NEWS

- Timely completion of graduation studies at African universities: Eduardo Mondlane University on track
- Neglected insects as a remedy for food insecurity: the case of crickets
- Model for the transformation of higher education in Africa
- Strengthening universities – lessons from Europe
- Africa is squandering its potential, IFAD President tells House of Lords

PUBLICATIONS

- RUFORUM Quarterly Report for the period October-December 2016 (RUFORUM, 2016)
- Enhancing internationalization and quality of African universities through academic mobility: experiences from RUFORUM (Okalany et al, 2016)
- Nutritional quality and functional properties of baobab (Adansonia digitata) pulp from Tanzania (Aluko et al, 2016)
- Global human capital trends 2016 (Deloitte, 2016)
- Communicating science effectively: a research agenda (National Academies of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine, 2016)
- Towards inclusive pluralistic service systems: insights for innovative thinking (Bitzer et al, 2016)
- Innovation systems: towards effective strategies in support of smallholder farmers (Francis et al [eds.], 2016)

FEATURED VIDEO: Launching of The MasterCard Foundation and RUFORUM Partnership. Address by Reeta Roy

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- 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
- DFID SPHER call for partnership proposals. Funding aimed at catalysing innovation and reform in higher education systems in developing countries. Deadline: 20 February 2017
- (New) Agriculture 2017 Travel Awards for junior investigators and PhD students. Deadline: 31 March 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-RUFORUM call) **DAAD-RUFORUM In-Country /In-Region Doctoral Scholarships for 2017/2018 Academic intake year.** Deadline: 20 February 2017

- (New-RUFORUM call) **The MasterCard Foundation at RUFORUM Scholarship Award 2017/2018.** Scholarships tenable at Egerton University (Kenya) and Gulu University (Uganda) **Deadline: 15 March 2017**

- (New-RUFORUM call) **Call for proposals for the RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA).** Proposals will be accepted throughout 2017

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

- 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**

- Kenyans, Rwandans and Ugandans: blog to win a trip to Washington, DC. **Deadline: 27 January 2017**

- **Call for applications for Next Einstein Forum Fellows.** Open to Africans around the world. Applications from all fields of science, including the social sciences are eligible. **Deadline: 27 January 2017**

- **International Association for Plant Taxonomy (IAPT) Research Grants Program in Plant Systematics.** Emphasis is on funding students and young investigators in developing countries. **Deadline: 31 January 2017**

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

- (New) **28th International Leadership Workshop for Rural Youth in Herrsching, Germany, 9-22 August 2017.** Financial support for travel and participation may be available. **Deadline: 1 February 2017**

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

- **Belgium’s University Commission for Development — Scholarships and Training Grants 2017-2018.** Selected countries in Africa eligible. **Deadline: 10 February 2017**

- **ATONU (Agriculture to Nutrition) MSc studentships for the period January 2017 – April 2018 or shorter.** For more information email: fanrpan-atonu@fanrpan.org no later than 28 February 2017

- **International Master of Science in Rural Development 2017 at Ghent University.** Open to all nationals. Scholarship application deadline: 1 March 2017.
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- **TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme**. Supports postdoctoral researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, to visit to institutes in Germany for up to 3 months. **Deadline: 31 March 2017.**
- **International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) Scholar Awards 2017**. Awards of US$2,000 for graduate students in sciences relevant to plant nutrition and management of crop nutrients. **Deadline: 28 April 2017**
- **Arturo Falaschi ICGEB (International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology) Research Fellowships** for research in Trieste, New Delhi, and Cape Town. Deadlines vary by course
- **Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Program 2017** **Deadline: 1 March 2017**
- **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP)**. Scholarships available for students from developing countries. **Deadline: 15 March 2017**
- **Food Security courses at the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation** in 2017. Fellowships available. **Deadline: Varied by course**
- **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:**

- **(RUFORUM call)** **Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development**. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- **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: 27 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**

- **(New-RUFORUM call)** **Terms of Reference to undertake a Scoping Study on Technical and Vocational Education and training (TVET) in selected African countries**. **Deadline: 25 January 2017**
- **(New-RUFORUM call)** **Terms of Reference to undertake development of Community Engagement Strategy for the RUFORUM Network universities**. **Deadline: 15 February, 2017**
- **(New-RUFORUM call)** **Terms of Reference to Support the Development of a Book on Tertiary Agricultural education in Africa**. **Deadline: 24 February 2017**
- **Call for Expressions of Interest for a Mid-Term Evaluation of the Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation System (CDAIS) Project**. **Deadline: 29 January 2017**
- **(New) ILRI Vacancy: Communications and Knowledge Sharing Specialist**. **Deadline: 17 February 2017**

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