NEWS & EVENTS

- Program for the Sixth Higher Education Week and 2018 RUFORUM Biennial Conference released
- Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary for Education calls for increased collaboration between African universities for development relevance in Africa
- 14 African universities including five RUFORUM members listed among top 1000 universities worldwide
- [Issue 16 and 17] Media Monitoring: Extract of Press News on Higher Education in Africa
- Building research infrastructures is key to developing South Sudan’s fisheries sector
- Africa needs another million PhD scientists to develop homegrown solutions
- Events:
  - (RUFORUM event) 6th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 22-26 October 2018, Nairobi
  - GCHERA World Agriculture Prize Award Ceremony, 28 October 2018 in Nanjing, China
  - BIO Africa Convention 2018, 27-29 August 2018, Durban

PUBLICATIONS

- Diversity-biomass relationship across forest layers: implications for niche complementarity and selection effects (Mensah, Du Toit & Seifert, 2018)
- Smallholder dairy cattle feeding technologies and practices in Tanzania: failures, successes, challenges and prospects for sustainability (Maleko et al, 2018)
- Innovation Opportunities in sorghum production in Uganda (Tenywa et al, 2018)
- Innovation opportunities in bean production in the DR Congo (Nyamwaro et al, 2018)
- Determinants of climate smart agriculture technology adoption in the drought prone districts of Malawi using a multivariate probit analysis (Maguza-Tembo, Edriss & Mangisoni, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Growing annual crops in cashew orchards

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- (RUFORUM call) RUFORUM Young African Entrepreneurs Competition 2018. Open to African entrepreneurs and incubatees below 35 years of age. **Deadline: 31 August 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**
- 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**
- (New) Islamic Development Bank Call for the Science, Technology and Innovation Transform Fund. Provides seed money for innovators, startups and SMEs to develop a strong business proposal. **Deadline: 31 July 2018**

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- **TWAS prizes:**
  - [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**
  - [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**

- **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:

- **(New - RUFORUM call)** [RUFORUM-GODAN Action Open Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition Online Course](#). **Deadline: 27 June 2018**

- **(New - RUFORUM call)** [Call for expression of interest to participate in a training for building a pool of professional Public Relations Officers in RUFORUM Member Universities](#). **Deadline: 31 July 2018**

- **(RUFORUM call)** [PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Programme.](#) **Applications will be accepted throughout the year**

- Master’s and PhD scholarships at the [African Center of Excellence in Phytochemicals, Textile and Renewable Energy (ACEII-PTRE), Moi University](#). **Deadline: Open till the end of the year**

- Free e-learning courses from FAO

- Free online course on Artificial Intelligence from [University of Helsinki](#). Open to anyone, anywhere

- Mastering Applied Data Science course. Fellowship available for this 12 week course.

- **(New)** [African Union call for applications for master’s scholarships tenable at universities in the People’s Republic of China](#). **Deadline: 29 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**

- **(New)** [Consortium for Improving Agriculture-based Livelihoods in Central Africa (CIALCA) PhD positions now open.](#) **Deadline: 30 June 2018**
  - PhD position 1: Household heterogeneity to strengthen agricultural and rural development (open to applicants from Rwanda)
  - PhD position 2: Managing nutritional and entrepreneurial objectives (open to applicants from Rwanda)
  - PhD position 3: Agri-food systems pathways to improve human nutrition in banana- and cassava-based systems (open to applicants from Burundi)

- **(New)** [Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program](#). Accredited universities in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda can submit a request to host scholars born in Africa, but living in the United States or Canada. **Deadline: 6 July 2018**

- **(New)** [Travel scholarships to attend OpenCon 2018, 2-4 November 2018, Toronto.](#) For students and early career professionals interested in advancing Open Access, Open Education and Open Data. **Deadline: 13 July 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**

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- **(New) BioInnovate Africa Fellowship for Women Scientists.** Applicants must be a national of, and resident in, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, or Uganda. **Deadline: 20 July 2018**
- **Sofia 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**
- **(New) Course: Qualitative Data Analysis by Using Thematic and Content Analysis Techniques** at Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania, 7-10 September 2018. Fee paying course. **Deadline: 30 August 2018**
- **(New) TWAS-ICCBS Postgraduate Fellowship Programme.** For young scientists from developing countries (other than Pakistan) to pursue research towards a PhD in chemical and biological sciences. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- **(New) TWAS-UPM Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme.** For young scientists from developing countries (other than Malaysia) who wish to pursue advanced research in the natural sciences at the Universiti Putra Malaysia. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- **OWSD Early Career Women Scientists (ECWS) fellowships.** For women who have completed their PhDs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects and are employed at an academic or scientific research institute. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- **(New) Rhodes Scholarship for West Africa.** **Deadline: 30 September 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**
- **International short courses at the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation, The Netherlands.** **Deadline for OKP and MSP Fellowships: 16 October 2018:**
  - **Evaluating and Managing for Sustainable Development Impact,** 18 March - 5 April 2019
  - **(New) Landscape Governance,** 1-12 April 2019
- **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 and 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. **New deadline: 25 June 2018**
- Call for abstracts for International Conference On Food Security and Climate Change, 4-5 October, Harare
- **(New)** Call for abstracts for the 2nd International Conference on Food Safety and Security, 15-17 October 2018, Pretoria. Limited NRF sponsorships available for postgraduate students to present their research. **Deadline: 30 June 2018**
- Call for abstracts for the 8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference (ANEC VIII 2018), 1 - 5 October 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 June 2018**
- Call for abstracts for the International Conference on Sustainability Research and Transformation, 6-8 February 2019 in Lüneburg, Germany. **Deadline: 30 June 2018**
The International Journal of Agricultural Resources, Governance and Ecology, welcomes papers on climate change and agriculture, especially from Africa.

(New) Call for abstracts for the 6th International Conference on Organic Agriculture Sciences (ICOAS), 7-9 November 2018 in Eisenstadt, Austria. Extended deadline: 1 July 2018

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

Call for posters for the 14th International Digital Curation Conference, 4-7 February 2019, Melbourne. Deadline: 30 September 2018

WEBINARS & E-DISCUSSIONS

(New) Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC) webinar: Food Employment in West Africa, Thursday 28 June 2018

JOBS

Consultancy opportunities at the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA):
  o Agri-business Expert. Deadline: 21 June 2018
  o Individual consultant to facilitate the crafting of FARA’s new strategy (2019 - 2028) and MTOP (2019 - 2023). Deadline: 22 June 2018


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