NEWS AND EVENTS

- Regional Consultation on Higher Education in Africa
- RUFORUM student wins award during the NARO-MAK Conference, 2016
- RUFORUM meets staff from Okayama University, Japan
- President Gurib’s vision for science and innovation in Africa
- Gathering of ministers calls for more African PhDs
- Africa Learning Forum on Adaptation (ALFA2017), 21-24 March 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- A paradigm shift from monitoring and evaluation to interdisciplinary evaluative systems thinking: the status of evaluative processes and use in African Universities (Owuor et al, 2016)
- Preparing students for agricultural employment in Sub-Saharan Africa (Makuma-Massa et al, 2016)
- Evidence-based opportunities for out-scaling climate-smart agriculture in East Africa. CCAFS Working Paper no. 172 (Lamanna et al., 2016)
- Digital learning: reforming teacher education to promote access, equity and quality in Sub-Saharan Africa (Moon & Villet, 2016)
- Guidelines for online assessment for educators (Vd Westhuizen, 2016)

FEATURED VIDEO: Empowering Youth in Africa

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- The LAUNCH Food challenge. A global call for big ideas for improving health outcomes by enabling people to make healthy food choices. Deadline: 7 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:

- **Swiss Government excellence scholarships for foreign scholars, 2017–2018.** Available to postgraduate researchers in any discipline. Deadline varies per country, from September-December 2016
- **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018** for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course.**
- **(New) The Gates Cambridge Scholarship program 2017.** Scholarships for a postgraduate degree in any subject at the University of Cambridge for applicants from outside the United Kingdom. **Deadline: 7 December 2016**
- **Post-doc position at Centre for Development Research at BOKU, Vienna** in the field of sustainability transitions and food security. **Deadline: 8 December 2016**
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- **(New) IRDR (Integrated Research on Disaster Risk) Young Scientists Program.** Supports scientists of any nationality to engage with a global network of professionals and practitioners. **Deadline:** 10 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
- **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.
- **International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) Scholar Awards 2017.** Awards of US$2,000 for graduate students in sciences relevant to plant nutrition and management of crop nutrients. **Deadline:** 28 April 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**
- **(New) International Association for Plant Taxonomy (IAPT) Research Grants Program in Plant Systematics.** Emphasis is on funding students and young investigators in developing countries. **Deadline:** 31 January 2017
- **(New) Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Program 2017.** Fosters and supports start-up enterprises in Africa. **Applications will be received from 1 January- 1 March 2017**
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 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 poster presentations at the InterDrought-V Conference*, India, 21 -25 February 2017. **Deadline: 15 December 2016**

• *Call for abstracts for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security*, 8-11 October 2017, Cape Town, South Africa. **Deadline: 5 May 2017**

 Jobs

• *ILRI: Post-Doctoral Scientist – Bioinformatics*, **Deadline: 14 December 2016**

• *Executive Director of the African Academy of Sciences*. The successful candidate will be based in Nairobi, Kenya. **Deadline: 23 December 2016**