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A weekly digest of News, Events and Opportunities

NEWS AND EVENTS

- What attributes universities should consider when appointing a new dean of faculty
- Changing world challenges higher education, accreditation
- Event: University of Rwanda Scientific Conference Week on: 'Rebranding Research for Sustainable Development, 14-16 June 2017, Kigali

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-۰ related subjects at German universities. Deadlines vary by course
- ARPPIS-DAAD doctoral scholarships for study at icipe, Kenya. Deadline: 12 February 2017 .
- (New) Webinar: Access to Scientific Information Resources in Agriculture Online Course for Low-Income • Countries starting on 13 February 2017. Register by 13 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 Nurftrition 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

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- <u>Arturo Falaschi ICGEB (International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology) Research Fellowships</u> for research in Trieste, New Delhi, and Cape Town. **Deadlines vary by course**
- Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Program 2017 Deadline: 1 March 2017
- <u>Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP)</u>. 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
- <u>Food Security courses at the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation</u> in 2017. Fellowships available. Deadline: Varied by course
- <u>Nestlé Foundation grants</u> 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)* <u>Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development</u>. 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
- <u>Call for abstracts for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 8-11 October 2017, Cape Town,</u> <u>South Africa</u>. Deadline: 5 May 2017

JOBS & CONSULTANCIES

- (*RUFORUM call*) <u>Terms of Reference to undertake a Scoping Study on Technical and Vocational Education and training (TVET) in selected African countries</u>. Deadline extended to 16 February 2017
- *(RUFORUM call)* Terms of Reference to undertake development of Community Engagement Strategy for the <u>RUFORUM Network universities</u>. 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) <u>Deputy Director Programs at African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)</u>. Deadline: 13 February 2017
- Call for external reviewers for the YPARD network. Deadline: 23 February 2017

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