and Climate</u> <u>Change.</u> **Deadline August 31, 2020 at 23:59 BST**
- o 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
- The Olam International in partnership with Agropolis Fondation Prize for Innovation in Food Security 2021. Deadline January 11, 2021 at 23:59 CET (France)
- <u>Emergency Awards: Rapid Investigation of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and</u> <u>Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).</u> **Deadline April 30, 2021**

Scholarships and courses:

- <u>PhD Training Opportunities through the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Program.</u> Deadline vary by University
- 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
- o TWAS-CSIR Postgraduate Fellowship Program. Deadline July 31, 2020
- o FOSS4G UK Online 2020 Slides and Recordings. Available from June 23, 2020
- Agribusiness Academy <u>specialist private online courses</u>: <u>Deliver Food and Agribusiness education</u>. **Deadline Open**

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**

WEBINARS AND E_DISCUSSIONS

Registration for Upcoming RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020:

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 - Introductory Note for Webinar 5: [English] [French] [Arabic] [Portuguese]
 - o Webinar Guidelines for attendees Joining and participating in a Webinar
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JOBS

 Exciting Vacancy at The National Research Foundation (NRF): Director, African Open Science Platform (AOSP). Deadline July 31, 2020

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