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News, Events and Opportunities

NEWS & EVENTS

- (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 6: Universities and Research Institutions Supporting Family Farmers During and Post COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa by Dr. Alice Mutiti Mweetwa, RUFORUM Deputy Executive Secretary, Program **Development and Implementation**
- RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Building a Regional Collective Response to Invasive Pests and Transboundary CropLivestock Diseases: "Response to past and current threats, intensity, costs and required capacity
- RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Family Farming in Africa and the Role of Universities and Research Institutions
- RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Welcome Remarks: Universities and Research Institutions Supporting Family Farmers During and Post COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa
- RUFORUM awards 10 Post-Doctoral Fellowships
- **RUFORUM** awards 42 Doctoral Research Grants

Events:

- (New) The African Studies Association (ASA) 63rd Annual Meeting, The Hour of Decision: Power, Persistence, Purpose, and Possibility in African Studies. Virtual meeting November 19 - 21, 2020
- (New) The EARTH University Global Coalition: Higher education for a sustainable future. 2020 Virtual Gathering Monday September 21, 2020
- (New) Future Earth: Capacity Building Workshop African Early Career Researchers as a part of Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action (CRA) on Transdisciplinary Research for Pathways to Sustainability. Virtual Workshop September 9 - 10, 2020
- (New) The Club of Rome Global Youth Summit 2020. Virtual meeting October 6, 2020
- 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
- University of Juba Monthly Newsletter new Item: Juvarsity Vol 3 Issue No 3, August 2020
- Evaluation of Soil properties and response of maize (Zea mays I.) To bioslurry and mineral fertilizers in terraced acrisols and lixisols of Rwanda (Fashaho, 2020)
- Evaluation of some plant extracts as surface-active agents in drilling mud formulations (Biwott, 2020)
- Use of Information Communication Technologies in Conservation Agriculture Knowledge Pathways Among Smallholder Farmers in Machakos and Laikipia Counties, Kenya (Achora, 2019)

FEATURED VIDEO: Launch of Young Africa Works Strategy MCF Program in Uganda

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OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- 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
- Arab Gulf Program for Development Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development [English] [Arabic].
 Deadline December 15, 2020
- o <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 <u>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**</u>
- o <u>The Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) Prize for Fighting Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19).</u> **Deadline: Open**
- o RUFORUM PreCall Announcement Young Scientist Awards 2021. Deadline: March 31, 2021
- o RUFORUM PreCall Announcement Young African Entrepreneurs Competition 2021. Deadline: March 31, 2021

Scholarships and courses:

- PhD Training Opportunities through the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Program. Deadline vary by University
- African Water Resources Mobility Network (AWaRMN) Master of Science/ Master of Technology.
 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**
- o (New) The Earth University Global Coalition 2020 Virtual Gathering Call For Proposals: The Role Of Universities In Achieving The Sdgs In The New Context: Building Back; Building Bridges. Deadline August 14, 2020
- (New) The African Studies Association (ASA) 63rd Annual Meeting: 2020 Carnegie Fellow Panels Call for paper proposals.
 Deadline Friday August 21, 2020

WEBINARS AND E_DISCUSSIONS

- (New Registration) <u>RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 7: Education from foundations and skills to advancements in Science, Technology and Innovation: Considering fundamentals for transforming Africa.</u> <u>August 13, 2020 at 15:00 (Nairobi time)</u>
 - 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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