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### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

- <u>RUFORUM to hold its 13th Annual General Meeting hosted by the Government of Malawi</u>, 25th-27th October, Lilongwe, Malawi
- RUFORUM Trains 45 in Scientific Data Management
- Meet RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) beneficiaries
- E-learning hub a 'short-cut' to agricultural knowledge
- New programme to produce high-level agricultural skills
- Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe Installed as new Vice Chancellor of Makerere University 2017-2022
- Young researchers need help with academic networking
- <u>WISE-Futures 1st International Conference on Water Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy Futures in a Changing</u> <u>Environment</u>, *Arusha, Tanzania, 4 - 8 December 2017*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- How farmer videos trigger social learning to enhance innovation among smallholder rice farmers in Uganda (Karubanga et al, 2017)
- Market participation of smallholder cassava processors in north and north eastern Uganda (Ajok, 2016)
- Guidelines for innovation platforms in agricultural research for development (Schut et al, 2017)
- The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (FAO, 2017)
- Manual on good practices in extension research & evaluation (Sivakumar et al [eds], 2017)
- <u>Mycotoxin contamination in sugarcane grass and juice: first report on detection of multiplemycotoxins and exposure</u> <u>assessment for AflatoxinsB1 and G1 in humans</u> (Abdallah, Krska & Sulyok, 2016)
- Positive youth development measurement toolkit: a practical guide for implementers of youth programs (USAID, 2016)

### FEATURED VIDEO: Skilling the next Generation of Agri-Leaders for Africa

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Grants and Awards**

- (*RUFORUM call*) <u>Call for grant proposals under the Community Action Research Programme Plus Programme (CARP+)</u> of RUFORUM. Deadline: 31 October 2017
- (New) Securing Water for Food (SWFF) Global Water-Agriculture Photo Contest. Deadline: 27 September 2017
- (New) UN-Habitat Youth Photography Competition on climate change. The winner will be funded to attend COP-23 in Bonn, Germany, where their work will be displayed. Deadline: 30 September 2017
- (New) <u>Glinka World Soil Prize</u> to honour contributions by individuals or organizations to the promotion of sustainable soil management and the protection of soil resources. Nomination deadline: 30 September 2017
- <u>DAAD scholarships for postgraduate studies in Germany 2018-2019</u>. Application deadlines vary across universities and programmes. Several deadlines for scholarships are in September and October 2017
- <u>Germany's International Climate Initiative (IKI) supports projects on climate change mitigation and adaptation</u>. Open to a broad range of participants including universities. Deadline: 12 October 2017

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- (New) Young Scientist Travel Grant (YSTG) to attend the International Conference on "Living territories for sustainable development", 22-24 January, Montpellier. Deadline: 13 October 2017
- Kwame Nkrumah Regional Scientific Awards for Women 2017. Deadline: 31 October 2017
- (New) Grand Challenges Explorations. Grant opportunities to foster innovation to solve key health and development . problems. Open to anyone from any country and discipline. Deadline: 8 November 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
- Nominate the Agrofood Broker of the Year 2017. A professional in the field of Food and Nutrition Security, who has • undertaken significant brokering activities in 2016/2017.

#### Scholarships and courses:

- (RUFORUM call) African Universities Leadership and Management Training Programme (AFRI-Lead), 29 Oct 1 Nov 2017, Lilongwe. For senior managers in RUFORUM member universities. Deadline: 30 September 2017
- (RUFORUM call) PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. Applications will be accepted throughout the year
- Wageningen University & Research MOOC on 'Advanced Biobased Conversion'. This is a free online course
- Trainings at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA):
  - Basic Bioinformatics Workshop, 23-25 October 2017 at IITA, Ibadan. Deadline: 25 September 2017
  - Statistics and Statistical Computing Methods Using SAS, 16-20 October 2017 at IITA, Ibadan. Deadline: 2 0 October 2017
- (New) Gateways Author and Editor Scholarly Mentoring Program to support community-engaged scholars from developing countries. Deadline: 30 September 2017
- (New) Call for proposals for the Africa Climate Leadership Program (AfriCLP). A grants awards program to build leadership capacity in response to climate change. Deadline: 30 September 2017
- International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) Arturo Falaschi Fellowships Programme. Deadlines: 30 September for post-doc fellowships and 31 December for short-term fellowships
- PhD scholarships at Centre for Research, Agricultural Advancement, Teaching Excellence and Sustainability in Food and Nutritional Security (CREATES), Tanzania. Applications will be received till slots are filled
- 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
- DIES University Leadership and Management Training Course (UNILEAD). For young managers who work in their university's central administrative departments. Deadline: 16 October 2017
- 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
- HarvardX Free online courses from Harvard University including data analysis, statistics and genomics. Deadlines vary. •
- (New) STIAS Iso Lomso Fellowships. Three year fellowship for early career African researchers who hold an academic • position at a university or research institution anywhere in Africa. Deadline: 15 November 2017
- Schlumberger Foundation Funding for Women in PhD and Post-Doctoral Studies 2018-2019 in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Deadline: 17 November 2017
- (New) Australia Awards Africa for master's studies, short courses and post-doctoral fellowships. Deadline: 30 November 2017 for post-docs; 15 December 2017 for masters; and 15 January 2018 for short courses
- 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.

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• <u>Nestlé Foundation grants</u> 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*) <u>Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development</u>. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- (New) Call for abstracts for African Combined Conference on "Sustainable agricultural systems for food security in Africa", Cape Town, 14-18 January 2018. Deadline: 30 September 2017
- <u>Call for papers and workshop proposals for the 4th International Association of Agricultural</u> Information Specialists (IAALD) – Africa Conference 2018, Pretoria. **Deadline: 30 September 2017**
- <u>Call for submission of abstracts for WISE-Futures 1st International Conference on Water Infrastructure and</u> <u>Sustainable Energy Futures in a Changing Environment</u>. **Deadline: 4 October 2017.**
- *(New)* <u>Call for papers for 2018 Workshop on Altmetrics for Research Outputs Measurement and Scholarly</u> <u>Information Management, Singapore</u>. Travel grants available for authors. **Deadline: 10 October 2017.**

## JOBS

- <u>CIRAD: Economist specialized in quality issues</u>. Deadline: 24 September 2017
- <u>Africa University: Deputy Vice Chancellor; Dean College of Social Sciences, Theology, Humanities and Education;</u> <u>University Librarian and other positions</u>. **Deadline: 30 September 2017**
- <u>African University of Science and Technology</u>: Faculty positions. Deadline: 30 September 2017

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