



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO
PARTICIPATE IN CAPACITY BUILDING
for
Online Content Development and Instruction

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Background

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a network of 129 universities in 38 African countries, is implementing Regional E-learning Platform (REP) to facilitate online learning across the RUFORUM Network with support from Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA). This initiative builds on previous efforts by RUFORUM to promote e-learning and use of digital technologies for research, teaching and learning in Africa. The REP initiative seeks to harness the pivotal role of digital technologies in improving online teaching and learning in African Universities. It focuses on the use of digital technologies for teaching and learning as well as sharing of experiences as an approach for improving educational outcomes and enhancing the quality of teaching and learning in participating universities. It also aims at promoting sharing of resources across the network and to link the network to similar initiatives globally. By doing so, beneficiary universities are able to train through innovative and creative technology-enabled techniques that deliver and enhance the learning experience.

Summary of the Call

RUFORUM requires a pool of experts on online course development and instruction to support the development of a number of cross-cutting online courses for use by member universities. It also aims to facilitate review of selected courses to be offered across several universities. Further, it aims to strengthen online engagements and dissemination of research output and utilization. This initiative is expected to encourage integration of online education and implementation of regional e-learning agenda across the network. The experts will be selected based on individual competencies and skills from among especially but not limited to RUFORUM member universities. They will work with the RUFORUM Secretariat to deliver on the various assignments, including supporting skills development and roll out of online courses in selected disciplines.

Tasks description:

Selected experts are expected to perform the following tasks under the guidance of the RUFORUM Secretariat:

1. Review contents of selected courses
2. Support development of selected online course contents
3. Support content upload into the selected university e-learning portals
4. Support content upload into the RUFORUM Regional E-learning Platform to be accessed by universities across the network
5. Facilitate online skills development trainings across the network universities and other actors
6. Undertake evaluation of the delivery of online courses
7. Make recommendation for effective integration of digital technologies in the member universities

Eligibility & Requirements

1. The applicant should be an expert in the subject area (as outline in 4 below)
2. The applicant should be an expert in online content development
3. The applicant should have experience in online course development or capacity building
4. Subject matter specialists should be in the following priority areas: Research Methods; Plant Breeding, Biotechnology and Seeds Systems; Scientific Data Management; Web 2.0 and Digital Media Communication; Agricultural Innovations and Entrepreneurship; Fertilizer Science and Technology; Food Systems and Policy Analysis; Agribusiness; Climate Smart Agriculture; Agro Informatics; and Monitoring and Evaluation.
5. Additionally, proposals are invited for undertaking skills enhancement training in online teaching and learning in universities in Malawi and Uganda.

Deadline for submission of Expression of Interest to RUFORUM Secretariat is Friday September 15, 2021 (23:59 HRS GMT+3)

Mode of submission:

Interested persons should submit 2-page profiles and cover letters clearly specifying area(s) of interest to secretariat@ruforum.org, and this should be addressed to:

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