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NEWS AND EVENTS

- <u>RUFORUM trains 50 Gulu University students and staff in Scientific Data Management</u>
- <u>"Our perception on policy has positively changed"</u>
- Media Monitoring: Extract of Press News on Higher Education in Africa, Issue No.5
- An optimistic narrative for higher education ahead
- <u>The changing pattern of internationalisation in Africa</u>
- Event: SDG-Conference: Towards Zero Hunger Partnerships for Impact, 30-31 August 2018, Wageningen

PUBLICATIONS

- Trench layering using indole-3-butyric acid and local organic substrate mixtures to enhance rooting and survival of apple rootstocks (Agaba et al., 2018)
- Scaling-Up the impact of aflatoxin research in Africa. The role of Social Sciences (Stepman, 2018)
- <u>The Mycotox Charter: increasing awareness of, and concerted action for, minimizing mycotoxin exposure</u> worldwide (Logrieco et al., 2018)
- Science and innovation in Africa: international funding and cooperation (Wagener, Bugdahn & Ratajczak, 2018)
- Heritability, combining ability and inheritance of storage root dry matter in yam beans (Agaba et al., 2017)
- Agriculture in Africa -telling myths from facts: a synthesis (Christiaensen, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: <u>TensorFlow: a machine learning platform for solving impactful and challenging problems</u>

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- <u>2018 Geneva Challenge on Climate Change</u>. For teams of graduate students from all around the world. This year's prizes include one for universities located in Africa. **Deadline: 16 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: 25 April 2018
- TWAS prizes:
 - <u>TWAS—Fayzah M. Al-Kharafi Prize</u>. Recognizes women scientists in the field of Agricultural Sciences or Biology. Deadline: 25 April 2018
 - <u>TWAS-C.N.R. Rao Award for Scientific Research</u>. Honours TWAS Fellows from the Least Developed Countries, who have made significant contributions to global science. **Deadline: 31 May 2018**
 - <u>TWAS Medal Lectures</u>. 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**
 - <u>Abdus Salam Medal</u>. 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**
- <u>DAAD Journalistic Scholarship for African nationals</u>. Selected candidates will meet with geo-scientists to get in contact with the latest methods of modern geoscientific research. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- <u>UNFCC Momentum for Change 2018</u> invites the submission of innovative, scalable, and replicable examples of what people around the world are doing to address climate change. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- <u>Michigan State University/Alliance for African Partnership (AAP)</u>. Seeks proposals for partnership activities which directly address AAP's Transforming Institutions pillar. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- <u>BMCE Bank of Africa African Entrepreneurship Award 2018</u>. 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 0
- 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
- (New) GODAN (Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition) Action Training Mini Grants. For trainers who would like to help build the capacity and diversity of open data users and intermediaries. Grants will be provided for up to eight (8) winning training workshop proposals of GBP2,000. Deadline: 7 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
- African Union Research Grants II Open Call for Proposals 2018 Edition. The call supports research on: Food, Nutrition . Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA). Deadline 22 May 2018
- NORPART call for applications 2018. Funding opportunity for long-term projects between higher education institutions in • Norway and selected developing countries. Deadline: 31 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) PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. Applications will be accepted throughout the year
- Free e-learning courses from FAO
- 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
- MoBreed (Mobility for Breeders in Africa) grant for MSc and academic/administrative staff exchange in orphan . crops breeding. Deadline: 15 April 2018
- Free online SDG Academy course Feeding a Hungry Planet: Agriculture, Nutrition and Sustainability. Starts on 16 April • 2018
- Commonwealth Shared Scholarships 2018. For candidates from least developed and lower middle income Commonwealth countries to undertake master's study at UK universities. Deadline: 17 April 2018
- Master in High Performance Computing, coordinated by ICTP and the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA), • Italy. Scholarships available for successful applicants from developing countries. Deadline: 20 April 2018.
- 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
- Bertelsmann Data Science Scholarship Program. Applicants 18 years of age or older are invited to apply. Deadline: 22 • April 2018
- (New) AfricaLics PhD visiting fellowship focused on innovation and development. For PhD students from universities in Africa to undertake a 5-month study at Aalborg University, Denmark. Deadline: 26 April 2018
- Future Africa Early Career Research Leader Fellowship 2018. Post-doctoral fellowship on the African bioeconomy. • Deadline: 30 April 2018
- (New) Mandela Institute for Development Studies (MINDS) 2018/2019 scholarship for leadership development. For Africans who wish to pursue post-graduate studies within Africa, outside of their own countries
- John Allwright Fellowship 2018. For university post-graduate studies in Australia who are citizens of ACIAR's priority partner countries. Deadline: 30 April 2018







- <u>MSc and PhD scholarships at the Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture and Agribusiness Management</u> (CESAAM) hosted at Egerton University in Kenya. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- <u>Mwalimu Nyerere African Union Scholarship Scheme 2018</u>. 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
- (New) OFID scholarships 2018/2019. For young students from developing countries to undertake graduate studies in a development-related discipline from any recognized university in the world. Deadline: 4 May 2018
- <u>PhD position at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences on the project Improved disease control by community</u> <u>participation - the case of African swine fever in northern Uganda</u>". **Deadline: 4 May 2018**
- (New)Ignacy Łukasiewicz Scholarships. Masters scholarships in Poland for recent bachelor's degree graduates or those in the final year of their undergraduate degree in areas including technical sciences, agricultural, forestry and veterinary sciences. Open to selected countries in Africa. **Deadline: 11 May 2018**
- (New) CODATA-RDA Research Data Science Summer School and Advanced Workshops, Trieste, Italy 2018. There is no registration fee. Some support for travel and accommodation is available. Deadline 21 May 2018
- (New) <u>GENES MSc and PhD scholarships</u>. Mobility grant for plant genomics scholars to accelerate climate-smart adaptation options and food security in Africa. **Deadline: 30 May 2018**
- (New) IDRC Doctoral Research Awards 2018. Open to Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and citizens of developing countries pursuing doctoral studies at a Canadian university. Deadline: 30 May 2018
- MSc and PhD programmes at the Africa Centre of Excellence for Water Management (ACEWM) at Addis Ababa University. Limited partial and full scholarships available. **Deadline: 30 May 2018**
- <u>CICOPS Scholarships 2019</u>. 10 scholarships for researchers from developing countries to study for a period of 4-12 weeks at the University of Pavia, Italy. **Deadline: 31 May 2018**
- (New) <u>NAWA development assistance for Sub-Saharan Africa</u>. Offers places in higher education institutions in Poland without any fees. **Deadline: 15 July 2018**
- <u>Master of Science in Tropical Animal Health</u> offered by the Institute of Tropical Medicine of Antwerp and University of Pretoria. Scholarships available for developing country applicants. **Deadline: 15 August 2018**
- <u>UNU-WIDER Visiting PhD Fellowship.</u> Opportunity for doctoral students to utilize the facilities at UNU-WIDER for their PhD dissertation or thesis research. **Deadline: 30 September 2018**
- <u>Nestlé Foundation grants</u> 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*) <u>Call for research application summaries/extended abstracts and posters for the RUFORUM Biennial</u> <u>Conference 2018.</u> **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
- (*RUFORUM call*) <u>Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development</u>. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- (New) Call for manuscripts for publication in the Makerere University Journal of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences. Volume 8(1) is scheduled for publication by the end of June 2018.
- (New) Call for abstracts for Tropentag 2018, 17-19 September 2018 in Ghent, Belgium. Deadline: 15 April 2018
- <u>Call for papers for the 9th International Agriculture Symposium "AGROSYM 2018" to be held on 4-7 October 2018 in</u> Jahorina mountain (near Sarajevo), Bosnia and Herzegovina. **Deadline: 20 April 2018**
- <u>Call for conference abstracts & posters for SciDataCon-IDW 2018</u> on the theme, 'The Digital Frontiers of Global Science'. The conference will take place on 5-8 November in Gaborone. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- <u>Call for papers for the 5th International Conference on Technology & Management</u>. Hosted by the Uganda Technology and Management University, 6-7 August 2018, Kampala. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- <u>Call for abstracts for the International APIMONDIA Symposium 2018 on the 'Role of Bees in Food Production'</u>, 30 November - 4 December 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- <u>Call for abstracts for the 1st Africa Conference on Evidence to Action (E2A)</u>, 25 27 July 2018, Nairobi. Deadline: 30 April 2018
- <u>Call for papers and posters for the 7th All African Conference on Animal Agriculture (7th AACAA)</u>, 15-19 October 2018, Accra. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**





- <u>Call for abstracts for the First "Revolution in Food and Biomass Production (REFAB)"</u> Conference, 1-2 October 2018, Cologne
- <u>Call for Abstracts for the 2nd International Conference on Food Safety and Security</u>, 15 17 October 2018, Pretoria.
 Deadline: 2 May 2018
- (New) Call for abstracts for the International Conference on Sustainable Agricultural and Natural Resource Management under Changing Climate in Sub Saharan Africa, 16-18 October 2018, Lilongwe. Deadline: 15 May 2018
- (New) Call for abstracts for the International Conference on Sustainability Research and Transformation, 6-8 February 2019 in Lüneburg, Germany. Deadline: 30 June 2018
- <u>Call for abstracts for the 8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference (ANEC VIII)</u>, 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 <u>agriculture</u>, especially from developing countries (Africa in particular)

JOBS

- Value Chain Analysis for Development (VCA4D): call for experts for value chain analysis on processed fruit in the Dominican Republic. Deadline: 13 April 2018
- (New) Senior Officer, Programs and Research at African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD).
 Deadline: 17 April 2018
- (New) AfDB Consultancy: Request for expressions of interest for an individual consultant specialist in fertilizer value chain. Deadline: 17 April 2018

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