NEWS AND EVENTS

- Her Excellency Dr. Mrs. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President of the Republic of Mauritius to address the RUFORUM Biennial Conference and African Higher Education Week in Cape Town
- How a farmer group moved from seed multiplication to value addition: The case of cassava composite porridge
- Egerton University launches farm attachment for agro-students
- Maths and science are the keys to unlocking Africa’s potential
- Best 15 African universities in 2016 according to Times Higher Education ranking
- The 12th African Dairy Conference and Exhibition, 31 August - 2 September 2016, Kigali

PUBLICATIONS

- (RUFORUM Publication) Analysing, adapting, innovating: growing a robust agricultural research system in South Sudan (Megan, 2016)
- Development of orange fleshted sweet potato and bambara groundnut-based snacks for school children in Tanzania (Honi, 2016)
- Effect of pretreatments and drying on nutrient content of orange fleshted sweet potato tubers and cowpea leaves used in Maswa district, Tanzania (Nicanuru, 2016)
- Farmer’s perceptions on dual-purpose sorghum and it’s potential in Zambia (Chikuta et al, 2016)
- Genetic diversity among sorghum landraces of southwestern highlands of Uganda (Akatwijuka, Rubaihayo & Odong, 2016)
- Phenotypic diversity of selected dual purpose forage and grain sorghum genotypes (Chikuta, 2015)
- Knowledge production and contradictory functions in African higher education (Cloete, Maassen & Bailey, 2015)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- (New – RUFORUM call) Young African Entrepreneurs Competition. RUFORUM invites African entrepreneurs and incubates under 40 years to compete for 10 conference awards. **Deadline: 30 July 2016**

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) – [www.ruforum.org](http://www.ruforum.org)
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- The African Agribusiness Incubators Network (AAIN) is soliciting for business ideas on agribusiness incubation. Investment financing will range from US$5,000 - 50,000. **Deadline: 30 June 2016**
- 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.**
- The Rockefeller Foundation Cassava Innovation Challenge will grant up to $1 million to innovators with novel solutions that tackle food loss and spoilage in the cassava value chain. **Deadline: 8 July, 2016**
- NICHE call for subsidy tenders for a project in Mali titled “Renforcement des capacités des Institutions d’Enseignement Supérieur dans la Gestion Intégrée des Ressources en Eau”. **Deadline: 12 July 2016**
- The Pan African Awards for Entrepreneurship in Education. For innovative education projects that have had a positive impact on young people and communities. **Deadline: 15 July 2016**
- **African Union Research Grants** 2016. The call supports research on Food & Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture with particular attention on Sustainable Intensification. **Deadline: 17 August 2016.**
- 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.
- NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field. **Deadline: Open till December 2018**

Scholarships and courses:

- (**New**) 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.
- (**New**) SASAC High-level Systems Analysis Capacity Strengthening programme for early-career supervisors, academics and postdoctoral fellows to develop transdisciplinary systems thinking. **Deadline: 30 June 2016**
- (**New**) Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program (CADFP) for accredited higher education institutions in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda. **Deadline: 5 July, 2016.**
- **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**
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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**
- **(New)** Call for paper and/or poster abstracts for the 3rd Southern African Regional Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education. **Deadline: 30 June 2016**
- Call for abstracts for 2nd Agriculture and Climate Change Conference, 26 - 28 March 2017, Spain. **Deadline: 17 October, 2016**

**Jobs:**

- Access Agriculture seeks to recruit an Executive Secretary. **Deadline: 30 June, 2016**
- Tufts University is seeking a Chief of Party for the USAID Kenya - East Africa Resilience Learning Project to be based in Nairobi, Kenya. For more information contact: Augusta.Rohrbach@tufts.edu

**FEATURED VIDEO:** RUFORUM alumni performance in Rwanda Agriculture Board, Dusengemungu Leonidas