# **RUFORUM Weekly Digest**



**News, Events and Opportunities** Vol.7, No.4

## **NEWS & EVENTS**

- RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 6: Remarks from Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, RUFORUM Executive Secretary, 31 July 2020
- (New) RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 7 Thursday 13 August, 2020: Education from foundations and skills to advancements in Science, Technology and Innovation: Considering fundamentals for transforming Africa
- Highlights of key messages from Webinar 5: Building a Regional Collective Response to Invasive pests and transboundary crop-livestock diseases by Dr. Alice Mutiti Mweetwa, RUFORUM Deputy Executive Secretary, Program Development and Implementation
- RUFORUM Webinar 6: Universities and Research Institutions Supporting Family Farmers During and Post COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa Analytical Report
- RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Delivering Food for Africa in a Transforming Agri-food System in the 'New Normal' by His Excellency Dr. Owusu Afrivie Akoto
- RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Strengthening Afro-Arab Partnership for Agricultural Development by His Excellency Prof. Ibrahim Adam El Dukheri
- RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Universities Supporting Family Farmers during and Post Covid-19 Pandemic in Africa by Her Excellency Ms. Josefa Sacko
- (New) RUFORUM awards 10 Post-Doctoral Fellowships
- (New) RUFORUM awards 42 Doctoral Research Grants
- Manduku's secret lies in making agriculture equipment
- The African Academy of Sciences (ASS) Survey: Food Security and Nutrition research prioritization in Africa. Deadline: before August 7, 2020

### **Events:**

- Botho University International Research Conference (BUIRC): Research and Innovation for Sustainable 0 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
- Thermophysical properties of fruit a review with reference to postharvest handling (Mukama et al., 2020)
- Terminalia Mantaly leaves as a novel additive in water-based drilling MUD (Biwott et al., 2019)

FEATURED VIDEO: RUFORUM Webinar 6: Universities and Research Institutions Supporting Family Farmers During and Post COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Grants and Awards:

- <u>EDCTP Grant Opportunity: Innovative approaches to enhance poverty-related diseases research.</u> Deadline August 13, 2020
- <u>EDCTP Grant Opportunity: Strategic actions to maximise the impact of research on reducing disease burden, in</u> <u>collaboration with development cooperation initiatives.</u> **Deadline August 13, 2020**
- o <u>World Bank Group Africa Fellowship Program.</u> Deadline August 23, 2020
- The Hamdan bin Mohammed Award: Innovative Practices in Handling the Covid-19 Pandemic Award. [English][Arabic]
  Deadline August 31, 2020
- 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
- o PFAN: Call for Climate or Clean Energy Projects. Deadline September 1, 2020
- (New) Arab Gulf Program for Development Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development [English] [Arabic].
  Deadline December 15, 2020
- <u>The Olam International in partnership with Agropolis Fondation Prize for Innovation in Food Security 2021.</u> Deadline January 11, 2021 at 23:59 CET (France)
- o (New) <u>RUFORUM PreCall Announcement Young Scientist Awards 2021</u>. Deadline: March 31, 2021
- o (New) <u>RUFORUM PreCall Announcement Young African Entrepreneurs Competition 2021</u>. Deadline: March 31, 2021
- <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
- <u>The Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) Prize for Fighting Novel Coronavirus</u> (Covid-19). Deadline: Open

#### Scholarships and courses:

- PhD Training Opportunities through the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Program. Deadline vary by University
- (New) <u>African Water Resources Mobility Network (AWaRMN) Master of Science/ Master of Technology</u>. Deadline August 16, 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**

### WEBINARS AND E\_DISCUSSIONS

- (New Registration) <u>RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 7: Education from foundations and skills to</u> <u>advancements in Science, Technology and Innovation: Considering fundamentals for transforming Africa.</u> August 13, 2020 at 15:00 (Nairobi time)
  - o Introductory Note for Webinar 7: [English] [French] [Arabic] [Portuguese]
  - o Webinar Guidelines for attendees Joining and participating in a Webinar

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