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NEWS AND EVENTS

- Enabling rural women prosper from cassava bioethanol production through university-community engagement
- The MasterCard Foundation supported TAGDev Project website launched
- The role of international faculty in the mobility era
- Rethinking the university for an online era
- Event: Webinar on 'Transformative Leadership in International Education', 8 February 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- Combining ability and heterosis of selected grain and forage dual purpose sorghum genotypes (Chikuta et al, 2017)
- Efficiency and effectiveness of participatory research approaches among smallholder farmers in Babati District; Tanzania (Ngozi, 2016)
- RUFORUM Top African Young Entrepreneurs from Benin (RUFORUM, 2016)
- Application of SWAT to assess the effects of land use change in the Murchison Bay catchment in Uganda (Anaba et al, 2016)
- Agricultural education and training indicators: background study (Childers & Kernaghan, 2016)

FEATURED VIDEO: Mitigating climate change: global solutions from Namibia

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 SPHEIR call for partnership proposals. Funding aimed at catalysing innovation and reform in higher education systems in developing countries. Deadline: 20 February 2017
- (New) The East Africa Postharvest Technologies Competition 2017. Deadline: 20 February 2017
- Solution Search: Farming for Biodiversity. This year's contest is for the world's most promising approaches in biodiversity-friendly farming practices. Deadline: 10 March 2017
- 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

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- 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
- 4th Call for Food & Business Global Challenges Programme focusing on scaling up climate-smart agriculture. Deadline: Letter of intent should be submitted by 28 March 2017 and proposal by 18 April 2017
- Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2017 aimed at improving the skills and competences of students and staff on the continent. Deadline: 2 May 2017

Scholarships and courses:

- (RUFORUM call) DAAD-RUFORUM In-Country /In-Region Doctoral Scholarships for 2017/2018 Academic intake year. Deadline: 20 February 2017
- (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
- (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 developmentrelated subjects at German universities. Deadlines vary by course.
- Belgium's University Commission for Development Scholarships and Training Grants 2017-2018. Selected countries in Africa eligible. Deadline: 10 February 2017
- (New) ARPPIS-DAAD doctoral scholarships for study at icipe, Kenya. Deadline: 12 February 2017
- (New) Postgraduate course on "Science and Leadership for Transforming Institutions, 27 February to 10 March 2017. Limited funding is available to support African students. Deadline: 17 February 2017
- (New) Wageningen University and CIMMYT PhD Fellowship in 'Gender-Responsive Innovation in Maize-(and Wheat-)based Agricultural Contexts'. Deadline: 19 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
- 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 Nurftrition 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

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- 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 abstracts for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 8-11 October 2017, Cape Town, South Africa. Deadline: 5 May 2017

JOBS & CONSULTANCIES

- (RUFORUM call) Terms of Reference to undertake a Scoping Study on Technical and Vocational Education and training (TVET) in selected African countries. Deadline extended to 16 February 2017
- (RUFORUM call) Terms of Reference to undertake development of Community Engagement Strategy for the RUFORUM Network universities. Deadline: 15 February 2017
- (RUFORUM call) Terms of Reference to Support the Development of a Book on Tertiary Agricultural education in Africa. Deadline: 24 February 2017
- ILRI Vacancy: Post Doc Molecular Biology/Virology. Deadline: 17 February 2017
- ILRI Vacancy: Communications and Knowledge Sharing Specialist. Deadline: 17 February 2017
- (New) Call for external reviewers for the YPARD network. Deadline: 23 February 2017

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