NEWS AND EVENTS

- Young African Entrepreneurs Competition: Round one evaluation outcome
- Women farmers in Eastern Uganda reap big from cassava processing
- Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST): a university aligned to national aspirations
- Designing university curricula for the future A look at university-industry collaboration
- The coming demographic challenges in agriculture
- Push for agricultural renaissance in Africa gets $30B boost
- Join the PAEPARD online debate on aflatoxin research in Africa, 12-25 September 2016
- CASE Africa Conference 2016, Nairobi, Kenya, 8-10 November 2016

PUBLICATIONS

- Innovating for skills enhancement: the centrality of field attachment programs in agricultural sciences in Africa (Egeru et al, 2016)
- Land use and land cover change in the coastal area of Watamu Mida Creek, Kenya (Fikir, 2016)
- Current state of advancement of open educational resources in Kenya (Adala, 2016)
- Agricultural research in Africa: investing in future harvests (Lynam et al, eds, 2016)
- Governance reforms in higher education: a study of selected countries in Africa (Varghese, 2013)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- 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
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- 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**
- NWO-WOTRO Science for global development has launched the last round of the third call for proposals for the Food & Business Applied Research Fund (ARF). **Deadline: 6 December 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:

- 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**
- Gender in Agriculture Partnership (GAP) webinar on “Closing the gender data gap for agricultural policy and investment.” Participation is free. **Start date: 4 October 2016**
- ICRA courses in the Netherlands, 2017. **Deadline for scholarship applications: 19 October 2016.**
  - Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security
  - Linking research to inclusive development for food security - Facing rural innovation challenges
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018 for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course.**
- AAS visiting fellowships for PhD students and postdoctoral researchers from East, Southern and West Africa working in global and environmental health and nanosciences. **Deadline: 30 September 2016.**

Course in Plant metabolism for improved nutrition and health, 20 February–4 March 2017 at NM-AIST in Arusha, Tanzania. Course costs will be covered. **Deadline: 23 October 2016**

*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 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**

**Jobs:**

Job opportunities at RUFORUM. **Deadline: 30 September 2016**

- RUF/JOB/01/16: Research and Grants Officer
- RUF/JOB/02/16: Recruitment and Training Officer
- RUF/JOB/03/16: Senior Finance Officer

(New) Call for expression of interest: Developing a Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) manual for professional level and university level agricultural education in Zimbabwe. **Deadline: 16 September 2016**

**FEATURED VIDEO:** *Mali: Taking over the abandoned family farm.* 23 year-old Hawaou Mariko, with a degree in enterprise management, takes over the abandoned family farm and makes it a profitable agricultural enterprise.