NEWS AND EVENTS

- President of Malawi calls on African leaders and development partners to strengthen higher education for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa
- Enhancing the role of universities in agribusiness through linkages with society
- Producing entrepreneurs to support value chains – Story of a RUFORUM student at Gulu University
- Making GIS work for Agriculture: Experiences from a RUFORUM NASA 2015 course beneficiary
- Professor Fetien Abay – A Pioneering Plant and Seed Scientist

PUBLICATIONS

- The migration of chemical contaminants from polyethylene bags into food during cooking (*Musoke et al.*, 2015)
- The effect of diet and feeding system on the on-farm performance of local chickens during the early growth phase (*Nakkazi et al.*, 2015)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- (New) Swiss-African Research Cooperation (SARECO) grants for exchange visits, joint seminars, and joint workshops between Swiss researchers and researchers in Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Senegal, Uganda, and Zambia. **Deadline: Open till funding threshold is reached.**
- **University of St. Andrews Prize for the Environment 2016. Deadline: 31 October, 2015**
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- **European Research Council awards for starting grants 2016.** Open to all researchers with 2 to 7 years' post-doctoral experience. **Deadline: 17 November, 2015**

**Scholarships:**

- **RU/2015/GTA/DRG/01: Doctoral Regional Research Scholarships** for RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistants at member universities. **Deadline: 30 December, 2015**
- **Australia Awards Scholarships** for master-level degrees and short courses for African professionals. **Applications will be received from September to December each year.**
- **(New) Aspen Institute New Voices Fellowship 2016.** Nominations for this one year program in media skills, communication, and leadership for development professionals now open. 2016 priorities include agriculture/food security. **Deadline: 1 November, 2015**
- **NFP Tailor-Made Training Programme for staff in organisations.** **Deadline: 1 November, 2015**
- **Graduate Research Grant: U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security.** **Deadline: 9 November, 2015**
- **2016 Commonwealth Scholarships for Developing Commonwealth Countries' Students.** Supports Master’s and PhD study in any field at UK Universities. **Deadline: 19 November, 2015**
- **Opening of application window – Earth University.** **Deadline for applicants from Africa: 30 November, 2015**
- **Gates Cambridge Scholarship for Postgraduate International Students, 2016.** Open to non-UK citizens to study at the University of Cambridge. **Deadline: 2 December 2015**
- **Norman E. Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (Borlaug LEAP) fellowships** for graduate students from developing countries. **Deadline: 2 December, 2015**
- **RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA) for MSc students.** **Proposals will be accepted throughout 2015**
- **PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program.** **Deadline: Open call**
- **(New) Harvard University Environmental Fellowships 2016.** Candidates with a doctorate in any subject area from any university in the world are eligible. **Deadline: 13 January, 2016**
Calls for papers:

- Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development

FEATURED VIDEO: Why capacity building in Higher Agricultural Education?