NEWS & EVENTS

- [Issue 13 and 14] Media Monitoring Extract for Higher Education news in Africa
- Creating youth employment and food security in my community
- Ugandan parliamentarians engage with academia to discuss lifelong learning for farmers
- Sub-Saharan Africa to receive £25m in new programme aimed at early career scientists
- Are high-stakes exams useful to the learning process?
- Events:
  - (RUFORUM event) 6th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 22-26 October 2018, Nairobi
  - Sixth International Conference of the Pan-African Fish and Fisheries Association, 24-28 September 2018 in Mangochi, Malawi

PUBLICATIONS

- Genetic characterization and diversity of Rhizobium isolated from root nodules of mid-altitude climbing bean (Phaseolus vulgaris L.) Varieties (Koskey et al, 2018)
- Efficient plant regeneration protocol for finger millet [Eleusine coracana (L.) Gaertn.] via somatic embryogenesis (Ngetich et al, 2018)
- Pathways for improved nutrition in Zambia: Lessons from pro- vitamin a rich maize innovation platform (Chomba et al, 2018)
- Application of morpho-anatomical traits of maize plant to quality control and quality assurance in maize seed system (Monir et al, 2016)
- Effect of cropping systems on accumulation of Fusarium head blight of wheat inocula in crop residues and soils (Njeru et al, 2016)

FEATURED VIDEO: Managing bacterial leaf blight in rice

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- (RUFORUM call) RUFORUM Young African Entrepreneurs Competition 2018 is now open. Open to African entrepreneurs and incubatees below 35 years of age. Deadline: 31 August 2018
- TWAS prizes:
  - (New) Call for Nominations for the 2018 TWAS Young Affiliates. Nominees must have at least 10 international publications in peer reviewed journals. Deadline: 31 May 2018
  - 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
  - (New) TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training. To enable young scientists in developing countries spend 3-12 months at a research institution in a developing country other than their own. Deadline: 1 October 2018
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- **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**

- **Call for Nominations for the 2018 TWAS Young Affiliates.** For researchers from developing nations who have at least 10 international publications. **Deadline: 31 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**
- **(New) Wellcome and the World Health Organization seek early-career researchers for an expert consultation on nutrition science.** A limited number of fully funded places available. **Deadline: 4 June 2018**
- **SDC calls for proposals on: 1) Innovations in city region food systems and (2) Ecologically sustainable water management for food security and nutrition in agriculture and food systems.** **Deadline: 11 June 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**
- **(New) Future Leaders - African Independent Researchers (FLAIR) Fellowships.** For African early career researchers in the field of natural sciences with potential to become leaders. **Deadline: 20 June 2018**
- **APSA Challenge Science and Technology - Ethiopia 2018: Technologies for Sustainable Development.** African scientists working in Africa are eligible to participate. **Deadline: 30 June 2018**
- **(New) Nomination to the African Academy of Sciences Affiliates Membership Programme.** Targets African nationals aged 40 years or below, employed in higher education or research institutions and have obtained their PhD within the last five years. **Deadline: 4 July 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 FAQ
- **(New) Free online course on Artificial Intelligence from University of Helsinki.** Open to anyone, anywhere
- **GENES mobility grant for MSc and PhD studies in plant genomics.** Open to all students from any of the partner universities and to students from other African universities. **Deadline: 30 May 2018**
- **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**
- **CICOPS Scholarships 2019.** 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) IUCEA call for applications for masterâ€™s fellowships for young talented female scientists.** Applicants must be a national of one of the ACE II participating countries or Burundi. **Deadline: 4 June 2018**
- **Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships** to support distance learning master’s degree courses. Applicants must be permanently resident in a developing Commonwealth country. **Deadline: 20 June 2018**
- **Call for PhD and MSc applications at the Africa Center of Excellence for Climate Smart Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation at Haramaya University.** **Deadline: 30 June 2018**
• NAWA development assistance for Sub-Saharan Africa. Offers places in higher education institutions in Poland without any fees. **Deadline: 15 July 2018**

• The African Center for Agro-Ecology and Livelihood Systems (ACALISE) hosted at Uganda Martyrs University invites applications for 10 PhD and 108 MSc scholarships. **Deadline: 16 July 2018**

• Sofja Kovalevskaja Award for young research talents. Junior academics of all disciplines from abroad, who completed their doctorates within the last six years, are eligible apply. Award winners receive up to â‚¬1.65 million each. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**

• 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**

• UNFCCC-UNU Early Career Climate Fellowship Programme. For young people from developing countries. Fellowships may last from six months to two years. **Deadline: 16 August 2018**

• Early Career Women Scientists (ECWS) Fellowships. For women who have completed their PhDs in STEM subjects and are employed at an academic or scientific research institute. **Deadline: 31 August 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: 30 September 2018**

• OWSD Early Career Women Scientists (ECWS) fellowship. For women who have completed their PhDs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**

• Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries Fellowship in Freshwater Science. Fellowships for PhD students, postdocs and senior scientists for 6-24 months. **Deadline: 1 December 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**

• Call for conference abstracts & posters for SciDataCon-IDW 2018 on the theme, “The Digital Frontiers of Global Science.” The conference will take place on 5-8 November in Gaborone. **Deadline: 31 May 2018**

• **(New)** Call for abstracts for the Sixth International Conference of the Pan-African Fish and Fisheries Association, 24-28 September 2018 in Mangochi, Malawi. **Deadline: 1 June 2018**

• **(New)** Call for e-posters for the Science Forum South Africa (SFSA), 13-14 December 2018 in Gaborone. **Deadline: 8 June 2018**

• Call for papers for the 4th Africa Regional Conference on Knowledge Management. **Deadline: 15 June 2018**

• Call for papers for the 14th International Digital Curation Conference, 4-7 February 2019, Melbourne. **Deadline: papers and lightning talks -18 June 2018; events -31 July 2018; posters -30 September 2018**

• Call for abstracts for the International Conference on Sustainability Research and Transformation, 6-8 February 2019 in Lüneburg, Germany. **Deadline: 30 June 2018**

• Call for abstracts for the 8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference (ANEC VIII), 1â€“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 Africa.

• Call for abstracts for the WACCI International Conference on Food and Nutrition Security in Africa, 3-4 October 2018, University of Ghana. **Deadline: 27 July 2018**

• Call for papers for IEEE Open Innovations Conference 2018, 3-5 October 2018, Johannesburg. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**
WEBINARS & E-DISCUSSIONS

- Future Climate for Africa webinar: Micro e-learning course on Expert and Government Review of the IPCC Assessment reports. The course will consist of three one-hour webinars on 5, 7 and 19 June 2018

JOBS

- **(New)** Senior Intellectual Property Officer at the University of Cape Town. **Deadline: 24 May 2018**
- Digital Communications Officer at the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA), Pretoria. **Deadline: 24 May 2018**
- **(New)** CIRAD: Management Science Researcher Specialised in Digital Agriculture for the support of the agroecological transition. **Deadline: 31 May 2018**

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