NEWS AND EVENTS

- From cleaner to communication researcher: How I overcame challenges to achieve my dream
- Prof Openjuru appointed Gulu University Vice Chancellor
- But, how about the African agriculture?
- Foresight Africa viewpoint – rethinking African growth and service delivery: technology as a catalyst
- New US $15M fellowship program to support Africa’s adaptation to climate change launched
- BMCE Bank of Africa has announced the 12 winners of the third edition of the African Entrepreneurship Award
- Save the date: The RUFORUM Sixth Biennial Conference, 22-26 October, 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- Prediction of onset and cessation of austral summer rainfall and dry spell frequency analysis in semiarid Botswana (Byakatonda et al, 2018)
- Sharing higher education’s promise beyond the few in Sub-Saharan Africa (Darvas et al, 2017)
- Indigenous knowledge systems and climate change management in Africa (Mafongoya & Ajayi [eds], 2017)
- Castells in Africa: universities and development (Muller, Cloete & van Schalkwyk [eds], 2017)
- Co-ordination and support of international research data networks (OECD, 2017)
- Total societal impact: a new lens for strategy (Beal et al, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: RUFORUM Member Universities engage in an Intra ACP WriteShop

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- IAAE 2018 Carl K. Eicher Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in agricultural economics in Africa. Dissertations must have been completed during 2015, 2016 or 2017. Nomination deadline: 26 January 2018
- BioInnovate 2nd call for concept notes for sustainable bioinnovations towards value addition and agro/bioprocessing for smallholder farmers and communities in eastern Africa. Deadline: 2 February 2018
- Erasmus+ call for proposals for capacity building in the field of higher education 2018. Deadline: 8 February 2018
- (New) Call for proposals for the Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. For projects to enable farmers use and conserve adapted varieties and ensure that biodiversity for food security is safeguarded. Deadline: 1 March 2018
- 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 - Travel Grant. Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime
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Scholarships and courses:

- **(New - RUFORUM call)** Doctoral research scholarships for Graduate Teaching Assistantships at RUFORUM member universities. Research should be related to social and environmental trade-offs in African agriculture (SENTINEL Project). **Deadline: 30 January 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2018. For BSc and MSc programmes tenable at Egerton University and Gulu University. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- **(RUFORUM call)** PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. Applications will be accepted throughout the year
- Free e-learning courses from FAO
- Israeli Agency for International Development (MASHAV) professional courses in early 2018. Subject areas include agriculture, energy and education. A limited number of scholarships available. **Deadlines vary**
- Oxford-Weidenfeld and Hoffmann Scholarships and Leadership Programme. Supports outstanding postgraduate students from developing and emerging economies to undertake post-graduate studies at the University of Oxford. **Deadline: Varied dates in January 2018, depending on the course**
- Call for applications: ASSAF-TWAS-AAAS Regional Workshop on Science Diplomacy to be held in South Africa, from 21 to 25 May 2018. **Deadline: 9 February 2018**
- Scholarships for MSc and PhD at the Makerere University Regional Centre for Crop Improvement (MaRCCI). For outstanding candidates from Eastern and Southern Africa. **Deadline: 19 January 2018**
- STEPS Summer School on Pathways to Sustainability, 14-25 May 2018, United Kingdom. For doctoral and postdoctoral researchers. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 January 2018**
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Sustainable Territorial Development - STeDe. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 31 January 2018**
- International Joint Masters’ Degree Programme in Limnology & Wetland Management (LWM) 2018. **Deadline for ADC and OKP fellowship application is 31 January 2018**
- **(New)** 2018 Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship. For PhD candidates from low and middle income Commonwealth countries to spend up to 12 months at a UK university. **Deadline: 15 February 2018**
- VLIR-UOS scholarships for the year 2018-2019. For selected trainings or masters programmes taught in English at a Belgian (Flemish) university or university college. **Deadline: Varies by programme applied for**
- MasterCard Foundation scholars Program at Michigan State University (MSU) 2018. Scholarships for citizens and residents of Sub-Saharan Africa to undertake graduate study at MSU. **Deadline: 1 February 2018**
- PhD course in “Gender in Rural Entrepreneurship” by Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences & University of Dar es Salaam, 12-16 March 2018. Worth 7.5 credits (ECTS). **Deadline: 12 February 2018**
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- **Course on Entrepreneurship in emerging economies** offered by Wageningen University & Research. Worth two ECTS credits. **Deadline: 14 February 2018**
- **IITA Fellowships to Promote Research on “Youth Engagement in Agribusiness and Rural Economic Activities in Africa”**. For young scholars and students at the post-course work/research stage of their programs for the study. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**
- **Call for applications: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP) intake for 2018-2020.** Full scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**
- **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation — International Climate Protection Fellowships 2018**. 20 fellowships for young climate experts from developing countries. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**
- **Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions (IMMANA Fellowships)**. Applicants may be of any nationality. **Deadline: 1 March 2018 for full proposals**
- **(New) Free online courses on sustainability from the ESRC STEPS Centre at the University of Sussex**
- **Elsevier Publishing Campus**: free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research
- **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 abstract submissions for the XIX. World Congress of the International Commission of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (CIGR), Cyprus, 22-25 April 2018.** **New deadline: 19 January 2018**
- **Call for papers for the 2nd Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation in Africa**, to be held in Ibadan, Nigeria on 14 &15 May 2018. **Deadline: 20 January 2018**
- **Call for abstracts for the conference “Sorghum in the 21st Century”, 9-12 April 2018, Cape Town.** Sponsorship available. **Deadline: 31 January 2018 for posters**

### WEBINARS

- **(New) The persistent problem of global acute malnutrition: Why does it persist despite humanitarian and development gains?** 17 January 2018

### JOBS

- **(New) General Manager at the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA).** **Deadline: 26 January 2018**

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