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NEWS AND EVENTS

- Declaration of the 13th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting held In Lilongwe / Déclaration de la 13^{eme} 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
- African Union Kwame Nkrumah Awards for Scientific Excellence (AUKNASE) Continental Award 2017. Deadline: 10 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
- <u>IAAE 2018 Carl K. Eicher Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation</u> in agricultural economics in Africa. Dissertations must have been completed during 2015, 2016 or 2017. Nomination deadline: 26 January
- 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: I 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 fulltime graduate or postdoctoral study in the U.S. who are not citizens or permanent residents. Deadline: 1 December 2017

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- 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
- (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
- 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
- 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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