

NEWS AND EVENTS

- [Welcome to the 13th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting, Lilongwe, Malawi](#). Message from Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, RUFORUM Executive Secretary
- [RUFORUM in collaboration with LUANAR AquaFish ACE coordinates 10 academic staff exchanges within the region](#)
- [RUFORUM participates in the PAEPARD capitalisation workshop](#)
- [NASFAM appoints Dr Betty Chinyamunyamu as Chief Executive Officer](#)
- [Internationalisation should start at school](#)
- [Self-taught skills – A wake-up call for education systems](#)
- **Event:** [2nd International Conference on Food Safety and Security, 15-17 October 2018, Pretoria](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Capitalizing on PAEPARD experience of multi-stakeholder partnerships in agricultural research for development \(PAEPARD, 2017\)](#)
- [Entrepreneurship education in agriculture: The EARTH University approach \(Sherrard & Alvarado, 2017\)](#)
- [A compelling case for seed enterprises as a tool for rural development in the smallholder farming sector \(Munyaka, Mazarura & Mvumi, 2017\)](#)
- [Development of emission recovery multipurpose household backyard kiln for charcoal production \(Ongora, Majaliwa & Bagabo, 2017\)](#)
- [Effectiveness of community based seed multiplication in enhancing farmers' knowledge and access to improved bean seeds in Western Uganda \(Nateebwa, Okiror & Mangheni\)](#)
- [The state of food security and agriculture 2017: leveraging food systems for inclusive rural transformation \(FAO, 2017\)](#)
- [What works in soft skills development for youth employment? A donor's perspective \(Ignatowski, 2017\)](#)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Meet Lucy Aciro, an MCF@RUFORUM Scholar](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for grant proposals under the Community Action Research Programme Plus Programme \(CARP+\) of RUFORUM](#). **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- [DAAD scholarships for postgraduate studies in Germany 2018-2019](#). **Application deadlines vary across universities and programmes up to October 2017**
- [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. **Deadline: 17 October 2017**
- [The Nestle Creating Shared Value Prize 2018](#) to help scale up or replicate business-oriented initiatives that address challenges in nutrition, water or rural development. **Deadline: 31 October 2017**

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- **(New)** The World Academy of Sciences Research Professorships in Least-Developed Countries. **Research groups and scientific institutions in LDCs should submit requests for visiting professors by 31 October 2017**
- Kwame Nkrumah Regional Scientific Awards for Women 2017. **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- **(New)** Georg Forster Research Award for academics of all disciplines. Nominees must be nationals of a developing or transition country excluding China and India. **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- 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**
- **(New)** African Union Kwame Nkrumah Awards for Scientific Excellence (AUKNASE) Continental Award 2017. **Deadline: 10 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**

Scholarships and courses:

- **(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'. **Free online course**
- Free ASIRA online course on Access to Scientific Information Resources in Agriculture. Delivered by the FAO, this course will run between 30th October and 19th November 2017. **Deadline: 15 October 2017**
- Mo Ibrahim Foundation Fellowship 2018. For young professionals, mid-career, and/or new executives who are nationals of an African country, residing anywhere in the world. **Deadline: 15 October 2017**
- Aspen Institute New Voices Fellowship 2018. A year-long program in media skills, communication, and leadership for top development professionals in the developing world. **Deadline: 15 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**
- Short courses by Wageningen University in 2018 including aquaculture development, climate change adaptation, horticulture and rural entrepreneurship. **Deadline for NFP scholarships: 18 October 2017**
- **(New)** Echoing Green Fellowships 2017-2018. Provides emerging social entrepreneurs around the world with seed capital and technical assistance to support their start-up organizations. **Deadline: 24 October 2017**
- HarvardX - Free online courses from Harvard University including data analysis, statistics and genomics. **Deadlines vary.**
- USDA 2018 Borlaug Global Cocoa Initiative Fellowships. For applicants from Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Liberia. **Deadline: 5 November 2017**
- Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program. For universities in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda; and African-born scholars in the United States or Canada. **Deadline: 8 November 2017**
- 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**
- 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**

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- 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**
- International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) — Arturo Falaschi Fellowships Programme. **Deadline: 31 December for short-term fellowships**
- Free e-learning courses from FAO
- ICRA Courses 2018. Scholarships available:
 - Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security, 12 – 30 March 2018, Wageningen. For lecturers, trainers and researchers in tertiary agricultural education
 - Facing rural innovation challenges - Linking research to inclusive development for food security 14 May – 1 June 2018, Wageningen. For professionals working in agricultural research, agribusiness, rural advisory services, food security and producer organisations.
 - Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit – Key skills for inclusive business brokerage 25 June – 6 July 2018, Ibadan. For agribusiness service providers and coaches working with smallholder farmers and agro-entrepreneurs.
- 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**
- e-agriculture learning activity: Drones for agriculture and rural development. **Register [here](#)**
- Elsevier Publishing Campus: free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research
- STEPS Summer School on Pathways to Sustainability, 14-25 May 2018, United Kingdom. For doctoral and postdoctoral researchers. Some scholarships are available. **Deadline: 28 January 2018**

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. Travel grants available for authors. **New deadline: 25 October 2017**
- Call for papers and workshop proposals for the 4th International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD) – Africa Conference 2018, Pretoria. **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- Call for articles: Nature & Faune Journal on the theme, "Creating a forest landscape restoration movement in Africa". **Deadline: 1 December 2017**

WEBINARS

- **(New)** GFAR webinar on the ins-and-outs, the do's-and-don'ts, of "webcasting" and "webstreaming", 17 October 2017
- AAU-TRUSTAFRICA Webinar on "promoting diversification, differentiation, and harmonization of the African higher education system", 19 October 2017. Register at <https://www.aau.org/webinars/trustafrica.php>
- **(New)** African Open Science Platform webinar series on "Incentives for sharing research data" 25- 27 October 2017. Register by 20 October 2017

JOBS

(New) Food and Agriculture Organization Fellowship Programme. Applicants should have a graduate or post-graduate degree, or be enrolled in a PhD programme. There are no age limits. **Deadline: 31 December 2017**



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