

NEWS AND EVENTS

- **Register now for the 2016 RUFORUM Biennial Conference** via: <http://www.cvent.com/d/jvgjct/4W>. Early bird discount closes on 15 September 2016
- [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 \(Hill, Corbett & Rose, 2010\)](#)

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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**
- **(New)** [African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards 2016 Edition](#) for African Scientists, Researchers and Innovators. **Deadline: 31 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**

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- **(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.

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