NEWS AND EVENTS

- Strengthening University-Private Sector Partnerships in Agriculture – The Fifth RUFORUM Biennial Conference and African Higher Education Week, 17-21 October 2016, Cape Town, South Africa
- The MasterCard Foundation and RUFORUM Invest in Innovative Agricultural Training in Africa
- Meet Rose Nangonzi: Producing virus free planting materials for cassava farmers
- RUFORUM partners with AWARD to strengthen leadership skills for research scientists and university staff in Africa
- African universities need bankable ideas
- First portable low-cost device developed for rapid detection of aflatoxins
- African Crop Science Society Conference, 15-18 January 2018, Stellenbosch University, Cape Town

PUBLICATIONS

- Contribution of rangelands to household food basket and income in a pastoral area in Uganda (Mbolanyi, Egeru & Mfitumukiza, 2016)
- Occurrence of fusarium head blight of wheat and associated mycotoxins in Narok and Nakuru Counties, Kenya (Wagacha et al, 2016)
- Students’ perceptions of the first-year experience in higher education: The case of Women’s University in Africa (Zvavanyange, 2016)
- Enhancing wheat productivity, end-use quality and value chain through community action research in Northern Ethiopia (Dereje, 2016)
- Genetic diversity and heterotic grouping of the core set of southern African and temperate maize (Zea mays L) Inbred lines using SNP markers (Chanda et al, 2016)
- Milk production and caprine mastitis occurrence in the production stage of the Gaborone region goat milk value chain (Mugabe, 2015)
OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- NEPAD-SANBio/BioFISA II Programme call for seed grants and flagship projects on innovative technologies in animal and human health. Open only to SADC member countries. **Deadline: 31 August 2016**
- Cartier Women's Initiative Awards 2016. An international business plan competition to support projects by women entrepreneurs. **Deadline: 31 August, 2016**
- 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**
- 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**
- 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**
- (New) 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 30th 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**

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.**
- (New) Linking research to inclusive development for food security - Facing rural innovation challenges. An ICRA course. **Deadline for self-funded participants: 15 September 2016.**
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- **(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 2017-2018 for 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**

**Scholarship and Courses:**

- **(New)** Free e-learning courses on Scientific and Technical Writing, Knowledge Sharing for Development and Strategic Approaches to Information (available in English and French)

- E-learning course: **Introduction to Sustainable Consumption and Production in Africa.** Fellowships available for participants working in the public sector, academia or NGOs. **Deadline: 24 August 2015**

- **(New)** ILRI Graduate Fellowship: **Greening Livestock MSc Fellowship.** The fellowship offers a one year stipend and operating budget, but will not cover coursework and university fees. **Deadline: 30 August 2016**

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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 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: Integrated approach against fruit flies (A farmer training video from Access Agriculture)