NEWS AND EVENTS

- Why higher education matters
- Addressing the generation gap in Agriculture for socio economic development of Africa
- Investing in Africa’s Young population to drive the Continent’s Agenda
- Meet Cohort One 2017 MCF@RUFORUM students
- Prof. Achille Assogbadjo recognized for his outstanding research contribution
- How do you prepare students for an unknowable future?
- Event: 13th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting, Lilongwe, 19 October – 2 November 2017. Get updates on Twitter via hashtag #Visioning2030

PUBLICATIONS

- RUFORUM 13th Annual General Meeting and Side-Events Programme Handbook (RUFORUM, 2017)
- 4th Summary report on implementation of STISA 2024 in English and French (RUFORUM, 2017)
- Capitalizing on PAEPARD experience of multi-stakeholder partnerships in agricultural research for development (PAEPARD, 2017)
- Serological survey of Neospora caninum and Besnoitia besnoiti in cattle and goats from smallholder farms in Angónia, Tete Province, Mozambique (Nhacumbe et al, 2017)
- Mainstreaming seed demand forecasting in the agenda of private and public sector seed actors (Sokona, Asiedu & Heemskerk, 2016)
- Establishment and piloting of post graduate programmes in selected African post conflict countries (Majaliwa et al, 2016)
- Africa Centre of Excellence in Aquaculture and Fisheries (AquaFish) (Kassam et al, 2016)

FEATURED VIDEO: Transformation Learning and Student Leadership Development

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- (New–RUFORUM Call) Call for establishment of Agribusiness Incubation Hubs 2017/2018: RUFORUM Entrepreneurship Challenge Program (RECAP). Open to all RUFORUM member universities. **Deadline:** 30 December, 2017
- (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
- 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
- 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
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- 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**
- IAAE 2018 Carl K. Eicher Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in agricultural economics in Africa. Dissertations must have been completed during 2015, 2016 or 2017. **Nomination deadline: 26 January 2018**
- 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
- ICRA Courses 2018. Scholarships available. **Fellowship application deadline: 22 October 2017**
  - 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.
- **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**
- **(New)** African Institute for Mathematical Sciences Fellowships for Women in Climate Change Science. Applicants should possess a doctoral degree in a relevant quantitative discipline. **Deadline: 27 October 2017**
- **(New)** Masdar Institute scholarships for graduate studies in the UAE. Full scholarships for masters and doctoral degree programs in subject areas including water and environmental engineering. **Deadline: 31 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**
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- 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**
- World Bank Group Africa Fellowship Program 2018. For PhD students or recent graduates who are Sub-Saharan nationals. **Deadline: 19 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**
- 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
- *(New)* American Association of University Women (AAUW) International Fellowship. For women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the U.S. who are not citizens or permanent residents. **Deadline: 1 December 2017**
- 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**
- 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 papers for 2018 Workshop on Altmetrics for Research Outputs Measurement and Scholarly Information Management, Singapore. 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**
- *(New)* Call for submission of papers (oral and visual) for the 30th International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE 2018) in Vancouver, 28 July – 2 August 2018. **Deadline: 15 January 2018**

**WEBINARS**

- *(New)* Data science webinar on "Data literacy – closing the data skills gap", 26 October 2017
- *(New)* COSA/GFAR/GLF Webinar: "How do we design effective measurement tools for the understanding, management and acceleration of impact?", 26 October 2017
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JOBS

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

- **(New) FAO RISE Call for Expression of Interest to join FAO roster of experts in rural Institutions and services; community mobilization and empowerment, and rural finance.** **Deadline: 1 November 2017**

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