

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 semi-arid 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. For BSc and MSc programmes tenable at Egerton University and Gulu University. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. **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. **Deadline: 30 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**
- 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**
- **(New)** Matasa Fellowships for young African researchers. 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
- 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**
- Call for applications: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP) intake for 2018-2020. Full scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 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.
- [Call for articles: Nature & Faune Journal](#) on the theme, “Creating a forest landscape restoration movement in Africa”. **Deadline: 1 December 2017**
- **(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

- **(New)** [The Science of Science Communication III: webcast](#), 16 November 2017. Register [here](#)

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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