NEWS AND EVENTS

- The Young African Entrepreneurs Competition Call closes with 756 submissions
- **Forum for African Women Vice Chancellors launched: empowering African women leaders for economic development**
- Intra-ACP Mobility scholarship and RUFORUM award reshaped my career
- Uganda: cassava disease threatens food security
- The revival of polytechnics
- Higher education forum for the global South launched
- AFRHINET Symposium on Rainwater-Smart Agriculture, 25-25th October 2016, Maputo
- First portable low-cost device developed for rapid detection of aflatoxins
- African Crop Science Society Conference, 15-18 January 2018, Stellenbosch University, Cape Town

PUBLICATIONS

- RUFORUM summary report for the period April-June 2016 (*RUFORUM, 2016*)
- Positioning smallholder farmers in the dairy innovation system in Malawi: a perspective of actors and their roles (*Chindime, Kibwika & Chagunda, 2016*)
- Mode of inheritance of promiscuous nodulation and combining abilities in soybean genotypes (*Agoyi, et al, 2016*)
- Effects of soil incorporated faba bean and soybean biomass on yields of subsequent maize in Western Ethiopia (*Abera, 2016*)
- Evaluating the productivity and economic benefits of cereal-legume intercropping with and without supplementary irrigation in the semi-arid highlands of Tigray, Ethiopia (*Etany, 2016*)
- Education, research, and innovation in Africa: forging strategic linkages for economic transformation (*Juma, 2016*).
- Why so few?: women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (*Hill, Corbett & Rose, 2010*)
OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- **2017 Elsevier Foundation Awards for early-career women scientists in the developing world in the fields of engineering, technology and innovation.** Nomination deadline: 15 September 2016
- **IPNI Science Award 2016** for an agricultural scientist with outstanding achievements in research, extension, or education on management of plant nutrients. Nomination deadline: 30 September, 2016
- **WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme.** Supports young scientists to turn their ideas into research projects and present research results at various fora. **Deadline: September 2016 for research projects.** Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime
- **Securing Water for Food: A Grand Challenge for Development announces 4th Global call for innovations to improve water and food security.** **Deadline: 10 October 2016**
- **Borlaug Global Rust Initiative (BGRI) Award for women in wheat research 2016.** The award will help cover costs of attending the BGRI workshop and a training at CIMMYT, Mexico. **Deadline: 30 October 2016**
- **Farming by Satellite Prize 2016.** A competition for students and young people across Europe and Africa on using satellite technologies to improve agriculture and the environment. **Deadline: 30 October 2016**
- **The Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund 2016/2017** for scientists employed within African National Agricultural Research Systems. Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis until 30th June 2017
- **NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field.** **Deadline: Open till December 2018**

Scholarships and courses:

- **(New) Call for applications for admission into postgraduate programmes for the 2016/2017 at LUANAR, Bunda Campus.** **Deadline: 9 September 2016**
- **Free e-learning courses on , and (available in English and French)**
- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships 2016.** For researchers to diversify their competence through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility. **Deadline: 14 September 2016**
- **Linking research to inclusive development for food security -Facing rural innovation challenges.** An ICRA course. **Deadline for self-funded participants: 15 September 2016**
• **(New) World Bank Group Africa Fellowship Program** for PhD students or recent graduates from Sub-Saharan Africa. Fellows will spend at least six months at the World Bank Offices. **Deadline: 30 September 2016**

• **TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training.** Fellowships for researchers from developing countries to spend 3-12 months in an institute other than their own. **Deadline: 1 October, 2016**

• **(New) 2017 Mo Ibrahim Foundation Leadership Fellowship** at the African Development Bank. Priorities for the 2017 Fellowship include agriculture ("feeding Africa"). **Deadline: 14 October 2016**

• **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018** for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course.**

• **(New) Australia Awards for Africa, 2017.** Scholarships for master’s degree studies and short courses in Australia and/or Africa. **Deadline: Varies by course between 15 December 2016 - 15 January 2017**

• **Leadership Program for Agricultural Research and Development (LEPARD), 24-28 October 2016, Kenya.** The course will be delivered at a fee and spots will be filled on a first come-first-served basis.

• **METEGA mobility scholarships for staff exchange.** **Deadline: 31 January 2018**

• **Nestlé Foundation grants** for research in human nutrition in low-income and lower middle-income countries. Support includes grants for Masters and PhD projects. **Applications accepted all year round**

**Calls for papers:**

• **(RUFORUM call) Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development.** Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

• **Call for abstracts for the LOCS4Africa 2017: Water & Climate Congress** which will be held in South Africa, 22-24 March 2017. **Deadline: 16 September 2016**

• **Call for abstracts for the 2nd Agriculture and Climate Change Conference: climate ready resource use-efficient crops to sustain food and nutritional security,** 26-28 March 2017, Spain. **Deadline: 17 October 2016**

• **Call for abstracts and papers for the 1st All Africa Postharvest Congress & Exhibition,** 28-31 March 2017, Kenya. **Deadline: 31 November 2016**

**FEATURED VIDEO:** Transforming weaknesses into strengths A young mechanic from Benin ventures into the production of oil from neem, soybean, cotton and other products from a machine he conceived himself.