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## Call for Papers

### *Themed Supplementary Issues*

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The African Journal of Rural Development (AFJRD) has dedicated a Supplementary Issue to articles addressing the following thematic areas:

1. Financing Higher Education and Research in African Universities
2. Fostering University-Community Engagement for rural transformation

This is, therefore, to invite submission of papers with a focus on these two themes.

### **About the African Journal of Rural Development**

[The African Journal of Rural Development \(AFJRD\)](http://www.afjrd.org) is an online open access scientific journal that publishes articles on a quarterly basis (March, June, September, and December). It is a multi-disciplinary peer-reviewed journal with an ultimate purpose of sharing and increasing the depth of knowledge on aspects of sustainable rural development. The Journal welcomes submission of manuscripts that meet the general criteria of development context significance and scientific excellence. All articles published in AFJRD will be peer reviewed. As a general journal, the AFJRD publishes quality submissions of various categories of scholarly articles including among others original research papers, systematic reviews, short communications, perspectives, editorials, Letter to the Editor, Book reviews and Book Chapters, opinion articles and commentaries.

The AFJRD is hosted by the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) a Network of 126 Universities in Africa. The Supplementary Issues focusing on (a) "Financing Higher Education and Research at Universities in Africa; and, (b) Fostering University-Community Engagement for Rural Transformation are inspired by the current trends and dynamic changes in the higher education sector in Africa. The growth in higher education and particularly the increase in the number of universities in the last two decades is unprecedented and this has supposedly increased university-based research. Similarly, in response to ensuring relevance to society, universities in Africa are increasingly designing and undertaking community –based research and rapidly expanding their outreach portfolio. These undertakings have generated useful knowledge and the proposed Supplementary Issue is intended to promote information sharing and catalyze uptake of best practices between and among universities in Africa as well as adoption of innovations among stakeholders in the research for development continuum. It is anticipated that this call will

attract quality submissions packaged to document country specific and/ or institution initiatives / innovative approaches that will promote cohort learning.

**Important dates:**

Call for Papers: May 2020

Deadline for submission: 15 July 2020

Peer-Review process: 15 July - 30 August 2020

Response to review reports & iterations with Editor(s): 01 September – 30 October 2020

Final Editorial Decision: 15 November 2020

Publication of Accepted Articles: 30 November 2020.

**Contacts and process of Submission of Manuscripts**

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