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NEWS AND EVENTS

- African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology receives RUFORUM Award
- Development of human capital key limitation for achieving African vision
- University of Venda partners with RUFORUM to respond to challenges in agriculture
- Hydric soils: A new dimension to stemming wetland degradation
- Shea fruit: a green gift to mankind
- Kenyan professor heads board for fisheries PhD course at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- African Agribusiness Incubators Network Conference & Expo -2016, 4-6 October 2016, Accra, Ghana

PUBLICATIONS

- Uranium contamination in drinking water and foodstuffs in Bahi District, Central Tanzania (Marwa et al, 2016)
- Effects of catchment characteristics and climatic conditions on reservoir water capacity in a drought prone area (Singa et al, 2016)
- A comparative analysis of the competitiveness of tilapia and catfish enterprises in Mbale sub region Eastern Uganda (Halasi et al, 2014)
- Comparative study of two modeling approaches for predicting heavy metals contaminant migration from polyethylene bags (Banadda et al, 2016)
- Membrane fouling control in low pressure membranes: a review on pretreatment techniques for fouling abatement (Gyebi et al, 2016)
- Public-private partnerships for agribusiness development: A review of international experiences (FAO, 2016)
- Making Sense of MOOCs: A guide for policy-makers in developing countries (Patru & Balaji [eds], 2016)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

(Apply now) Young African Entrepreneurs Competition. RUFORUM invites African entrepreneurs and incubates under 40 years to compete for 10 conference awards. Deadline: 30 July 2016

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- 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
- (New) Science & SciLifeLab Prize for Young Scientists. Four young scientists will be awarded for outstanding PhD research in the life sciences done in the past two years. Deadline: 1 August, 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.
- (New) Cartier Women's Initiative Awards 2016. An international business plan competition to support projects by women entrepreneurs. Deadline: 31 August, 2016.
- (New) IPNI Science Award 2016 for an agricultural scientist with outstanding achievements in research, extension, or education on management of plant nutrients. Nomination deadline: 30 September, 2016.
- (New) 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.
- (New) 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.
- 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) The Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) invites applications for six professional development courses in research design and methods. Deadline: 24 July, 2016
- (New) Ideas Matter Doctoral Fellowships for West Africa. Priority will be given to research projects focusing on women, technology and entrepreneurship. Deadline: 30 July, 2016
- (New) IWC Master of Integrated Water Management at University of Queensland, Australia. Three scholarships available for international candidates enrolling in 2017. Deadline: 1 August, 2016
- (New) Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships 2016. For researchers to diversify their competence through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility. Deadline: 14 September, 2016.

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- (New) Linking research to inclusive development for food security -Facing rural innovation challenges. An ICRA course. Deadline for self-funded participants: 15 September 2016.
- (New) TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training. 3-12 month fellowships for young scientists in developing countries. Deadline: 1 October, 2016.
- (New) German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018for study of development-related subjects at German universities. Deadlines vary by course.
- 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 short, extended abstracts and posters/exhibitions for the 5th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016. Extended deadline: 31 July, 2016
- (RUFORUM call) Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. Deadline: Open
- (New) Call for papers for a special issue of The African Journal of Management. The issue will focus on Agribusiness Management in Africa. Deadline: 31 August, 2016
- Call for abstracts for 2nd Agriculture and Climate Change Conference, 26 28 March 2017, Spain. Deadline: 17 October, 2016

FEATURED VIDEO: Going for agriculture, harvesting magic - women voices in agriculture









