NEWS AND EVENTS

- Prof Isaac Kosgey takes over as Moi University Vice Chancellor
- Busitema University innovates e-learning technology
- The case for empowering young and emerging researchers
- Action required to support higher education as a common good
- Preparing students for a rapidly-changing world
- Events:
  - Africa Innovation Summit (AIS) 2018, 6-8 June 2018, Kigali
  - African Green Revolution Forum, 3-7 September 2018, Kigali

PUBLICATIONS

- Going to University: the influence of higher education on the lives of young South Africans (Case et al, 2018)
- Value chain assessment of Sidi Bouzid Sheep production and marketing in Tunisia: challenges and opportunities of linking breeders to the markets (Bedhiaf, Dhraief & Oueslati, 2018)
- Impact of agricultural innovation platforms on smallholder livelihoods in Eastern and Western Kenya (Makini et al, 2018)
- Socio-economic analysis of promising innovations in Benin (Adegbola et al, 2018)
- Drones in agriculture: the ultimate guide to putting your drone to work on the farm (DroneDeploy, 2018)

FEATURED VIDEO: Harvesting and storing soya bean seed

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- Big Data in Agriculture Blog Competition. Deadline: 30 March 2018
- Anzisha Prize for Young Innovators 2018. For young innovators ages 15-22 in Africa who develop and implement innovative solutions to challenges facing their communities: Deadline: 1 April 2018
- Africa Evidence leadership Award 2018. Deadline: 1 April 2018
- USAID grant: Accelerating Local Potential. To support human and institutional capacity building collaborations between higher education institutions in the United States and those in low- and middle-income countries. Deadline: 6 April 2018
- IDRC call for proposals - Accelerating climate action: Social equity and empowerment of women and girls. Deadline: 23 April 2018
- Feed the Future Accelerating Women Entrepreneurs Prize. Deadline: 30 April 2018
- (New) Michigan State University/Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) Travel Grants. Seeks proposals for partnership activities which directly address AAP’s Transforming Institutions pillar. Deadline: 30 April 2018
- BMCE Bank of Africa — African Entrepreneurship Award 2018. Submissions are invited from for-profit businesses managed by Africans who are at least 18 years old. Deadline 30 April 2018
- GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2018. Two prizes will be awarded, with at least one awarded to a person from a country not listed as a country with a developed economy. Deadline: 30 April 2018
- Grand Challenges Explorations grant opportunities from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Deadline: 2 May 2018
  - Affordable, accessible, and appealing: the next generation of nutrition
  - Tools and technologies for broad-scale disease surveillance of crop plants in low-income countries
The UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Honours outstanding projects by individuals, institutions and organizations related to ESD. **Deadline: 3 May 2018**

**TWAS prizes:**
- **TWAS Prizes**. Nine prizes of USD 15,000 each to individual scientists who have been working and living in a developing country for at least 10 years. **Deadline: 3 April 2018**
- **TWAS–Fayzah M. Al-Kharaﬁ Prize**. Recognizes women scientists in the field of Agricultural Sciences or Biology. **Deadline: 25 April 2018**
- **TWAS Medal Lectures**. Awarded to TWAS members, in recognition of their achievements in their fields of research. The recipients lecture on a main aspect of their work. **Deadline: Open**
- **Abdus Salam Medal**. Awarded to highly distinguished personalities who have served the cause of science in the Developing World. No limit on age, country or ﬁeld. **Deadline: Open**
- **TWAS–C.N.R. Rao Award for Scientiﬁc Research**. Honours TWAS Fellows from the Least Developed Countries, who have made signiﬁcant contributions to global science. **Deadline: 31 May 2018**

**TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Individuals)**. Awarded to promising high-level research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by individual scientists. **Deadline: 11 May 2018**

**TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Groups)**. Awarded to promising high-level research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by research units. **Deadline: 11 May 2018**


**2018 BCFN YES! Research Grant Competition** invites young PhD and postdoc researchers to submit a research project to improve the sustainability of the food system. **Deadline: 14 June 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**

**Scholarships and courses:**

- **(RUFORUM call)** Proposal Development Write-shop for submissions to the African Union Research Grants Call for Proposals 2018. The write-shop is organised on a cost-sharing basis. **Deadline: 30 March 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**

- **(New)** EASST Visiting Fellowship for African researchers at the University of California, Berkeley. Applicants must be residents of an East African country and have, or be working towards a PhD. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**

- **MoBreed (Mobility for Breeders in Africa) grant for MSc and academic/administrative staff exchange in orphan crops breeding**. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**

- **UNU-WIDER Visiting PhD Fellowship**. Opportunity for doctoral students to utilize the facilities at UNU-WIDER for their PhD dissertation or thesis research. **Deadline: 31 March and 30 September each year**

- **CAS-TWAS President's PhD Fellowship Programme**. Up to 200 students from all over the world will be sponsored to study in China for doctoral degrees for up to 4 years. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**

- **TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme**. Supports postdoctoral researchers from sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, to visit an institute in Germany. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**

- **(New)** GODAN e-Learning course on Open Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition. Course will run from 9 April to 4 May 2018. **Deadline: 1 April 2018**

- **Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Project; Partnership for Training Scientist in Crop Improvement for Food Security in Africa (SCIFSA)**. Fellowships for PhD and MSc as well as short-term mobility for students and staff. **Deadline: 5 April 2018**

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The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) – www.ruforum.org
• Call for scholarships: Intra-Africa Academic mobility Project - Regional Academic Exchange for Enhanced Skills in Fragile Ecosystems Management in Africa (REFORM). Fellowships for PhDs and MSc as well as short term mobility for students. **Deadline: 7 April 2018**

• PhD scholarship at University of Bonn for research on “Perennial polyculture farming in Uganda: towards increased sustainability, resilience and livelihoods of smallholder farmers”. **Deadline: 8 April 2018**

• IPBO/VIB-UGent center for Plant Systems Biology course on "Modern Breeding techniques of maize", 20 August – 7 September 2018. Scholarships available. **Deadline: 8 April 2018**

• Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program. Open to applicants from developing countries who are applying to a master degree program in a development-related topic. **Deadline: 12 April 2018**

  (New) Free online SDG Academy course - Feeding a Hungry Planet: Agriculture, Nutrition and Sustainability. **Starts on 16 April 2018**

  (New) Borel Global Fellows Programme. Master’s degree training at the University of Delaware for students from selected African countries to study areas vital to food security in Africa. **Deadline: 20 April 2018**

• Call for applications to masters and doctoral programmes at the Pan African University. The African Union Commission will offer full scholarships to successful African candidates. **Deadline: 20 April 2018**


• John Allwright Fellowship 2018. For university post-graduate studies in Australia who are citizens of ACIAR’s priority partner countries. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

• MSc and PhD scholarships at the Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture and Agribusiness Management (CESAAM) hosted at Egerton University in Kenya. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

• Mwalimu Nyerere African Union Scholarship Scheme 2018. For female applicants only for masters and PhD programmes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

• International Training Course on Organic Agriculture: People, knowledge and food systems. 10 July – 2 August 2018, Uganda. **Deadline: 3 May 2018**

• PhD position at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences on the project Improved disease control by community participation - the case of African swine fever in northern Uganda”. **Deadline: 4 May 2018**

• (New) MSc and PhD programmes at the Africa Centre of Excellence for Water Management (ACEWM) at Addis Ababa University. Partial and full scholarships available. **Deadline: 30 May 2018**

• (New) Master of Science in Tropical Animal Health offered by the Institute of Tropical Medicine of Antwerp and University of Pretoria. Scholarships available for developing country applicants. **Deadline: 15 August 2018**

• 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 research application summaries/extended abstracts and posters for the RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2018. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**

• (RUFORUM call) Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

• (New) Call for papers for the 9th International Agriculture Symposium "AGROSYM 2018" to be held on 4-7 October 2018 in Jahorina mountain (near Sarajevo), Bosnia and Herzegovina. **Deadline: 20 April 2018**

• (New) Call for Papers for the 5th International Conference on Technology & Management. Hosted by Uganda Technology and Management University, 6-7 August 2018, Kampala. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

• Call for abstracts for the International APIMONDIA Symposium 2018 on the ‘Role of Bees in Food Production’, 30 November - 4 December 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

• Call for abstracts for the 1st Africa Conference on Evidence to Action (E2A), 25 - 27 July 2018, Nairobi. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

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Call for papers and posters for the 7th All African Conference on Animal Agriculture (7th AACAA), 15-19 October 2018, Accra. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

**(New)** Call for abstracts for the First “Revolution in Food and Biomass Production (REFAB)” Conference, 1-2 October 2018, Cologne


Call for abstracts for the 8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference (ANEC VIII), 1–5 October 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 June 2018**

The International Journal of Agricultural Resources, Governance and Ecology, welcomes papers on climate change and agriculture, especially from developing countries (Africa in particular)

**WEBINARS & E-DISCUSSIONS**

- **(New)** FAO e-conference on “The Role of Small Farms within a larger context of food security”, **19 March – 9 April 2018**
- **(New)** FAO/ITOCA Webinar on “AGRIS for agricultural information data providers”, **6 April 2018**

**JOBS**

- ICT4Ag Project officer at the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), Netherlands. **Deadline: 8 April 2018**

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