NEWS AND EVENTS

- Role of universities in achieving sustainable agricultural and rural transformation in Africa / Rôle des universités dans la réalisation d’une transformation agricole, rurale et durable en Afrique
- Strengthening higher agricultural education to support transformation of the agricultural sector in Africa
- RUFORUM trains university faculty to develop and manage university and community transforming programmes and projects
- The changing landscape of private higher education
- Event: Africa Agribusiness Incubation Conference and Expo (AAICE), 7-9 March 2018, Dakar

PUBLICATIONS

- Highlights from the RUFORUM Annual General Meeting 2017 and photos
- Mapping the potential for hay making in rangelands: a methodological proposition (Makuma-Massa et al, 2017)
- Ecosystem service importance and use vary with socio-environmental factors: a study from household-surveys in local communities of South Africa (Mensah et al, 2017)
- A review of the farming of common carp (Cyprinus carpio L.) in Malawi: Policy research directions for aquaculture development in Malawi (Chirwa et al, 2017)
- Influence of climate variability and length of rainy season on crop yields in semiarid Botswana (Byakatonda et al, 2017)
- Spatial and temporal analysis of forest cover change in Falgore Game Reserve in Kano, Nigeria (Suleiman et al, 2017)
- Application resource management for highly computational applications in the operational environment: a critical review (Balikuddembe & Gudu, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: RUFORUM and FAO new partnership: interview with FAO Deputy Director General

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(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**
- 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**
- 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**
- **(New)** IFS Individual Research Grants for promising young developing country researchers. Research areas include water resources research and food security. **Deadline: 31 December 2017**

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- 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:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2018](https://www.ruforum.org/mcf-call-2018). For BSc and MSc programmes tenable at Egerton University and Gulu University. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [PhD Training Opportunities under the RU FORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program](https://www.ruforum.org/PhD-Training-2018). Applications will be accepted throughout the year.
- 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**
- **(New)** [DAAD-PhD fellowship opportunities in Higher Education Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal](https://www.ruforum.org/DAAD-PhD-2018). **Deadline: 30 November 2017**
- [Australia Awards – Africa](https://www.ruforum.org/Australia-Awards-2018) 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**
- [2017 call for applications from the TWAS-UNESCO Associateship Scheme](https://www.ruforum.org/2017-TWAS-UNESCO-2018). 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](https://www.ruforum.org/ICGEB-2018). **Deadline: 31 December for short-term fellowships**
- Free e-learning courses from [FAO](https://www.fao.org/rufo rum). **Deadline: 30 November 2017**
- 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**
- **(New)** [Matasa Fellowships for young African researchers](https://www.ruforum.org/Matasa-Fellowships-2018). Fellows will be supported to produce a synthesis paper and policy brief on the theme “Youth Employment and Private Sector Growth in Africa”. **Deadline: 7 December 2017**
- Elsevier Publishing Campus: free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research. **Deadline: 12 January 2018**
- 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**
- [STEPS Summer School on Pathways to Sustainability](https://www.ruforum.org/STEPS-Summer-School-2018). 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**
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- 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**
- **(New)** Call for papers for the 10th Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting: Agricultural Economics Society of Tanzania (AGREST) to be held on 15 & 16th March 2018 in Dodoma. **Deadline: 30 November 2017**
- Call for abstracts for the conference “Sorghum in the 21st Century”, 9-12 April 2018, Cape Town. Sponsorship available.
- **(New)** Call for proposals for seminars, panel contributions, posters, and materials for symposium on “Revalorizing Extension: Evidence and Practice”, University of Illinois. Funding available to support travel for a limited number of graduate students. **Deadline: 15 January 2018**
- 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**
- **(New)** Call for papers for the 2nd Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation in Africa, to be held in Ibadan, Nigeria on 14 &15 May 2018. **Deadline: 20 January 2018**

**WEBINAR**


**JOBS**

- **(New)** Job Opportunity at RUFORUM Secretariat: Communication, Publicity and Marketing Officer. **Deadline: 20 November 2017**
- **(New)** Call for expression of interest in supervising PhD students at the African Center of Excellence in Data Science, University of Rwanda. **Deadline: 20 November 2017**
- **(New)** World Vegetable Centre is seeking an experienced nutritionist (PhD) to join their global flagship ‘Healthy Diets’. The position will be based in Arusha, Tanzania. **Deadline: 20 November 2017**
- **(New)** Director of Strategy and Communications at the African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership. The position will be based either in Johannesburg or Accra. **Deadline: 24 November 2017**
- **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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