## **RUFORUM Weekly**



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#### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

- Building on foundations: CTA-RUFORUM partnership
- ICTs for socio-economic transformation: Makerere University efforts to transform university-smallholder farmer engagement in Northern Uganda
- Academic mobility paves way for young scholar from Benin, West Africa
- Building capacity of the next generation of scientists for Africa: RUFORUM's hand into the future
- Successful workshop on knowledge co-creation and research uptake for food security held
- Agshare II: A focus on Agricultural Economics Department at Haramaya University

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Drivers of forage availability: an integration of remote sensing and traditional ecological knowledge in Karamoja sub-region, Uganda (Egeru et al, 2015)
- Effect of organic and inorganic nitrogen sources on growth, yield and oil content of sunflower grown in highly weathered soils of Morogoro (Irika, 2015)
- Developing the knowledge, skills and talent of youth to further food security and nutrition (Committee on World Food Security, 2015)

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Grants and Awards:**

- (New) Carnegie Fund for Conference Attendance (CFCA) to support African beneficiaries of Carnegiesupported postgraduate degree and postdoctoral programs. Deadline: 30 October 2015
- 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.
- Regional African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards 2015 Edition. Regional awards for women in the five Regions of Africa. Deadline: 30 October, 2015
- University of St. Andrews Prize for the Environment 2016. Deadline: 31 October, 2015

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- Innovation Prize for Africa (IPA) 2016. Open to African academics, entrepreneurs and inventors. Deadline: 31 October, 2015.
- Continental African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards 2015 Edition. Deadline: 15 November, 2015
- European Research Council awards for starting grants 2016. Open to all researchers with 2 to 7 years' postdoctoral experience. Deadline: 17 November, 2015

#### **Scholarships:**

- RU/2015/DRG/02: Doctoral Regional Research Scholarships for finalization of PhD research and dissemination of findings. Deadline: 30 December, 2015
- RU/2015/GTA/DRG/01: Doctoral Regional Research Scholarships for RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistants at member universities. Deadline: 30 December, 2015
- (Reminder) NFP Fellowship for ICRA courses for professionals in agriculture. Deadline: 19 October, 2015
- Australia Awards Scholarships for master-level degrees African and short courses for professionals. Applications will be received from September to December each year.
- 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
- (New) DREAM Project scholarships for master and doctorate students and university staff members to undertake a mobility period or full degree in Europe. Deadline: 1 December 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
- 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

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PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. Deadline: Open call

### Calls for papers:

- Call for Short, Extended abstracts and Posters/Exhibitions for the 5th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016. Deadline: 30th June, 2016.
- ·Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development

FEATURED VIDEO: Youth, ICTs and Agriculture











