# **RUFORUM Weekly Digest**



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# **NEWS & EVENTS**

- RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 10: Remarks from Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, RUFORUM Executive Secretary, 07 September 2020
- Highlights of key messages from Webinar 9: Delivering Agricultural Advisory Services in the COVID-19 Era by RUFORUM
  Secretariat 31 August, 2020
- RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Delivering Agricultural Advisory Services in Post COVID-19 Era: Experiences
  of SAA-Mali
- RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Engaging African universities in agriculture and food and nutrition security process in Africa: a policy perspective by Her Excellency Dr. Angela Thoko Didiza, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa
- <u>RUFORUM Thought Piece on COVID-19 Engaging African universities in agriculture and food and nutrition security</u> process in Africa: a policy perspective by Honourable Lobin Lowe, Minister of Agriculture Lilongwe, Malawi
- <u>RUFORUM Webinar 10: Engaging African Universities in Advancing Agricultural and Food and Nutrition Security in Africa:</u>
  <u>Policy Perspective Analytical Report</u>
- <u>Eleven (11) RUFORUM Network Member Universities ranked among top Universities in Africa by The Times Higher</u> <u>Education World University Rankings 2021</u>
- Announcing RUFORUM Triennial 2021 Conference
  - o Draft Triennial Overview Program
  - o Triennial Concept Note

# PUBLICATIONS

- Newly Published Vol. 17 Issue 1 of RUFORUM Working Document Series. 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>
- <u>University of Juba Monthly Newsletter New Item: Juvarsity Vol 3 Issue No 4.</u> September 2020
- <u>Economics of Land Degradation and Improvement A Global Assessment for Sustainable Development</u> (Nkonya et al., 2016)

### FEATURED VIDEO: <u>RUFORUM Webinar 10: Engaging African Universities in Advancing</u> <u>Agricultural and Food and Nutrition Security in Africa: Policy Perspective</u>

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Grants and Awards:**

- <u>RUFORUM PreCall Announcement Young Scientist Awards 2021</u>. Deadline: March 31, 2021
- o <u>RUFORUM PreCall Announcement Young African Entrepreneurs Competition 2021</u>. Deadline: March 31, 2021
- DAAD: ClimapAfrica Program Climate change research alumni and postdocs in Africa program for future leaders in the field of climate research and protection. Deadline September 14, 2020
- o <u>The African Union call for Sustainable Education Innovations.</u> Deadline September 25, 2020 at 23:00 (GMT+3)

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- o Jeanie Borlaug Laube Women in Triticum (WIT) Early Career Award. Deadline October 31, 2020
- o BIOPAMA-The Rapid Response Grants 2020. Deadline December 31, 2020 at 32:59 Brussels time
- <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)
- <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
- o Ireland Fellows Program Africa: Scholarship 2021/2022 for Young Africans. Deadline September 13, 2020
- Haramaya University-Africa Center of Excellence for Climate Smart Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation: Call for MSc <u>& PhD Applications - 2020/2021</u>. Deadline October 15, 2020
- <u>IHE Delft and (FAO): New open online course titled "Water Productivity and Water Accounting using WaPOR".</u> Enrollment begins: September 01, 2020 at 13:00 CET, Module 1 starts: September 07, 2020 at 13:00 CET, Modules 2 and 3 start: October 12, 2020 at 13:00 CET

#### **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**
- (New) Call for papers for a special Issue of RUFORUM Working Document Series, Vol 19, 2021. [English] [French] Deadline December 31, 2020
- o Call for Conference Papers and Communications for RUFORUM Triennial 2021. Deadline June 30, 2021
- o Call for Conference Exhibition for RUFORUM Triennial 2021. Deadline June 30, 2021
- o Call for Conference Posters for RUFORUM Triennial 2021. Deadline June 30, 2021

## WEBINARS AND E\_DISCUSSIONS

- (New Registration) <u>RUFORUM Webinar Series 2020 Webinar 11: African Universities in Post COVID-19: Assessing</u> the Opportunities and Challenges of On-Line Learning. September 16, 2020 at 14:00 (Nairobi time)
  - o Introductory Note for Webinar 11: [English] [French] [Arabic] [Portuguese]
  - o Webinar Guidelines for attendees Joining and participating in a Webinar

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