NEWS & EVENTS
- Mastercard@RUFORUM announces award of 60 MSc and BSc scholarships for 2018-2019 academic year
- University of Namibia appoints Professor Kenneth Matengu as new Vice Chancellor
- African scientists launch their own preprint repository - AfricArxiv
- Events:
  - *(RUFORUM event)* 6th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 22-26 October 2018, Nairobi. Early bird registration closes on 31 July 2018
  - 5th Agbiz Grain Symposium, 21 August 2018, Pretoria
  - Science Forum 2018, 12 October 2018, Stellenbosch

PUBLICATIONS
- Gender dimensions in the local chicken value chain in northern Uganda *(Akite et al, 2018)*
- Seasonal variations in the availability of fodder resources and practices of dairy cattle feeding among the smallholder farmers in Western Usambara Highlands, Tanzania. *(Maleko et al, 2017)*
- Acute and sub-acute toxicity of Commiphora swynnertonii extracts: an experimental study on albino mice and rats. *(Disela et al, 2017)*
- Agrobiodiversity conservation enhances food security in subsistence-based farming systems of Eastern Kenya *(Mburu et al, 2016)*
- Closing the potential-performance divide in Ugandan agriculture *(World Bank, 2018)*
- The challenge of change harnessing university discovery, engagement, and learning to achieve food and nutrition security *(Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, 2017)*

FEATURED VIDEO: Women in extension

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**
- 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)* Call for Research Proposals - Rapid Research Fund for Ebola Virus Disease Outbreaks. **Deadline: 13 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**
- 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**
- 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**
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- **TWAS prizes:**
  - **TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training.** To enable young scientists in developing countries to 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)** 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
- **(New)** Six PhD positions in Data Science and Data Engineering at University of Bonn. Positions are fully funded and immediately available. **Deadline:** Hiring is ongoing and will continue till positions are filled
- **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 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
- **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)** Free course on Lean Data Approaches to Measure Social Impact. **Course begins on 10 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
- **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)** **AWARD leadership courses for 2018:**
  - **Leadership Program for Agricultural Research and Development (LEPARD), 27-31 August 2018 in Hyderabad, India. Targets both men and women. **Deadline:** 20 July 2018
  - **Women’s Leadership and Management Course (WLMC), 30 September - 6 October, 2018 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.** **Deadline:** August 10, 2018
- **BiolInnovate 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) Three PhD positions in Transparent Data Science at the Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e).** **Deadline:** 22 July 2018
- **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
- 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**

- **(New)** Call for applications for Africa Plant Breeding Academy Class IV. Participants must be based in Africa and actively managing a breeding programme. Some scholarships available. **Deadline: 15 August 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)** DIES/CREST Online Training Course for Supervisors of Doctoral Candidates at African Universities. Applicants must be employed by or affiliated to a university in Africa. **Deadline: 19 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**

- 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
  - LandscapeGovernances, 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 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**

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JOBS

- 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**
- (New) Call for expression of interest for conducting a review/assess land access and tenure for youth agripreneurs in Sudan. **Deadline: 15 July 2018**

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