NEWS AND EVENTS

- African Union Chairperson announces a Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government to Champion Higher Education in Africa
- The RUFORUM Biennial conference: a life changing experience
- RUFORUM meets staff from Okayama University, Japan
- Partnership to transform agricultural education
- Indian farmers fight against climate change using trees as a weapon
- Challenges of internationalising higher education

PUBLICATIONS

- RUFORUM Quarterly Report July-September 2016 (RUFORUM, 2016)
- An assessment of the extent of ICT use along the dairy value chain in Western Uganda (Otaala, 2016)
- Soybean research & development in Uganda: a case of paradigm shift in an African University (Tukamuhabwa & Oloka, 2016)
- Summary report and key recommendations of the AUC-PACA and CTA Roundtable side event on “Engaging the Private Sector for Aflatoxin Control in Africa” (AUC, 2016)
- A passion for video: 25 stories about making, translating, sharing and using videos on farmer innovation (Bentley, Boa & Salm, 2016)
- Social media: shaping the future of agricultural extension and advisory services (Suchiradipta & Saravanan, 2016)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- Call for proposals 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**

Gro Bruntland Awards 2017. Offers five young female scientists an opportunity to meet and discuss with other female researchers in the same field and network. **Deadline: 4 December 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**

Innovation Prize for Africa 2017 to promote home-grown solutions for Africa’s prosperity. Thematic areas include agriculture/agribusiness, environment, health, and ICTs. **Deadline: 3 January 2017**

2017 Agropolis Fondation Louis Malassis International Scientific Prize for Agriculture and Food. **Deadline: 25 January 2017**


IMMANA Fellowships- Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions. **Deadline: 1 February 2017**

2017 Erasmus + call. Funding from the European Commission for actions including capacity building in the field of higher education. **Deadline: Various deadlines from 2 February to 4 October 2017**


DFID SPHEIR call for partnership proposals. Funding aimed at catalysing innovation and reform in higher education systems in developing countries. **Deadline: 20 February 2017**

Call for grant applications: Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa. The MCFEA Grant Program supports research focused on environment and the alleviation of poverty. **Deadline: 31 March 2017**

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:

- New FAO e-learning module on Improving Nutrition through Agriculture and Food Systems
- Afrique One-ASPIRE fellowships for 5 postdoc, 15 PhD and 18 master’s fellows. Thematic areas include foodborne diseases, brucellosis and surveillance-response. **Deadline: 20 November 2016**
- **(New) European Commission TROPIMUNDO Masters Program in Tropical Biodiversity and Ecosystems 2017-2018.** Scholarships open to all nationalities. **Deadline: 30 November 2016**

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

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**

Robert S. McNamara Fellowships 2017. Up to US$25,000 for developing country nationals to conduct development-related PhD research abroad for 6-10 months. **Deadline: 14 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**

Call for applications for the Africa Science Leadership Programme 2017. Early-to mid-career researchers in all disciplines are invited for this leadership skills training. **Deadline: 16 December 2016**

Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology, and Society Fellowships 2017-2018. Supports international research fellows for up to nine months of research in Austria. **Deadline: 31 December 2016.**

MASHAV Professional Courses in Israel in Early 2017. Subject areas include agriculture and education. Limited scholarships available to cover expenses while in Israel. **Deadlines vary by course**

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

**(New)** International Master of Science in Rural Development 2017 at Ghent University. Open to all nationals. **Scholarship application deadline: 1 March 2017.**

TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme. Supports postdoctoral researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, to visit to institutes in Germany for up to 3 months. **Deadline: 31 March 2017.**


Arturo Falaschi ICGEB (International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology) Research Fellowships for research in Trieste, New Delhi, and Cape Town. **Deadlines vary by course**

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**

**(New)** Call for abstracts: IUFRO 125th Anniversary Congress 2017 on the theme “Interconnecting Forests, Science and People”. **Deadline: 30 November 2016**
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- Call for abstracts for the Fourth International Symposium on Postharvest Pathology: Skukuza, South Africa, 28 May - 3 June 2017. **Deadline: 30 November 2016**

- Call for abstracts for poster presentations at the InterDrought-V Conference, India, 21 - 25 February 2017. **Deadline: 15 December 2016**

Jobs

- ILRI: Regional Program Leader – CCAFS based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. **Deadline: 2 December 2016**

- ILRI: Performance and Partnerships Manager based in Nairobi, Kenya. **Deadline: 2 December 2016**


**FEATURED VIDEO:** [A formidable baobab research team: RUFORUM expands support in West Africa](#)