NEWS AND EVENTS

- African Journal of Rural Development publishes inaugural issues
- Universities recognised as important stakeholders in enhancing the impact of agricultural research for development – RUFORUM at the GCARD3 Conference
- Makerere University engages farmers to evaluate Striga-resistant rice varieties
- Visit by Dr. Thomas Odong, Plant Breeder at the RUFORUM Regional Program on Plant Breeding, Biotechnology and Seed Systems, to WACCI
- Rwanda takes long view to invest in African science
- CCARDESA 1st Agricultural Science Week and 2nd General Assembly, 20-24 June 2016, Lilongwe, Malawi

PUBLICATIONS

- Strengthening the design and management of PhD programmes in African universities: a case study of three RUFORUM Regional PhD Programmes (Okori, 2016) RUFORUM Working Document No. 12
- Role of Universities in development of improved crop varieties, seed production, dissemination and impacts: Case studies of dry, canning, snap and runner beans, pigeonpea and onions (Kimani, 2014)
- Prevalence and severity of sorghum leaf blight in the sorghum growing areas of Central Sudan (Beshir et al, 2015)
- Climate-Smart Agriculture for decision makers and implementers. A ready-to-use curriculum with a reader and student workbook (CCAFS, 2016)
- Poverty in a rising Africa (World Bank, 2016)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- Anzisha Prize 2016 for young innovators in Africa. Nomination deadline: 15 April, 2016
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- **(New) RINEA Mobility Grant Scheme** to support participation of universities, research organisations and SMEs in Africa to brokerage events in Italy and Denmark. **Deadline: 29 April, 2016.**
- **Carnegie Fund for Conference Attendance.** Supports African beneficiaries of Carnegie-supported postgraduate programs to present papers at major international conferences. **Deadline: 30 April, 2016**
- **World Food Prize and Borlaug Field Award 2016.** **Nomination deadlines:** 1 May, 2016 for the World Food Prize, and 30 June 2016 for the Borlaug Field Award.
- **African Entrepreneurship Award 2016.** **Deadline: 6 May, 2016**
- **SANBio/BIOFISA II Programme invites institutions in SADC countries to submit concept notes for grants to support flagship projects in nutrition, animal health and aquaculture.** **Deadline: 16 May, 2016**
- **The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Research Grants 2016.** Several research grants, mainly in the basic sciences, for researchers in the developing world. **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**
- **APPEAR call for applications for preparatory funding, academic partnership and PhD scholarship.** **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**
- **(New) Africa Food Prize.** An newly launched US$100,000 prize for individuals and institutions who are making outstanding contributions to agriculture in Africa. **Deadline: 10 June, 2016**
- **Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme** to improve the skills and competences of students and staff in Higher Education Institutions in Africa. **Deadline: 15 June, 2016**
- **(New) The Blue Economy Challenge.** This AU$3 million challenge calls for solutions that ensure sustainability of aquaculture, especially in the Indian Ocean region. **Deadline: 30 June, 2016.**
- **NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field.** **Deadline: Open till December 2018**
- **(New) 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.

**Scholarships:**

- **PhD in Sustainability Science** at United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability. Scholarships available for applicants from developing countries. **Deadline: 28 April, 2016**
- **Marie Sklodowska-Curie Research Fellowships 2016.** Fellowships include the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE). **Deadline: 28 April, 2016**

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- Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center Academic Writing Residency. Open to university and think tank-based academics, researchers, professors, and scientists in any discipline. **Deadline: 2 May, 2016.**
- AAU small grants for graduate internships for its member universities. **Deadline: 23 May, 2016**
- Iso Lomso Fellowships at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study. For African doctoral scholars holding an academic position at a university or research institution in Africa. **Deadline: 25 May, 2016**
- 2016 OWSD PhD Fellowships for women scientists from developing countries to study in a developing country outside their own. **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**
- METEGA mobility scholarships. Support for master and doctoral studies as well as staff exchange among the consortium partners. **Deadline: Masters and PhD: 24 April 2016, staff exchange: 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)** Calls for proposals: Doctoral regional research grants targeting barley, finger millet, pearl millet and sorghum. **Extended deadline: 30 April, 2016**
- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- Call for papers for the 14th International Conference on Private Higher Education in Africa, Addis Ababa. **Deadline for abstracts: 15 April, 2016**
- Call for papers for conference on ‘Solidarity in a Competing World - Fair Use of Resources’ at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU Vienna), Austria. **Abstract deadline: 15 April, 2016**
- **(New)** Call for papers for 2nd Regional Conference on Knowledge Management themed “Knowledge Management for Sustainable Development in Africa”. **Deadline: 27 May 2016.**
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Jobs:

- Vacancies at Rwanda Agricultural Board for: **Expert in Cassava Breeding; Senior Scientist in Plant Molecular Biology; and Senior Scientist in Plant Tissue Culture.** **Deadline for all positions:** 15 April, 2016
- **Teaching positions at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR).** **Deadline:** 15 April, 2016
- **(New) Post-Doctoral Scientist for ILRI’s Feed and Forages Biosciences Programme.** **Deadline:** 15 May 2016
- **(New) Access Agriculture seeks to recruit an Executive Secretary.** **Deadline:** 30 June 2016

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