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A weekly digest of News, Events and Opportunities

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NEWS AND EVENTS

- Declaration of African deans and principals on revitalizing higher education in agriculture for Africa's future
- Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology awarded \$300,000 grant from **RUFORUM**
- RUFORUM awards 29 grants to member universities
- Building capacity for Africa Zaharan's journey
- Mathematical sciences investments could change Africa
- AFAAS Africa wide Agricultural Extension week, 5-10 October 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- Agshare quality assurance toolkit for resources to help you develop open, high quality, localized content and research that follows best practices
- Identification of crop raiding species and the status of their impact on farmer resources in Gera, Southwestern Ethiopia (Gobosho et al, 2015). Journal article
- Impacts of wetland cultivation on plant diversity and soil fertility in South-Bench District Southwest Ethiopia (Mulatu, Hunde & Kissi, 2014). Journal article

OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships:

- Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA) for MSc students. Proposals will be accepted throughout 2015
- PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. Deadline: Open
- (New) Scholarships for PhD students and postdoctoral researchers from the Food Security Centre, University of Hohenheim. Deadline: 6 July 2015

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- Staff mobility Scholarships under SHARE Project. Open to academic and administrative staff from selected universities. Deadline: 31 July 2015
- PhD short mobility scholarships under SHARE Project. Open to students from selected universities. Deadline: 31 July 2015
- TWAS Fellowships for research and advanced training. Deadline: 1 October 2015
- (New) Training on how to link research and food security, 6-24 June 2016. Applicants intending to seek support from Nuffic should apply to ICRA by 19 October 2015

Grants and Awards:

- IMPRESSA Award call to nominate outstanding performers in RUFORUM universities. Nomination deadline: 30 June, 2015
- Call for Application: student innovations grants. Deadline: 10 July, 2015
- NIPPON Foundation grants for improvement of basic human needs, human resources development and promotion of international collaboration. Application deadline: Open

Jobs:

- (New) Visiting scientist opportunities: Linking model use with spatial information for improved extrapolation of soil management information. Deadline: 30 June 2015
- (New) Junior Programme Associate Knowledge Management at CTA. Deadline: 30 June 2015

FEATURED VIDEO

Cool Farming: Growing Plants in Africa without Soil. A Kenyan entrepreneur has adapted Hydroponics, a technique that allows to grow plants without soil, to African climate. The technique that traditionally needs an energy intensive climate control, now allows to grow plants in simple sheds without the use of electricity.













