NEWS AND EVENTS

- Saving local cassava varieties to enhance food security in Uganda
- Virtual Institute for Higher Education in Africa reopens
- DFID call for Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education Innovation and Reform opens on 21 October
- Data shows positive impact of African diaspora fellows
- The ethical hole at the centre of ‘publish or perish’

PUBLICATIONS

- Application of common components and specific weights method to analyze local perception patterns of land degradation in northern Benin (West Africa) (Tchandao, 2016)
- Generalized linear models with Poisson family: applications in ecology (Lokonom, 2016)
- Non-farm activities and adoption of improved cassava and beans varieties in South-Kivu, DR Congo (Dontsop-Nguezet et al, 2016)
- E-learning methodologies: a guide for designing and developing e-learning courses (FAO, 2016)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- ONG2.0: an online training course on ICT Innovation for Development. Seed funding and 20 scholarships available. **Deadline for scholarship applications: 09 October 2016**
- 100 fellowship awards to Masters/ PhD degree students/ RAs/ Post-docs/ young scientists/faculty from developing countries to participate in the InterDrought- V conference. **Deadline: 20 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**
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- **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**
- **Call for proposals for partner facilitated training and capacity building for the BioFISA II Programme.** Support for training in scaling up nutrition products in SANBio member states. **Deadline: 31 October 2016**
- **St. Andrews Prize for the Environment 2017.** The award recognizes contribution to environmental conservation in the developing world. Subject areas include agriculture. **Deadline: 31 October 2016**
- **Call for proposals for partnership support** from the Michigan State University-based Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) **Deadline: 21 November 2016**
- **AU-TWAS Young Scientist National Awards 2016.** For young scientists in Africa in two categories: life and earth sciences; and basic sciences, technology, and innovation. **Deadline: 21 November 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 **30 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**
- **WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme.** Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime

**Scholarships and courses:**

- **Pitching your business ideas for investment.** A self-paced online course on best practices for developing a pitch to potential investors. Certificates available
- **Swiss Government excellence scholarships for foreign scholars, 2017–2018.** Available to postgraduate researchers in any discipline. Deadline: Varies per country, from September-December 2016
- **2017 Mo Ibrahim Foundation Leadership Fellowship at the** African Development Bank. Priorities for the 2017 Fellowship include agriculture (“feeding Africa”). **Deadline: 14 October 2016**
- **Aspen Institute New Voices Fellowship 2017.** A year-long program in media skills, communication, and leadership for top development professionals in the developing world. **Deadline: 15 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
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- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018 for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course.**
- 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**
- Earth Institute Post-Doctoral Fellowships 2017. Areas of research include food security, energy systems, climate change, poverty reduction, and environmental degradation. **Deadline: 1 November 2016.**
- AXA Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships 2017. Supports research to help understand risk management and prevention, including risks related to climate change. **Deadline: 3 November 2016**
- BeCA-ILRI/John Innes Centre Workshop call: Advancing cereals genetic research using the latest genomic and germplasm resources, 31 January-3 February, 2017, Nairobi. **Deadline: 10 November 2016**
- Commonwealth Scholarships 2017 for master’s and PhD studies in the UK for citizens of developing Commonwealth countries. Scholarships are awarded across all subjects. **Deadline: 15 November 2016.**
- Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program 2017. Awards include: graduate student, pre-doctoral, post-doctoral and senior fellowships. Open to qualified applicants worldwide. **Deadline: 1 December 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 and 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 presentations at the InterDrought-V Conference, India, 21 -25 February 2017. **Deadline: 15 November 2016 for oral presentations; 15 December 2016 for poster presentations.**
- Call for abstracts and papers for the 1st All Africa Postharvest Congress & Exhibition, 28-31 March 2017, Kenya. **Deadline: 31 November 2016**

**FEATURED VIDEO:** *For the tomatoes, the clock is ticking* ColdHubs addresses post-harvest losses in Africa via cold rooms in markets and on farms.