NEWS AND EVENTS

- Stakeholders call for reform in higher agricultural education in Africa
- FAO and RUFORUM to launch e-learning hub
- Attachment experience at ICRISAT under the RUFORUM Field Attachment Programme Award -Dr. Koech
- Burundi launches first doctoral school
- Open data on universities – New fuel for transformation
- RUFORUM Survey: Share your ideas on RUFORUM Vision 2030 in English or French

PUBLICATIONS

- Glucose recovery from different corn stover fractions using dilute acid and alkaline pretreatment techniques (Aboagye et al, 2017)
- University of Juba facts and figures 2016-2017 (University of Juba, 2017)
- Making CGIAR outputs open and accessible: The CGSpace collaboration (Yabowork, Orth & Ballantyne, 2017)
- Facilitating capacity needs assessment: Trainer’s manuals (Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Better Vegetables, Better Lives

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(RUFORUM call)** IMPRESSA Awards 2017, RUFORUM award recognizing outstanding university scientists contributing to agricultural Research and Science for Development in Africa. **New deadline: 31 August 2017**
- **(New – RUFORUM call)** Call for grant proposals under the Community Action Research Programme Plus Programme (CARP+) of RUFORUM. **Deadline: 31 October 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.**
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- **D-Prize.** Funds pilot projects that widely distribute low-cost products and services in the fight against poverty. Open to all entrepreneurs. **Deadline: 20 August 2017**
- **Call for proposals from African institutions to implement of the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security in Africa (GMES) & Africa Support Programme.** **Deadline: 21 August 2017**
- **(New) NORAD support to research institutions and organisations in sub-Saharan Africa** to finance high quality research for development based on local needs. **Deadline: 1 September 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**
- **Kwame Nkrumah Regional Scientific Awards for Women 2017.** **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- **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**
- **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**
- **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**
- **(New) MSc and PhD programmes at the Africa Centre of Excellence for Pharm-Biotechnology and Traditional Medicine, Mbarara University of Science and Technology.** **Scholarships available. Deadline: 11 August 2017**
- **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**

*(New)* Masters and PhD scholarships at the African Center of Excellence in Phytochemicals, Textile and Renewable Energy (ACEII-PTRE), Moi University. **Deadline: 18 August 2017**

*(New)* John Dillion Fellowship Program 2018. For young agricultural scientists and economists associated with ACIAR projects to undertake professional visits to Australia. **Deadline: 31 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

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

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 conference on “Quantitative Methods for Integrated Food and Nutrition Security Measurement”. Scholarships available for authors. **Deadline: 31 August 2017**
- *(New)* Call for abstracts for the 4th Global Science Conference on Climate Smart Agriculture. **Deadline: 20 September 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

JOBS

- RUFORUM vacancy: Manager Information & Technology. Deadline: 31 August, 2017
- (New) Research Systems Manager at the African Academy of Sciences. Deadline: 7 August 2017
- Bioinformatician at ILRI. Position will be based in Nairobi. Deadline: 17 August 2017
- (New) Social Media Manager at Access Agriculture. Deadline: 1 September 2017
- Consultancies at FAO Green Climate Fund. Deadline: 3 September 2017

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