NEWS AND EVENTS

- My ten year journey with RUFORUMs, a life changing opportunity
- Higher education for agricultural transformation
- The role of higher education Institutions in catalysing agricultural innovation systems
- Africa’s population explosion bad news for future food security
- Agricultural transformation and the role of African universities
- Higher education in the context of science diplomacy and merit reviews
- Event: AAU Workshop on Facilitating University-Industry Linkages, Addis Ababa, 6 – 8 February 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- (RUFORUM publication) Bringing science to communities: voices from the field (RUFORUM, 2017)
- Funding agricultural research for development: lessons from the PAEPARD Project (PAEPARD, 2017)
- Characterisation of spatial and temporal distribution of the fire regime in Niassa National Reserve, northern Mozambique (Ribeiro et al, 2017)
- Information quality, sharing and usage in farmer organizations: The case of rice value chains in Bugiri and Luwero Districts, Uganda (Rugema, Sseguya & Kibwika, 2017)
- Partnership construction and value co-creation to address voids in rice production: The case of rice value chains in Uganda (Rugema, Kibwika & Sseguya, 2017)
- Dietary aflatoxin exposure among children (6-24 months) in Morogoro rural district, Tanzania (Beata, 2017)
- Increasing the value of climate finance in an uncertain environment: Diaspora financial resources as a source of climate finance for Sub-Saharan Africa (Chirambo, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Highlights from the RUFORUM AGM 2017

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- **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**
- **IFS Individual Research Grants** for promising young developing country researchers. Research areas include water resources research and food security. **Deadline: 31 December 2017**
- **AuthorAID travel grants (USD 1500 each)**. For early-career researchers to present their research at an academic conference. **Deadline: 3 January 2018**
- **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**
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- **BioInnovate 2nd call for concept notes for sustainable bioinnovations towards value addition and agro/bioprocessing for smallholder farmers and communities in eastern Africa.** Deadline: 2 February 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)** MSc and PhD scholarships on Food and Nutrition Securities from the Africa Centre of Excellence for Research, Agricultural advancement, Teaching Excellence and Sustainability at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), Tanzania. **Deadline: 15 December 2017**
- **(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
- **Australia Awards – Africa** for master’s studies and short courses. **Deadline: 15 December 2017 for masters & 15 January 2018 for short courses**
- **(New)** IITA Fellowships to Promote Research on “Youth Engagement in Agribusiness and Rural Economic Activities in Africa”. For young scholars and students at the post-course work/research stage of their programs for the study. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**
- **Free e-learning courses from FAO**
- **Israeli Agency for International Development (MASHAV) professional courses in early 2018.** Subject areas include agriculture, energy and education. A limited number of scholarships available. **Deadlines vary**
- **Gates Cambridge Scholarship.** For citizens of any country outside the United Kingdom to pursue full-time residential postgraduate courses (including PhD & MSc) at the University of Cambridge. **Deadline: Dependent on course - either 6 December 2017 or 4 January 2018**
- **Commonwealth Rutherford Fellowships.** 1-2 year fellowships for post-doctoral research in the UK. **Deadline: 11 December 2017**
- **Telemachus International Mentoring Programme 2018.** For young individuals aged between 18 - 29 from all over the world. **Deadline: 15 December 2017**
- **International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) — Arturo Falaschi Fellowships Programme.** Deadline: 31 December for short-term fellowships
- **RIS-ITEC Programme on Science Diplomacy, 8 - 19 January 2018, New Delhi.** Open to government officials, academicians, researchers and journalists from developing and transition economies who are ITEC members. Costs will be covered by the Government of India. **Deadline: 31 December 2017**

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) – www.ruforum.org
• **Oxford-Weidenfeld and Hoffmann Scholarships and Leadership Programme.** Supports outstanding postgraduate students from developing and emerging economies to undertake post-graduate studies at the University of Oxford. **Deadline: Varied dates in January 2018, depending on the course**

• **International Joint Masters’ Degree Programme in Limnology & Wetland Management (LWM) 2018.** Deadline: 8 January 2018 for applicants intending to apply for fellowships. **Deadline for ADC and OKP fellowship application is 31st January 2018**

• **Innovation Prize for Africa 2018.** Priority areas include agriculture/agribusiness, environment and ICT. Open to all Africans including those living in the diaspora. **Deadline: 10 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

• Erasmus Mundus Joint Master’s Degree in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management (MESPOM). Open to all countries. **Deadline for applicants seeking financial aid: 15 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. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 January 2018**

• **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Sustainable Territorial Development - SteDe.** Scholarships available. **Deadline: 31 January 2018**

• **University of Antwerp Master’s Programmes in Development Studies 2018-2019.** Scholarships available for applicants from a number of African countries. **Deadline: 1 February 2018 (VLIR-UOS scholarship) & 15 February 2018 (Master Mind scholarship)**

• (New) **VLIR-UOS scholarships for the year 2018-2019.** For selected trainings or masters programmes taught in English at a Belgian (Flemish) university or university college. **Deadline: Varies by programme applied for**

• **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) **Course on Entrepreneurship in emerging economies** offered by Wageningen University & Research. Worth two ECTS credits. **Deadline: 14 February 2018**

• **IITA fellowships to promote research on “Youth engagement in agribusiness and rural economic activities in Africa”.** **Deadline: 28 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**

• **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 full proposals**

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

- [Call for papers for Göttingen-CODATA RDM Symposium 2018](https://www.ruforum.org/call). Topic of the symposium is ‘The critical role of university RDM infrastructure in transforming data to knowledge’. **Deadline: 22 December 2017**
- [Call for proposals for seminars, panel contributions, posters, and materials for symposium on “Adaptation Futures 2018”](https://www.ruforum.org/call), 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 (ICAIE 2018)](https://www.ruforum.org/call) in Vancouver, 28 July – 2 August 2018. **Deadline: 15 January 2018**
- [Call for papers for the 2nd Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation in Africa](https://www.ruforum.org/call), to be held in Ibadan, Nigeria on 14 &15 May 2018. **Deadline: 20 January 2018**

WEBINARS

- **(New)** [Mainstreaming youth - the good, the best, and the ugly](https://www.ruforum.org/webinar), 12 December 2017
- [AgriFoSe2030 webinar on “How to write policy briefs in the field of sustainable agriculture and food security”](https://www.ruforum.org/webinar), 14 December 2017
- [How are the pathways to resilience in pastoralist areas of Eastern Africa evolving?](https://www.ruforum.org/webinar), 10 January 2018

JOBS

- **(New)** Global Head of Breeding at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). The position will be based in India. **Deadline: 15 December 2017**
- [Policy Advisor at the Secretariat of Global Donor Platform for Rural Development](https://www.ruforum.org/job), hosted by the German implementing agency (GIZ) in Bonn. **Deadline: 31 December 2017**
- [Food and Agriculture Organization Fellowship Programme](https://www.ruforum.org/job). 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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