NEWS AND EVENTS

- From community psychologist to agricultural change agent: Margaret Gumisiriza’s story
- Working with the communities to address child malnutrition: experience of a young researcher
- Engaging smallholder farmers in cassava value addition in Northern Uganda through community engagement approach
- Third Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD3) Global Event, Johannesburg, South Africa, 5-8 April 2016
- 7th Africa Agriculture Science Week and FARA General Assembly, Kigali, Rwanda, 13-16 June 2016.

PUBLICATIONS

- Open Education Resources produced under AgShare
- Assessment of Uganda’s farmers’ perception and knowledge on maize cob rots towards breeding for resistance (Tembo et al, 2016)
- Effect of sun-drying on nutrient content of orange fleshed sweet potato tubers in Tanzania (Nicanuru, Laswai & Sila, 2015)
- Creating open education resources for teaching and community development through action research: the dairy value chain agribusiness module (Nkwasibwe et al, 2015)
- Seasonal climate prediction for rain-fed crop production planning in the upper Awash basin, Central highland of Ethiopia (Tolosa, 2015)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- TWAS Science Prizes 2016 for individual scientists who have been working and living in a developing country for at least 10 years. **Deadline for nominations: 29 February, 2016**
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- **Thought for Food Initiative grant** to support research projects addressing sustainable agriculture and food systems issues. **Deadline: 29 February, 2016**
- **King Baudouin African Development Prize 2016-2017** to reward outstanding contributions of individuals or organizations to African development. **Deadline: 15 March, 2016**
- **West African Research Association Travel Grants** supports African scholars and graduate students for research visits to other institutions on the continent. **Deadline: 15 March 2016**
- **(New) European Commission Young Leaders Programme: Apply to be a Young Leader at the European Development Days 2016, Brussels.** **Deadline: 18 March 2016**
- Grants for environmental conservation, environmental education and research. **Deadline: 31 March, 2016**
- **(New) GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2016.** A 50,000 US dollar award for excellence in leadership in agricultural and life science universities. **Deadline for nominations: 25 April, 2016**
- **(New) APPEAR call for applications for preparatory funding, academic partnership and PhD scholarship.** **Deadline: 31 May, 2016**
- **(New) Carnegie Fund for Conference Attendance.** Supports African beneficiaries of Carnegie-supported postgraduate programs to present papers at major international conferences. **Deadline: 30 April, 2016**
- NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field. **Deadline: Open till December 2018**

**Scholarships:**

- **(New: RUFORUM call) Special call for ICARDA attachments for PhD and MSc graduates specialising in sorghum, barley and millet.** Call ID: RU/2016/FAPA-CRP. **Deadline: 30 March, 2016**
- **(New: RUFORUM call) Doctoral regional research grants targeting barley, finger millet, pearl millet and sorghum.** Call ID: RU/2016/DRRG/CRP. **Deadline: 30 March, 2016**
- PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. **Deadline: Open**
- **(New) DAAD-JKUAT in-country/In-region MSc and PhD scholarships in Horticulture and Food Science and Technology.**
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation International Climate Protection Fellowships 2016 for young climate experts from developing countries to conduct a project in Germany. **Deadline: 1 March, 2016**
Education for Sustainable Energy Development (ESED) scholarship for Masters Studies in Sustainable Energy. Supports outstanding students from developing countries. **Deadline: 4 March, 2016**

Newton International Fellowships 2016 invites researchers to apply for two years of post-doctoral support at UK institutions. **Deadline: 9 March, 2016**

International Master of Science in Rural Development (IMRD) 2016. Erasmus Mundus and IMRD Consortium Scholarships available. **Deadline for scholarship application: 15 March, 2016**

Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund Scholarships for Higher Education. Open to nationals of Nigeria, South Africa and Swaziland. **Deadline: 18 March, 2016**

**New** Short courses available from the International Centre for development oriented Research in Agriculture (ICRA). **Application deadline for Nuffic scholarships: 22 March, 2016**

CAS-TWAS President’s PhD Fellowship Programme. Opportunity for non-Chinese citizens to pursue doctoral degrees in various fields including agricultural sciences, in China. **Deadline: 31 March, 2016**

Commonwealth Shared Scholarships for master’s degree studies at participating UK universities in fields including agriculture and fisheries. **Deadline: 1 April, 2016**

Volkswagen Foundation calls for pre-proposals for Postdoctoral Fellowships on Livelihood Management, Reforms and Processes of Structural Change. **Deadline: 6 April, 2016**

Marie Sklodowska-Curie Research Fellowships 2016. Fellowships include the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE). **Deadline: 28 April 2016**

United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability PhD in Sustainability Science 2016. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 April 2016**

East African Development Bank Scholarship Program for STEM. Available for teachers or lecturers of tertiary institutions and polytechnic schools in East Africa. **Deadline: Depends on selected US University**

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:

- **New** 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**

- **RUFORUM call** Call for short, extended abstracts and posters/exhibitions for the 5th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016. **Deadline: 30 June, 2016**
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- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- Journal of Research in Open, Distance and e-Learning (JRODeL) calls for individual papers and guest-edited special issues on topics related to open, distance and eLearning.

**JOBS**

- **(New)** Teaching positions at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR). **Deadline:** 15 April, 2016
- Senior Lecturer Remote Sensing at the University of Botswana. **Deadline:** 31 May, 2016

**FEATURED VIDEO:** Women’s voices challenges and choices in agriculture