NEWS AND EVENTS

- Higher education in Africa continues to gain momentum RUFORUM delegates meet Kenyan Deputy President
- African Union merges science and education bodies
- Opinion: Key role for universities in agricultural innovation

PUBLICATIONS

- Development of a decision support system for runoff water storage and irrigation: case study of common bean at Ukwe, Malawi (Singa, 2015)
- Effects of faba bean break crop and N rates on subsequent grain yield and nitrogen use efficiency of highland maize varieties in Toke Kutaye, western Ethiopia (Abera et al, 2015)
- Impacts of climate variability and change on rainfed sorghum and maize: implications for food security policy in Tanzania (Msongaleli et al, 2015)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- 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**
- 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, 2016**
- **(New) Thought for Food Initiative** grant to support research projects addressing sustainable agriculture and food systems issues. **Deadline: 29 February, 2016**
- **2016 Erasmus+** call for proposals to modernise and improve higher education. **Deadline: Varied by project**
- NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field. **Deadline: Open till December 2018**
(New) 2016 Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCEA) grants for environmental conservation, environmental education and research. **Deadline: 31 March, 2016**

**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**

- Israeli Agency for International Development (MASHAV) is offering professional short courses in Israel in subject areas that include agriculture. **Scholarships available.**

- **(New) Rothamsted International Fellowship Scheme.** Supporting scientists from developing countries to train at Rothamsted Research for 6-12 months. **Deadline: 21 December, 2015**

- International training course on "Sustainable Livelihoods and Mainstreaming with Market," February-April 2016. a.u.s. **Deadline: 22 December, 2015**

- The Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund Fellowship 2016 for researchers employed at NARIs or universities. **Deadline: 31 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.

- 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**

- **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**

- **(New) Alexander von Humboldt Foundation International Climate Protection Fellowships 2016** for young climate experts from developing countries to conduct a project in Germany. **Deadline: 1 March, 2016**
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- **(New) Education for Sustainable Energy Development (ESED) scholarship for Masters Studies in Sustainable Energy.** Supports outstanding students from developing countries. **Deadline: 4 March, 2016**
- **(New) International Master of Science in Rural Development (IMRD) 2016.** Erasmus Mundus and IMRD Consortium Scholarships available. **Deadline for scholarship application: 15 March, 2016**
- **(New) CAS-TWAS President’s PhD Fellowship Programme.** Opportunity for non-Chinese citizens to pursue doctoral degrees in various fields including agricultural sciences, in China. **Deadline: 31 March, 2016**

**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.** Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

**Jobs:**

- **(New) Chief Executive Officer at the National Agricultural Research and Development Institute, Botswana.** **Deadline: 9 December, 2015**
- **(New) PhD student opportunity in crop production at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.** **Deadline: 4 January, 2016**
- **(New) Senior Lecturer Remote Sensing at the University of Botswana.** **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**

**FEATURED VIDEO:** *Africa women embracing climate-smart agriculture: the case of dairy farming in Kenya*