NEWS AND EVENTS

- RUFORUM strengthens partnerships with Finland, Norway and Sweden
- Doctoral research addressing locally relevant problems in Africa
- Enhancing collaboration and use of ICTs to strengthen food science & nutrition teaching and research at three RUFORUM member universities
- **Opinion:** Revealing deficits in SDGs: the quest for bolstering the alternatives
- **Event:** Engineering and Technology Innovation for Global Food Security: an ASABE Global Initiative Conference. 24-27 October 2016, Stellenbosch, South Africa

PUBLICATIONS

- Enhancing soil water content for increased food production in semi-arid areas of Kenya: results from an on-farm trial in Mwala District, Kenya *(Karuma et al, 2014)*
- Tillage effects on selected soil physical properties in a maize-bean intercropping system in Mwala District, Kenya *(Karuma et al, 2014)*
- From learning to empowerment: a study of smallholder farmers in South West Uganda *(Tenywa, 2015)*
- ICT – Powering behavior change for a brighter agricultural future *(Bell, 2015)*
- Evidence of impact: climate-smart agriculture in Africa *(CTA & CCAFS, 2014)*

OPPORTUNITIES

**Grants and Awards:**

- Call for academic writing residency at the Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Center. Open to academics, researchers, professors, and scientists working in any discipline. **Deadline: 1 December, 2015**
- Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program (CADFP) calls for universities in Africa and African-born academics in the United States and Canada to apply for funding to undertake joint projects. 140 projects will be supported in 2016 and 2017. **Deadline: December 8, 2015**
- **(New)** Special Call for Proposals for establishing an Africa Center of Excellence (ACE) in the field of oil and gas for Eastern and Southern Africa. **Deadline: 20 December, 2015**
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- **(New)** The International Foundation for Science (IFS) individual research grants for early-career scientists. Supported themes include water and aquatic resources and food security. **Deadline: 31 December, 2015.**
- **(New)** Agricultural Innovation Marketplace 2016. Applications are invited from organizations in Africa in partnership with one or more Embrapa centers in Brazil. **Deadline for pre-proposals: 22 January, 2016.**
- Horizon 2020: New opportunities for EU-funded collaborative research between Africa and Europe. **Deadline: 17 February, 2017**
- 2016 Erasmus+ call for proposals to modernise and improve higher education. **Deadline: Varied by project**
- 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.**
- **(New)** NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field. **Deadline: Open till December 2018**

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**
- **RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA) for MSc students.** Proposals will be accepted throughout 2015
- **Opening of application window – Earth University.** **Deadline for applicants from Africa: 30 November, 2015**
- **(New)** Israeli Agency for International Development (MASHAV) is offering professional short courses in Israel in subject areas that include agriculture. Scholarships available.
- **(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**
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- **(New)** The Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund Fellowship 2016 for researchers employed at NARIs or universities. **Deadline: December 31, 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)** International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis invites doctoral students worldwide to participate in its Young Scientists Summer Program in Austria. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 11 January, 2016.**
- 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**
- The Oxford Patrick Duncan Scholarship. Open to SADC countries only. **Deadline: 22 January, 2016.**
- **(New)** DAAD/EU funded Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience (P.R.I.M.E. 2016) for outstanding postdoctoral researchers across all disciplines and nationalities. **Deadline: 1 February, 2016.**
- PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. **Deadline: Open**

**Calls for papers:**

- Call for papers on enterprises as incubators of universities by the Science, Technology, and Globalization Project, Harvard Kennedy School. **Deadline for abstracts: November 30, 2015.**
- 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. Regular articles, short communications, and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

**FEATURED VIDEO:** A focus on AgShare II: Increasing of soil fertility and rain water harvesting