NEWS AND EVENTS

- Social media: changing African universities
- Strengthening science, technology and innovation in Africa
- LUANAR optimistic to benefit from RUFORUM
- Political will, the missing domino?
- Super-rich Africans – A source of university funding?
- Event: 3rd Annual International Conference of the African Association for the Study of Indigenous Knowledge Systems, 2-4 November 2017, Johannesburg

PUBLICATIONS

- RUFORUM quarterly report for the period January-March 2017 (RUFORUM, 2017)
- Effect of phosphorus deficiency on phenolics and antioxidants content of two African nightshade varieties grown in Kenya (Ogembo et al, 2017)
- A new emerging rural world: an overview of rural change in Africa (NEPAD, 2016)

FEATURED VIDEO: RUFORUM: an African success story

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- (RUFORUM call) IMPRESSA Awards 2017. RUFORUM award recognizing outstanding university scientists contributing to agricultural Research and Science for Development in Africa. Deadline: 31 July 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.
- Best Climate Practices Contest 2017. The theme for this year’s contest is “Building local resilience to climate disaster risk”. Deadline: 31 May 2017
- Food Sustainability Media Award for journalists from around the world reporting on food security, sustainable agriculture, and nutrition. Deadline: 31 May 2017
- (New) BioInnovate Africa call for concept notes for creating value for smallholder farming communities through sustainable bioinnovations. Open to East African countries. Deadline: 2 June 2017
- BioInnovate 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 on-going basis until 30 June 2017**

*(New)* Global Development Awards Competition 2017. Six researchers or development practitioners from low or middle-income countries will stand the chance to win up to US$30,000. **Deadline: 16 July 2017**


*(New)* Toyota Foundation call for proposals for joint or individual research grants beginning in May 2018. Open to all areas of research and persons of all nationalities. **Deadline: 8 September 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:**

*(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**

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)* GFAR webinar on Farmers’ rights: achieving complementarity between the informal and formal seed systems, 30 May 2017. **Register now**

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**

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**

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)* OWSD PhD training fellowships for women scientists from science and technology lagging countries. **Deadline: 19 June 2017**


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- **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) IWC scholarships to study** Master of Integrated Water Management in Brisbane, Australia starting 1 September 2018. **Deadline: 1 August 2017**
- 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**
- **(New)** Call for abstracts for the Third Annual FLARE (Forests and Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement) Network Meeting, Stockholm. **Deadline: 10 June 2017**
- **(New)** Call for abstracts for AlfaNet Conference, 9 October 2017 in Nairobi. **Deadline: 15 June 2017**
- 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**
- 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**
- **(New)** Call for papers and workshop proposals for the 4th International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD) – Africa Conference 2018, Pretoria. **Deadline: 30 September 2017**

JOBS

- **(New)** Wageningen University & Research - PhD position on the Traveling of Framed Facts and Uncertainties (TOFU) Project. **Deadline: 28 May 2017.**
- **(New)** Positions at CTA, Wageningen:
  - Social Media Intern, **Deadline: 10 June 2017**
  - Senior Communications Coordinator, **Deadline: 15 June 2017**
  - Web Content Manager, **Deadline extended until 31 May 2017**

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• (New) Data Systems and Visualization Specialist at ILRI, Addis Ababa. Deadline: 12 June 2017

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