NEWS AND EVENTS

- Enhancing regional collaboration among RUFORUM member universities through staff exchanges
- A staff exchange experience at Makerere University: recollection and reflection
- My experience as a mobility student at Makerere University
- Universities – Learning from society for society
- BecA-ILRI hub gets a new director
- INHEA and AAU to Implement Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 2016-25)
- 8th Africa Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) Conference, 4-6 October 2017, Kigali

PUBLICATIONS

- RUFORUM at a glance (RUFORUM, 2017)
- Probiotic viability and storage stability of yoghurt enriched with baobab pulp (Adansonia digitata) (Aluko, 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)
- A comprehensive overview of investments and human resource capacity in African agricultural research. (Beintema & Stads, 2017)
- New publications and capacity building materials on the use of rainwater for off-season small-scale irrigation in arid and semi-arid areas of sub-Saharan Africa (AFRHINET)

FEATURED VIDEO: Partnering with universities for a sustainable food system in Africa

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**
- (New) The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) invites nomination for the following prizes:
  - TWAS Regional Prize 2017: Public Understanding and Popularization of Science. **Deadline: 20 June 2017**
  - TWAS-C.N.R. Rao Prize for Scientific Research for TWAS Fellows from the world's Least Developed Countries who have contributed to global science. **Deadline: 26 June 2017**
  - TWAS-Atta-ur-Rahman Prize in Chemistry for chemists under the age of 40 from a developing country. **Deadline: 26 June 2017**
  - TWAS-Fayzah M. Al-Kharafi Prize for women scientists in the medical sciences. **Deadline: 10 July 2017**
  - TWAS-Samira Omar Innovation for Sustainability Prize for a female scientist in the field of conservation and management of natural resources. **Deadline: 10 July 2017**
  - TWAS-Abdool Karim Prize for women scientists in the biological sciences. **Deadline: 10 July 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**

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**


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**

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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** PhD training opportunities at the African Center of Excellence for Oil Field Chemicals Research (CEFOR) University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. **Deadline: 30 June 2017**

**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** Call for Postdoctoral, PhD and MPhil/MSc research fellowships at SACIDS Africa Centre of Excellence for Infectious Diseases of Humans and Animals in Southern and Eastern Africa. **Deadline: 28 July 2017**

Call for PhD Studies at the African Center of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development (ACEESD), University of Rwanda. **Scholarships available. Deadline: 31 July 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**

International Tropical Timber Organization Fellowships 2017. **Deadline: 20 June 2017**


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**

IWC scholarships to study Master of Integrated Water Management in Brisbane, Australia starting 1 September 2018. **Deadline: 1 August 2017**

**NEW** TWAS Fellowship for Research and Advanced Training. **Deadline: 1 October 2017**

Scholarships to study courses in Chinese universities in the 2017/2018 Academic Year. **Deadlines vary**
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- 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 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 abstracts 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**

WEBINARS & E-DISCUSSIONS

- **(New) e-Forum on “ICTs and Open Data in Agriculture and Nutrition”, 19 June - 14 July 2017**
- **(New) USAID two-day online exchange on “Food Safety in Developing Countries: Research Gaps and Opportunities”, 20-21 June 2017**
- **(New) The Water Learning Network webinar on “Applying the QUICKScan tool in Intelligent Water Management”, 21 June 2017**
- **(New) FAO webinar on “Developing Capacities to Access and Use AGORA: Experience and Lessons from Africa and Asia”, 29 June 2017**

JOBS

- **(New) RUFORUM Vacancy: Manager Information & Technology. **Deadline: 31 August, 2017**
- **(New) ILRI vacancy: Instructional Design Specialist to be based in Nairobi. **Deadline: 26 June 2017**
- **(New) ILRI vacancy: Head, Communications and Knowledge Management. **Deadline: 30 June 2017**

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