NEWS AND EVENTS

- Five top highlights: The RUFORUM 11th Annual General Meeting happening in Windhoek, Namibia
- From a graduate student to a community agent – The story of Catherine Mloza-Banda
- RUFORUM alumni: entrepreneurial agricultural graduate linking to smallholder farmers
- RUFORUM awards 67 field attachment grants
- Five RUFORUM universities top list of African pacesetters in research

PUBLICATIONS

- Piosphere syndrome and rangeland degradation in Karamoja Sub-region, Uganda (Egeru et al., 2015)
- Characterization of climate variability and water harvesting system for crop production in Adulala Watershed, Central Rift Valley of Ethiopia (Goma, 2015)
- Effect of perforation-mediated modified atmosphere packaging and storage duration on physicochemical properties and microbial quality of fresh minimally processed ‘Acco’ pomegranate arils (Zaharan et al., 2015)
- Using APSIM-model as a decision-support-tool for long-term integrated-nitrogen-management and maize productivity under semi-arid conditions in Kenya (Kisaka et al., 2015)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:
IDRC Research Awards 2016 for masters or PhD students or graduates. Application deadline: 6 August, 2015

Scholarships:
- (New) 10 PhD positions at the University of Bonn in Germany – Starting September 2015.
- (New) Call for applications: a training course on advanced genomics and bioinformatics. Submission by 10 August, 2015
• **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
• **Call for Applications: CODESRIA PhD Programmes.** Deadline: 21 August, 2015
• **ANAFE training workshop for educators and researchers on “Effective communication with users of knowledge”.** 13-16 October 2015, Nairobi. **Application deadline: 28 August, 2015**
• **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**

**Call for papers:**
• **Second Call for Papers 2015 Regional Conference of the International Network of Women Engineers & Scientists (INWES).** Deadline for abstract submission: 15 August, 2015
• **Call for abstracts: Fourth Medical and Veterinary Virus Research Symposium, 15-16 October 2015, Nairobi.** Deadline: 1 August, 2015
• **Call for Manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development**

**Jobs and consultancies:**
• **Executive Director at CORAF/WECARD.** Deadline: 15 August, 2015

**FEATURED VIDEO**
*RUFORUM’s role in increasing women engagement in higher education and development of Africa (4mins:30secs)*