NEWS AND EVENTS

- RUFORUM receives Science Diplomacy Award
- Season’s greetings from RUFORUM
- EU to ease entry rules for researchers, students
- Strategic international partnerships – The leader’s role

PUBLICATIONS

- Assessment of mangrove covers change and biomass in Mida creek, Kenya (Fikir et al, 2014)
- Assessment of shoreline changes in the period 1969-2010 in Watamu area, Kenya (Fikir et al, 2014)
- Nutrient status of soils from farmers’ maize fields in mid altitude areas of Western Ethiopia (Abera et al 2015)
- Quantitative and qualitative prediction of cattle diets and performance by analysis of fecal near infrared spectra in southeastern drylands of Kenya (Njoroge, 2014)
- Resistance to the spotted stem borer and African maize stem borer in tropical maize (Munyiri, 2014)

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**
- 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**

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
- PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. Deadline: Open
- Israeli Agency for International Development (MASHAV) is offering professional short courses in Israel in subject areas that include agriculture. Scholarships available.
- Rothamsted International Fellowship Scheme. Supporting scientists from developing countries to train at Rothamsted Research for 6-12 months. Deadline: 21 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
- The Oxford Patrick Duncan Scholarship. Open to SADC countries only. Deadline: 22 January, 2016
- (New) VLIR-UOS scholarships for Master's degree studies in various fields at Ghent University. Deadline: 1 February 2015 for academic admission prior to scholarship application
- 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
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- **(New) Erasmus Mundus CARIBU 2016-2017 mobility scholarships.** Supports Master’s studies, student exchange and staff mobility. Priority fields include agriculture and environment. **Deadline: 8 February 2016**
- 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**
- Education for Sustainable Energy Development (ESED) scholarship for Masters Studies in Sustainable Energy. Supports outstanding students from developing countries. **Deadline: 4 March, 2016**
- International Master of Science in Rural Development (IMRD) 2016. Erasmus Mundus and IMRD Consortium Scholarships available. **Deadline for scholarship application: 15 March, 2016**
- 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: 30 June, 2016**
- Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

Jobs:

- PhD student opportunity in crop production at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. **Deadline: 4 January, 2016**
- Senior Lecturer Remote Sensing at the University of Botswana. **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**

**FEATURED VIDEO:** Let's talk about science. South Africa’s Minister of Science and Technology, Minister Naledi Pandor, talks about the inaugural Science Forum South Africa.