NEWS AND EVENTS

- RUFORUM in new partnership with IIED and UK universities to study development trade-offs in African agriculture
- African Union Commission Chair calls for the escalation of science, technology innovation in agriculture to stimulate an ‘African renaissance’
- Building capacity and quality through academic exchanges
- RUFORUM Board member - Bongiwe Njobe appointed chair of GFAR
- Pan-African food and biomass network launched
- **RUFORUM Survey**: Share your ideas on RUFORUM Vision 2030 in English or French
- **Event**: Sorghum in the 21st Century, Cape Town, 9-12 April 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- Effect of exogenous fludioxonil postharvest treatment on physiological response, physico-chemical, textural, phytochemical and sensory characteristics of pomegranate fruit (Atukuri, Fawole & Opara, 2017)
- Application of postharvest chemical treatments to enhance storage and shelf life of pomegranate fruit (cv. Wonderful) (Atukuri, 2017)
- Making CGIAR outputs open and accessible: the CGSpace collaboration (Yabowork, Orth & Ballantyne, 2017)
- Open access and open data at CGIAR: challenges and solutions (Devare et al, 2017)
- Application of physical and chemical postharvest treatments to enhance storage and shelf life of pomegranate fruit—A review (Opara, Atukuri & Fawole, 2015)

FEATURED VIDEO: Transforming African Agricultural Universities to meaningfully contribute to Africa’s Development

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(New) D-Prize**. Funds pilot projects that widely distribute low-cost products and services in the fight against poverty. Open to all entrepreneurs. **Deadline: 30 July 2017 (early); 20 August 2017 (regular deadline)**
- TWAS-Abdool Karim Prize for women scientists in the biological sciences. **Deadline: 31 July 2017**
- **(New) MIT’s Solve 2017 Global Challenges competition. **Deadline: 1 August 2017**
Africa Climate Change Fund call for projects & programmes to support African countries transition to climate resilient, low carbon development, and scale-up access to climate finance. **Deadline: 13 August 2017**

UNFCCC Global Youth Video Competition 2017 for youth aged 18-30 to submit videos that showcase actions on climate change. Winners will attend the COP23 in Bonn. **Deadline: 18 August 2017**


Feed the Future Innovation lab for Peanut Research (PRIL). **Deadline: 6 September 2017**

Toyota Foundation call for proposals for joint or individual research grants beginning in May 2018. Open to all areas of research and persons of all nationalities. **Deadline: 8 September 2017**

Call for Geodata for Agriculture and Water (G4AW) Facility 2017-2018. **Deadline: 14 September 2017**

OCLC/ALISE Library & Information Science Research Grant Program (LISRGP) 2018 Call for Proposals. **Deadline: 15 September 2017**


(New) DAAD scholarships for postgraduate studies in Germany 2018-2019. Application deadlines vary across universities and programmes. **Several deadlines for scholarships are in September and October 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 - Travel Grant. Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. **Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime**

Scholarships and courses:

- **(RUFORUM call)** PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. Applications will be accepted throughout the year
- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for proposals for the RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA). Proposals will be accepted throughout 2017
- Call for PhD Applications for 2017/2018 cohort of the PASET Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund **Deadline: 24 July 2017**
- Association of African Universities (AAU) Staff Exchange Programme 2017. For staff of AAU member universities. **All exchange missions have to be completed by end of December 2017**
- Call for Postdoctoral, PhD and MPhil/MSc research fellowships at SACIDS Africa Centre of Excellence for Infectious Diseases of Humans and Animals in Southern and Eastern Africa. **Deadline: 28 July 2017**
DAAD graduate scholarships for sub-Saharan Africans to pursue masters and doctoral studies at the Regional Studies Center to Ameliorate and Adapt to Drought (CERAAS), Senegal. **Deadline: 28 July 2017**

Call for PhD Studies at the African Center of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development (ACEESD), University of Rwanda. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 31 July 2017**

PhD scholarships at Centre for Research, Agricultural Advancement, Teaching Excellence and Sustainability in Food and Nutritional Security (CREASES), Tanzania. **Applications will be received till slots are filled**

IWC scholarships to study Master of Integrated Water Management in Brisbane, Australia starting 1 September 2018. **Deadline: 1 August 2017**

**NEW** TWAS-CNPq Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme. For young scientists from developing countries other than Brazil to pursue research at Brazilian research institutions. **Deadline: 11 August 2017**

Global Leadership Fellows Programme of the World Economic Forum. Open to applicants with a master's degree in any discipline. **Deadline: 15 August 2017**

2017 Kauffman Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Program. For doctoral students at accredited U.S. universities to support dissertations in the area of entrepreneurship. **Deadline: 16 August 2017**

2017/2018 call for applications for MSc and PhD courses at the African University of Science & Technology, Abuja. Some scholarships available. **Deadline: 31 August 2017**

**ICRA courses:**
- Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security, 30 October to 17 November 2017, the Netherlands. **Deadline: 5 September 2017**

**TWAS Fellowship for Research and Advanced Training.** For young scientists in developing countries to spend 3-12 months at a research institution in another developing country. **Deadline: 1 October 2017**

2017 Cornell University Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship. Open to recent doctoral graduates from all areas of research. **Deadline: 1 October 2017**

**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**

Call for post-doctoral candidate to work on the gender-energy-entrepreneurship-environment nexus in Tanzania. Tenable at Chalmers University of Technology. **Email:** helene.ahlborg@chalmers.se

Call for participation in the 11th AAU Leadership Development Workshop (LEDEV) for Higher Education Institutions, 5-8 September 2017, Ghana.

**Calls for Papers**

**RUFORUM Call** Call for papers for special issue of African Journal of Rural Development: “Multi-stakeholder Research & Innovation Platforms in Agricultural Research for Development”. **New deadline: 15 August 2017**

**RUFORUM call** Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
MSc Programs in Engineering and Technology of Oil and Gas at the University of Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique. Limited number of scholarships available. **Deadline: 22 July 2017**

Call for papers for the CODATA 2017 Conference on 'Global Challenges and Data Driven Science', Saint-Petersburg, 8-12 October 2017. **Deadline 28 July 2017**

**New** Call for abstracts for the 2017 Forum on African Vegetables (Afri-Veg 2017 Forum), Cotonou, 20-22 November 2017. **Deadline extended to 30 August 2017**

Call for papers for conference on “Quantitative Methods for Integrated Food and Nutrition Security Measurement”. Scholarships available for authors. **Deadline: 31 August 2017**

Call for papers and workshop proposals for the 4th International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD) – Africa Conference 2018, Pretoria. **Deadline: 30 September 2017**

WEBINARS & E-DISCUSSIONS

- Engaging African youth in agribusiness in a changing climate. E-discussion from 12 July to 12 August 2017
- **New** e-Agriculture Webinar: Farmer-centered design, 28 July 2017

JOBS

- **New** RUFORUM vacancy: Manager Information & Technology. **Deadline: 31 August, 2017**
- **New** World Bank Young Professionals Program 2018. For individuals skilled in areas including agriculture and natural resources. Applicants should hold a PhD or master’s degree. **Deadline: 28 July 2017**
- **New** FANRPAN Chief Executive Officer. **Deadline: 30 July 2017**
- **New** ILRI vacancies:
  - Forage Genebank Manager. Position will be based in Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 31 July 2017**
  - **New** Bioinformatician. Position will be based in Nairobi. **Deadline: 17 August 2017**
- **New** Consultancies at FAO Green Climate Fund. **Deadline: 3 September 2017**

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