

## 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 \(Lokonon, 2016\)](#)
- [Non-farm activities and adoption of improved cassava and beans varieties in South-Kivu, DR Congo \(Dontsop-Nguezet et al, 2016\)](#)
- [African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development: Special ILRI Issue on "Aflatoxins in Eastern Africa"](#)
- [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**
- [Securing Water for Food: A Grand Challenge for Development announces 4<sup>th</sup> Global call for innovations to improve water and food security](#). **Deadline: 10 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**
- [African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards 2016 Edition](#) for African Scientists, Researchers and Innovators. **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](#)



- [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.

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