NEWS AND EVENTS

- RUFORUM Annual General Meeting 2017 to be held 26th-28th October, 2017 in Lilongwe, Malawi
- African universities discuss science, technology at Malawi Summit
- African universities recruit too many students
- Staying connected in the diaspora – A key to development
- Mobile learning can make HE accessible to millions of displaced people in Africa
- Events: 7th International Conference on Managing Quality in Chains (MQUIC) and 2nd International Symposium on Ornamentals 4-7 September 2017, Stellenbosch

PUBLICATIONS

- The role of the bushpigs in the epidemiology of African swine fever at the wildlife-livestock interfaces in Uganda (Ogweng, 2017)
- Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) markers reveal low genetic variation and the presence of two honey bee races in Uganda’s agro-ecological zones (Kasangaki et al, 2017)
- Integrated peanut aflatoxin management for increase income and nutrition in Northern Ghana (Sugri et al, 2017)
- Towards effective soybean seed systems in Benin: Current situation and prospects for production and delivery of good quality seed (Ayenan et al, 2017)
- An ICT agripreneurship guide: a path to success for young ACP entrepreneurs (CTA, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Reviving an industry: universities take on challenges

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- Grant opportunities from NEPAD SANBio (Southern Africa Network for Biosciences):
  - Call for partner facilitated training and capacity building. **Deadline: 10 May 2017**
  - Call for proposals for innovative solutions using indigenous knowledge systems. **Deadline: 18 May 2017**
  - Call for proposals for innovative solutions in nutrition and health. **Deadline: 19 May 2017**
- VLIR-UOS Call for projects 2018 in partnership with Flemish universities. **Deadline: 12 May 2017**
- Call for use-inspired research tackling global challenges to the benefit of the most vulnerable people in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs). **Deadline: 23 May 2017**
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- **(New)** Best Climate Practices Contest 2017. The theme for this year’s contest is “Building local resilience to climate disaster risk”. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**
- **(New)** Food Sustainability Media Award for journalists from around the world reporting on food security, sustainable agriculture, and nutrition. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**
- **(New)** Biolinnnovate Africa Phase II call for concept notes for creating value for smallholder farming communities through sustainable bioinnovations. Limited to eastern Africa. **Deadline: 2 June 2017**
- Call for nominations: Africa Food Prize. A US $100,000 prize that celebrates Africans who are taking control of Africa’s agriculture agenda. **Deadline: 5 June 2017**
- LEAP-Agri call for proposals for African European collaborative research on Sustainable Agriculture and Aquaculture and on Food and Nutrition Security. **Deadline: 15 June 2017**
- The 2017 BCFN YES! Research Grant Competition invites young PhD and postdoc researchers from any background and nationality to submit a research project on food sustainability. **Deadline: 28 June 2017**
- The Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund 2016/2017 for scientists employed within African National Agricultural Research Systems. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until **30 June 2017**
- Call for Geodata for Agriculture and Water (G4AW) Facility 2017-2018. **Deadline: 14 September 2017**
- OCLC/ALISE Library & Information Science Research Grant Program (LISRGP) 2018 Call for Proposals. **Deadline: 15 September 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

Scholarships and courses:

- **(New - RUFORUM Call)** Staff Exchange Fellowship at the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources. **Deadline: 30th June 2017**
- **(RUFORUM call)** PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. Applications will be accepted throughout the year
- **(RUFORUM call)** Call for proposals for the RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA). Proposals will be accepted throughout 2017
- **(New)** JIRCAS Visiting Research Fellowship for researchers in developing countries to collaborate with Japanese counterparts on research in agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. **Deadline: 8 May 2017**
- **(New)** Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship for Masters Courses in the UK 2017. Applicants must be permanently resident in a developing Commonwealth country. **Deadline: 12 May 2017**
- **(New)** Training course for university staff on “Management of Internationalisation”. Partial funding available through DAAD. **Deadline: 15 May 2017**
- **(New)** The Association of African Universities (AAU) Graduate Internship Grant. Small grants of up to US$600 per student for graduate internships for students in AAU member universities. **Deadline: 23 May 2017**
- **(New)** PhD studies at the African Center of Excellence in Internet of Things (ACEIoT), University of Rwanda. Scholarships available for eligible students from Eastern and Southern Africa. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**
MSc and PhD studies at the Africa Center of Excellence for Climate Smart Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation. Scholarships available for students from Eastern and Southern Africa. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**

**(New)** PhD Training Fellowships for Women Scientists from 66 developing countries. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**


PhD scholarships at Centre for Research, Agricultural Advancement, Teaching Excellence and Sustainability in Food and Nutritional Security (CREATEs), Tanzania. Applications will be received till slots are filled

**(New)** GREAT course in gender-responsive cereal grain breeding for small, interdisciplinary teams of researchers from sub-Saharan Africa. Partial funding support is available. **Deadline: 9 June 2017**

Intra-Africa Mobility program MoBreed: Applications invited for MSc and PhD in Orphan Crops breeding. **Deadline: 10 June 2017**


**(New)** LEARN Postdoctoral Fellowship in Livestock Emissions Research. Support for an emerging scientist from a developing country to complete a research project in New Zealand. **Deadline: 30 June 2017**

**(New)** Scholarships to study courses in Chinese universities in the 2017/2018 Academic Year. **Deadlines vary**

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) postgraduate scholarships 2017-2018 for study of development-related subjects at German universities. **Deadlines vary by course.**

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**

Food Security courses at the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation in 2017. Fellowships available. **Deadlines vary 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**


Call for papers for 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, 3-6 December 2017, Cape Town. Deadline: 31 May 2017

Call for papers for 3rd Africa Regional Conference on Knowledge Management, Nairobi. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**

Call for papers for the 3rd Annual International Conference of the African Association for the Study of Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Johannesburg. **Deadline: 31 May 2017**
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- **(New)** Call for abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the International Colloquium for Scientific Exchange on Cashew (CIESA) from 26 to 28 September 2017 in Abidjan. **Deadline: 30 June 2017**
- **(New)** Call for abstract submission for the 22nd AAIS (African Association of Insect Scientists) Meeting and Scientific Conference, 23-26 October 2017, Wad Medani. **Deadline: 30 June 2017**

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