NEWS

- Six staff appointed at the RUFORUM Secretariat
- Enhancing collaboration and quality in postgraduate training: joint module training delivery in RUFORUM regional programmes
- Seasonal greetings from RUFORUM
- Countries in Africa must ensure their universities become ‘engines of development’
- Event: 1st MYCOKEY International Conference - Global Mycotoxin Reduction in the Food and Feed Chain 11-14 September 2017, Ghent, Belgium

PUBLICATIONS

- RUFORUM Quarterly Report for the Period October-December 2016
- Building capacity of African universities to train proactive graduates through partnerships: the case of RUFORUM and Carnegie (Uwituze et al, 2016)
- Linking African agricultural universities to research-users through the multistakeholder partnerships: experience from PAEPARD (Mugabe & Nampala, 2016)
- RUFORUM top eight young innovators and entrepreneurs from South Africa (RUFORUM, 2016)
- Farmers’ knowledge, attitude and practice towards African indigenous vegetables in Kenya (Ntawuruhungu, 2016)
- Symbiotic effectiveness of Elite rhizobia strains on productivity of improved chickpea (Cicer arietinum L.) Varieties. Case of Debre zeit and Wolayta sodo, Ethiopia (Assefa, 2016)
- University of Venda showcases how it effectively empowers rural communities to improve the quality of their lives

FEATURED VIDEO: RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- **(New)** Travel grants for research scientists to attend the Hosted Scientist Programme at the Global Forum for Innovations in Agriculture (GFIA) 2017 in Abu Dhabi. **Deadline: 31 December 2016**
- Innovation Prize for Africa 2017 to promote home-grown solutions for Africa’s prosperity. Thematic areas include agriculture/agribusiness, environment, health, and ICTs. **Deadline: 3 January 2017**
- 2017 Agropolis Fondation Louis Malassis International Scientific Prize for Agriculture and Food, **Deadline: 25 January 2017**

2017 Erasmus + call. Funding from the European Commission for actions including capacity building in the field of higher education. Deadline: Various deadlines from 2 February to 4 October 2017

(New) The World Bank Blog4Dev Contest for youth in Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda to share their thoughts on youth and agriculture and stand to win a trip to Washington D.C. Deadline: 15 January 2017

DFID SPHEIR call for partnership proposals. Funding aimed at catalysing innovation and reform in higher education systems in developing countries. Deadline: 20 February 2017

Call for grant applications: Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa. The MCFEA Grant Program supports research focused on environment and the alleviation of poverty. Deadline: 31 March 2017

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 30 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

WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme. Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime

Scholarships and courses:


(New) Two PhD scholarships available at icipe to work on schistosomiasis. Applicants must be nationals of sub-Saharan African countries. Deadline: 2 January 2017

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018 for study of development-related subjects at German universities. Deadlines vary by course

Australia Awards for Africa, 2017. Scholarships for master’s degree studies and short courses in Australia and/or Africa. Deadline varies by course between 15 December 2016 and 15 January 2017

Call for applications for the Africa Science Leadership Programme 2017 Early-to mid-career researchers in all disciplines are invited for this leadership skills training. Deadline: 16 December 2016

Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology, and Society Fellowships 2017-2018. Supports international research fellows for up to nine months of research in Austria. Deadline: 31 December 2016

MASHAV Professional Courses in Israel in Early 2017. Subject areas include agriculture and education. Limited scholarships available to cover expenses while in Israel. Deadlines vary by course

METEGA mobility scholarships for staff exchange. Deadline: 31 January 2018

IMMANA Fellowships- Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions. Deadline: 1 February 2017
Calls for Papers:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- **(New)** [Call for papers for the 14th General Conference of the Association of African Universities, 5-8 June 2017 in Accra, Ghana](#). Deadline for submission of abstracts: 13 January 2017
- [Call for abstracts for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 8-11 October 2017, Cape Town, South Africa](#). Deadline: 5 May 2017
JOBS

- Executive Director of the African Academy of Sciences. The successful candidate will be based in Nairobi, Kenya. Deadline: 23 December 2016
- (New) Head of the Centre for Development Research at BOKU (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences), Vienna. Deadline: 28 December 2016

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