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 - [BIO Africa Convention 2018, 27-29 August 2018, Durban](#)
 - [8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference \(ANEC VIII 2018\), 1- 5 October 2018, Addis Ababa](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [ICTs for conservation agriculture: influence of actor positioning in knowledge networks in Laikipia and Machakos counties, Kenya \(Achora et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Cattle dung production, management and utilization practices in the smallholding dairy farming systems of East Africa: a situational analysis in Lushoto District, Tanzania \(Rukiko, Machunda & Mtei, 2018\)](#)
- [Innovation opportunities in potato production in Rwanda \(Mugabo et al, 2018\)](#)
- [Innovation opportunities in organic pineapple production in Uganda \(Nyamwaro et al, 2018\)](#)
- [A case study of the Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Programme \(De Villiers & Henriksen, 2017\)](#)
- [Agriculture, food and jobs in West Africa \(Allen, Heinriks & Heo, 2018\)](#)
- [Opportunities and challenges for research on food and nutrition security and agriculture in Africa \(Network of African Science Academies, 2018\)](#)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Stocking fingerlings in a nursery pond](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(RUFORUM call)** [RUFORUM Young African Entrepreneurs Competition 2018 / Concours des Jeunes entrepreneurs africains 2018](#). Open to African entrepreneurs and incubatees below 35 years of age. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- **(New)** [Prize D4D public vote for outstanding initiative that uses digitisation and \(new\) technologies as a lever for development](#). **Deadline: 29 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**
- [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**
- [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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- **(New)** [Call for Code Challenge on the theme Natural Disaster Preparedness and Relief](#). A competition for developers to build solutions that improve natural disaster preparedness. **Deadline: 31 August 2018**
- **(New)** [UNFCCC/UNDP-GEF Global Youth Video Competition on Climate Change](#). Youth aged 18-30 are invited to submit videos about projects or campaigns showcasing actions on climate change. **Deadline: 31 Aug 2018**
- 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:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [RUFORUM-GODAN Action Open Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition Online Course](#). **Deadline: 27 June 2018**
- **(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 Program](#). **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**
- **(New)** [Free e-learning course on "Food loss analysis case study methodology"](#)
- [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
- [2018 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**
- [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)
- [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**
- [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**

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- [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**
- **(New)** [Biolnnovate 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**
- **(New)** [Data Documentation Initiative \(DDI\) - Train the Trainers,](#) 24-28 September at Schloss Dagstuhl - Leibniz Center for Informatics, Wadern, Germany. Some support available. **Deadline: 22 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 €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
- [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**
- [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**
- [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**
- [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**
- [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**
- **(New)** [Data Science Fellowship.](#) 8 week fellowship for master's students, PhDs, and postdocs in STEM and social science fields seeking industry careers as data scientists. **Next program starts on 10 September 2018**
- [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
 - [Landscape Governances,](#) 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 abstracts for International Conference On Food Security and Climate Change,](#) 4-5 October, Harare
- [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**

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- [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 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

- Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC) webinar: [Food Employment in West Africa](#), Thursday 28 June 2018

JOBS

- **(New)** [Call for short-term academic staff at the Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences \(PAUWES\).](#) The year will run from earliest October 2018 till end of June 2019. **Deadline: 10 July 2018**

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