# **RUFORUM Weekly Digest**



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News, Events and Opportunities

#### **NEWS & EVENTS**

- (New) RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 6, Friday 31 July, 2020: Universities and Research Institutions Supporting Family Farmers During and Post COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa
- RUFORUM Webinar 5: Universities and Research Institutions Supporting Family Farmers During and Post COVID-19
   Pandemic in Africa Analytical Report
- Sustainability in Plant and Crop Protection 14: Sustainable Management of Invasive Pests in Africa

## **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
- o <u>National Agricultural Research Organization Makerere University (NARO-MAK), Third Joint Scientific Conference:</u> *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
- Determinants of ecosystem-based adaptation to drought in the central cattle corridor of Uganda (Nanfuka et al., 2020)
- <u>Variations in Soil Chemical Properties, Bacteria and Fungi Populations Along Slope Positions and Profile Depths in Terraced and Non-terraced Lands of Rwanda highlands</u> (Fashaho et al., 2019)

FEATURED VIDEO: RUFORUM Webinar 5: Building a Regional Collective Response to Invasive
Pests and Transboundary Crop-Livestock Diseases

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

## **Grants and Awards:**

- RUFORUM Global Research Alliance Graduate Research Grants First Call for Proposals. Deadline July 31, 2020 (extended from June 30, 2020)
- EDCTP Grant Opportunity: Innovative approaches to enhance poverty-related diseases research.
   Deadline August 13,
   2020
- o <u>EDCTP Grant Opportunity: Strategic actions to maximise the impact of research on reducing disease burden, in</u> 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
- o <u>Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL) Special Call for Proposals on Firms and Climate Change.</u> **Deadline August 31, 2020 at 23:59 BST**
- o PFAN: Call for Climate or Clean Energy Projects. Deadline September 1, 2020
- o The Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) Prize for Fighting Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19). Deadline: Open

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- 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
- 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

- o (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)
  - o Introductory Note for Webinar 6: [English] [French] [Arabic] [Portuguese]
  - o Webinar Guidelines for attendees Joining and participating in a Webinar

## **JOBS**

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

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