### **RUFORUM Weekly**



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#### **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 onfarm 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.
- 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
- (New) International training course on "Sustainable Livelihoods and Mainstreaming with Market," February-April 2016, India. Deadline: 22 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.
- <u>Australia Awards Scholarships</u> for master-level degrees and short African courses for 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 Graduate Institute Geneva now open for 2016/2017 applications. Financial aid for Master's and Doctoral studies available. Deadline: 15 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









