NEWS AND EVENTS

- What attributes universities should consider when appointing a new dean of faculty
- Changing world challenges higher education, accreditation

PUBLICATIONS

- Choice options to meet household food security in the cattle corridor of Uganda (Mbolanyi, Egeru & Mfitumukiza, 2017)
- Calculating the high value of indigenous knowledge systems and harnessing that knowledge for agricultural and sustainable development (Zvavanyange & Makuyana, 2017)
- The role of farmer field schools in adoption and adaptation of recommended rice production practices in Mvomero District in Tanzania (Kenya, 2016)
- Microbiological and compositional quality of raw milk delivered by small scale dairy farmers to the milk collection centres in Hai District, Tanzania (Mboya, 2016)
- Enabling the business of agriculture (The World Bank 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Farm attachments: students and farmers learning together

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- DFID SPHEIR call for partnership proposals. Funding aimed at catalysing innovation and reform in higher education systems in developing countries. Deadline: 20 February 2017
- The East Africa Postharvest Technologies Competition 2017. Deadline: 20 February 2017
- (New) All-Africa Postharvest Technologies and Innovations Challenge, 2017. Open to individuals and institutions from or working in Africa. Deadline: 17 February 2017
- Solution Search: Farming for Biodiversity. This year’s contest is for the world’s most promising approaches in biodiversity-friendly farming practices. Deadline: 10 March 2017
- Agriculture 2017 Travel Awards for junior investigators and PhD students. Deadline: 31 March 2017
- Call for grant applications: Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa. The MCFEA Grant Program supports research focused on environment and the alleviation of poverty. Deadline: 31 March 2017
- 4th Call for Food & Business Global Challenges Programme focusing on scaling up climate-smart agriculture. Deadline: Letter of intent should be submitted by 28 March 2017 and proposal by 18 April 2017
- Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2017 aimed at improving the skills and competences of students and staff on the continent. Deadline: 2 May 2017
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- The Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund 2016/2017 for scientists employed within African National Agricultural Research Systems. Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis until 30 June 2017
- 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. Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime
- (New) Pre-announcement: Joint Africa-EU LEAP-Agri call for proposals to develop scientifically based practical solutions to improve the agricultural sector and the African population food security and nutrition.

Scholarships and courses:

- (RUFORUM call) DAAD-RUFORUM In-Country /In-Region Doctoral Scholarships for 2017/2018 Academic intake year. Deadline: 20 February 2017
- (RUFORUM call) The MasterCard Foundation at RUFORUM Scholarship Award 2017/2018. Scholarships tenable at Egerton University (Kenya) and Gulu University (Uganda) Deadline: 15 March 2017
- (RUFORUM call) Call for proposals for the RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA). Proposals will be accepted throughout 2017
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018 for study of development-related subjects at German universities. Deadlines vary by course
- ARPPIS-DAAD doctoral scholarships for study at icipe, Kenya. Deadline: 12 February 2017
- (New) Webinar: IAALD Africa Chapter (International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists) will be hosting a free webinar “Open Data and Open Science: Current Trends and Global initiatives” on 14 February 2017.
- Postgraduate course on “Science and Leadership for Transforming Institutions, 27 February to 10 March 2017. Limited funding is available to support African students. Deadline: 17 February 2017
- Wageningen University and CIMMYT PhD Fellowship in ‘Gender-Responsive Innovation in Maize-(and Wheat-)based Agricultural Contexts’. Deadline: 19 February 2017
- ATONU (Agriculture to Nutrition) MSc studentships for the period January 2017 – April 2018 or shorter. For more information email: fanrpan-atonu@fanrpan.org no later than 28 February 2017
- International Master of Science in Rural Development 2017 at Ghent University. Open to all nationals. Scholarship application deadline: 1 March 2017
- (New) Webinar: Agents of change in capacity development for agricultural innovation: the value of facilitators” on March 1, 2017 - 14:00 Rome time.
- TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme. Supports postdoctoral researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, to visit to institutes in Germany for up to 3 months. Deadline: 31 March 2017
- International Plant Nutrification Institute (IPNI) Scholar Awards 2017. Awards of US$2,000 for graduate students in sciences relevant to plant nutrition and management of crop nutrients. Deadline: 28 April 2017
Arturo Falaschi ICGEB (International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology) Research Fellowships for research in Trieste, New Delhi, and Cape Town. Deadlines vary by course.

Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Program 2017 Deadline: 1 March 2017

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP). Scholarships available for students from developing countries. Deadline: 15 March 2017

Scholarship application is open for the following courses at ICRA. Deadline: 22 March 2017
  - Facing rural innovation challenges - Linking research to inclusive development for food security
    25 September – 13 October 2017
  - Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security
    6 – 24 November 2017

Food Security courses at the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation in 2017. Fellowships available. Deadline: Varied by course

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 Twenty Third Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL XXIII), Kampala, 23 – 28 April 2018. Deadline: 30 April 2017

- Call for abstracts for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 8-11 October 2017, Cape Town, South Africa. Deadline: 5 May 2017

JOBS & CONSULTANCIES

- (RUFORUM call) Terms of Reference to undertake a Scoping Study on Technical and Vocational Education and training (TVET) in selected African countries. Deadline extended to 16 February 2017

- (RUFORUM call) Terms of Reference to undertake development of Community Engagement Strategy for the RUFORUM Network universities. Deadline: 15 February, 2017

- (RUFORUM call) Terms of Reference to Support the Development of a Book on Tertiary Agricultural education in Africa. Deadline: 24 February 2017

- (New) Deputy Director - Programs at African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD). Deadline: 13 February 2017

- Call for external reviewers for the YPARD network. Deadline: 23 February 2017

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