NEWS AND EVENTS

- Declaration of the 13th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting held in Lilongwe / Déclaration de la 13ème Assemblée Générale Annuelle de RUFORUM à Lilongwe
- FAO and RUFORUM sign a new partnership to train the next generation of agricultural change agents
- Press release: Announcing RUFORUM recognition award winners 2017
  - RUFORUM recognizes outstanding Malawian young scientists and farmers
  - Recognising excellence – RUFORUM IMPRESSA Award winners 2017
- Agenda for policy action in the new RUFORUM strategy
- Leadership and management training for university principals and deans
- ICT enabling university engagement with smallholder farmers
- MSU and LUANAR showcase the Innovation Scholar Program
- Event: The RUFORUM Sixth Biennial Conference confirmed for 22-26 October 2018, Nairobi, Kenya

PUBLICATIONS

- Nutrient density of complementary foods formulated from a blend of teff, soybean and orange-fleshed sweet potato (Tenagashaw et al, 2017)
- Integrating gender and nutrition within agricultural extension services: (Farnworth & Gallina, 2017)
- Hostages of subsistence cultivation: Can they be bailed? (Egeru & Majaliwa)
- Resistance to blast in interspecific finger millet progenies (Akech, Violet et al, 2016)
- IoT4Food: Harnessing Internet of Things Technology (IoT) for sustainable agriculture (Bainomugisha, 2016)

FEATURED VIDEO: Skilling the next generation of agri-leaders for Africa

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(New – RUFORUM call)** Special call for applications: Ten RUFORUM Community-Based Field Attachment Programme Awards. For MSc and PhD students who have recently graduated or who have submitted their theses and are awaiting results. **Deadline: 30 November 2017**

- **(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**

- 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**


- International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) is offering professional development and research grants to support researchers or policy practitioners in low & middle income countries. **Deadline: 15 November 2017**
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- **Gro Bruntland Awards 2018.** Awardees will include four female scientists from developing countries working on research related to public health and sustainable development. **Deadline: 24 November 2017**
- **Student challenge: design the ultimate urban greenhouse.** Open to students in universities around the world. Queries should be submitted to: rio.pals@wur.nl. **Deadline: 30 November 2017**
- **Hult Prize 2018.** Students from any college or university in the world are invited to form teams and apply. The winning team will be awarded US$1 million in seed capital. **Deadline: 23 December 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**
- **Erasmus+ call for proposals for capacity building in the field of higher education 2018.** **Deadline: 8 February 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:

- **(New – RUFORUM call) MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2018.** For BSc and MSc programmes tenable at Egerton University and Gulu University. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call) PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program.** Applications will be accepted throughout the year
- **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**
- **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**
- **(New) 2017 call for applications from the TWAS-UNESCO Associateship Scheme.** Enables researchers from the developing countries to visit participating centres of excellence in the South for research collaboration. **Applicants must hold a PhD or equivalent degree. Deadline: 1 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**
- **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**
• Borlaug Fellowships in Agricultural Science and Technology 2018. Offers training and collaborative research opportunities to scientists, researchers, and policymakers. **Deadline: 5 November 2017**

• Elsevier Publishing Campus: free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research

• US National Academy of Sciences PEER Program invites scientists in developing countries to work with U.S. collaborators in research and capacity building on various topics. **Deadline: 12 January 2018**

• Application for 2018 intake at the Graduate Institute Geneva 2018 now open. For masters and PhD programs that address global, international, and transnational challenges. Financial aid available. **Deadline: 15 January 2018**

• 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**

• MasterCard Foundation scholars Program at Michigan State University (MSU) 2018. Scholarships for citizens and residents of Sub-Saharan Africa to undertake graduate study at MSU. **Deadline: 1 February 2018**

• **(New) Call for applications:** Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP) intake for 2018-2020. Full scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**

• Alexander von Humboldt Foundation — International Climate Protection Fellowships 2018. 20 fellowships for young climate experts from developing countries. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**

• Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions (IMMANA Fellowships). Applicants may be of any nationality. **Deadline: 1 March 2018 for a full proposals**

• 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 the conference “Sorghum in the 21st Century”,** 9-12 April 2018, Cape Town. Sponsorship available. **Deadline: 30 November 2017 (oral presentations) & 31 January 2018 (posters)**

• **Call for articles:** Nature & Faune Journal on the theme, “Creating a forest landscape restoration movement in Africa”. **Deadline: 1 December 2017**

• **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**

**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**

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