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A weekly digest of News, Events and Opportunities

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NEWS AND EVENTS

- Six RUFORUM member universities among top 17 ranked African universities
- <u>RUFORUM PhD graduate starts cowpea breeding program at University of Cape Coast</u>
- AQUAFISH Center of Excellence and RUFORUM implement staff exchange program 9 professors visit LUANAR
- <u>Carnegie supports RUFORUM post-doctoral fellowships</u>
- How can higher education bring socially-just change?
- Event: <u>Tropentag 2018 Global food security and food safety: the role of universities</u>, 17-19 September 2018, Ghent, Belgium

PUBLICATIONS

- Limits of phytosanitation and host plant resistance towards the control of cassava viruses in Uganda (Kawuki et al, 2018)
- <u>Economic analysis of different weed control methods among smallholder maize farmers in Swaziland (Khumalo et al, 2018)</u>
- <u>What's smart about climate-smart agriculture?</u> (Taylor, 2018)
- Transforming university education in Africa: lessons from Kenya (Mukhwana, 2018)
- <u>Challenges in the collaboration between European and African universities for doctoral training</u> (*Rihoux & Kabwigiri, 2018*)
- Envisioning pathways to 2030: megatrends shaping the future of global higher education and international student mobility (Choudaha & Van Rest, 2018)
- <u>Business models for sustainable research data repositories</u> (OECD, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Farmers' rights to seed

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- <u>BioInnovate 2nd call for concept notes for sustainable bioinnovations towards value addition and</u> agro/bioprocessing for smallholder farmers and communities in eastern Africa. **Deadline: 2 February 2018**
- <u>Erasmus+ call for proposals for capacity building in the field of higher education 2018</u>. Deadline: 8 February 2018
- IDRC/ACIAR call for concept notes for Phase 2 of Cultivate Africa's Future. Open to organizations that will carry out research in eligible countries in eastern and southern Africa. Deadline: 1 March 2018
- For projects to enable farmers around the world use and conserve adapted varieties and ensure that biodiversity for food security is safeguarded for the future. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**

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- <u>2019 TWAS Prizes</u>. Awards from The World Academy of Sciences to individual scientists from developing countries. **Nomination deadline: 15 March 2018**
- <u>NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals</u> 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) Doctoral research scholarships for Graduate Teaching Assistantships at RUFORUM member universities. Research should be related to social and environmental trade-offs in African agriculture. Deadline: 30 January 2018
- *(RUFORUM call)* DAAD-RUFORUM In-Country/In-Region Doctoral Scholarships available for 2018/2019 Academic intake year. Deadline: 8 February 2018
- (*RUFORUM call*) <u>RUFORUM call for post-doctoral fellowships</u>. 2 year fellowships at a university in Africa for RUFORUM-Carnegie supported doctoral alumni. **Deadline: 10 February 2018**
- *(RUFORUM call)* <u>MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2018</u>. For BSc and MSc programmes tenable at Egerton University and Gulu University. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- *(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
- Israeli Agency for International Development (MASHAV) professional courses in early 2018. Subject areas include agriculture, energy and education. A limited number of scholarships available. **Deadlines vary**
- <u>Oxford-Weidenfeld and Hoffmann Scholarships and Leadership Programme</u>. Supports outstanding postgraduate students from developing and emerging economies to undertake post-graduate studies at the University of Oxford. **Deadline: Varied dates in January 2018, depending on the course**
- <u>Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Sustainable Territorial Development STeDe</u>. Scholarships available. Deadline: 31 January 2018
- <u>International Joint Masters' Degree Programme in Limnology & Wetland Management (LWM) 2018</u>. Deadline for ADC and OKP fellowship application is 31 January 2018
- <u>MasterCard Foundation scholars Program at Michigan State University (MSU) 2018</u>. Scholarships for citizens and residents of Sub-Saharan Africa to undertake graduate study at MSU. **Deadline: 1 February 2018**
- <u>University of Antwerp Master's Programmes in Development Studies 2018-2019</u>. Scholarships available for applicants from a number of African countries. **Deadline: 1 February 2018 (VLIR-UOS scholarship) & 15 February 2018 (Master Mind scholarship)**
- <u>ARPPIS-DAAD PhD scholarships for study at icipe, Kenya</u>. Three-year doctoral training in insect and related sciences for development. **Deadline: 4 February 2018**
- <u>Call for applications: ASSAF-TWAS-AAAS Regional Workshop on Science Diplomacy to be held in South Africa,</u> <u>from 21 to 25 May 2018</u>. **Deadline: 9 February 2018**
- (New) ILRI-DAAD fellowships. Deadline: 11 February 2018
 - o <u>ILRI DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Economic analysis of milk quality certification in Rwanda.</u>

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- ILRI DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Opportunities and limitations of mobile handheld Near Infrared 0 Spectroscopy (NIRS) for analysis of feed, forage and fodder quality
- ILRI DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Designing integrated strategies for the control of Taenia solium infections in Uganda using a theory of change approach
- ILRI DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Leveraging digital technology for crowdsourcing and 0 dissemination of information to improve market linkages in drylands of Kenya
- ILRI DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Social networks, risk management and uptake of improved 0 dairy technologies
- ILRI DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Development of nation-wide interactive decision-making tools 0 around feed supply- demand in Ethiopia and Burkina Faso
- ILRI DAAD PhD Graduate fellowship: Climate smart interventions to improve fodder quality and 0 quantity
- PhD course in "Gender in Rural Entrepreneurship" by Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences & University of Dar es Salaam, 12-16 March 2018. Worth 7.5 credits (ECTS). Deadline: 12 February 2018
- Course on Entrepreneurship in emerging economies offered by Wageningen University & Research. Worth two ECTS credits. Deadline: 14 February 2018
- (New) GREAT Course 3: Gender-Responsive Legume Breeding. Fee-paying course, but some scholarships are available. Deadline: 15 February 2018
- DAAD Summer School on Scientific Research Methods and Teaching Skills in Health Sciences June 2018. ٠ Training opportunities in Germany for current DAAD scholarship holders. Deadline: 15 February 2018
- 2018 Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship. For PhD candidates from low and middle income Commonwealth countries to spend up to 12 months at a UK university. Deadline: 15 February 2018
- VLIR-UOS scholarships for the year 2018-2019. For selected trainings or masters programmes taught in English at a Belgian (Flemish) university or university college. Deadline: Varies by programme applied for
- International Training Programme: 313d Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources in Support of Innovation, 1-23 May 2018, Stockholm. Deadline: 23 February 2018
- IITA Fellowships to Promote Research on "Youth Engagement in Agribusiness and Rural Economic Activities in • Africa". For young scholars and students at the post-course work/research stage of their programs for the study. Deadline: 28 February 2018
- Call for applications: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP) intake for 2018-2020. Full scholarships available. Deadline: 28 February 2018
- The Elsevier Foundation TWAS Sustainability Visiting Expert Programme. Supports visits of distinguished scientists to institutions in developing countries. Deadline: 1 March 2018
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation International Climate Protection Fellowships 2018. 20 fellowships for young climate experts from developing countries. Deadline: 1 March 2018
- Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions (IMMANA Fellowships). Applicants may be of any nationality. Deadline: 1 March 2018 for full proposals
- (New) Excellence Master Fellowships from University of Geneva. Open to outstanding students who wish to pursue a Master of Science degree in one of the disciplines covered by the Faculty. Deadline: 15 March 2018

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- (New) <u>Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STAARS) Fellowship Program</u>. For early-career African researchers seeking to become STAARS fellows in 2018. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**
- <u>CAS-TWAS President's PhD Fellowship Programme</u>. Up to 200 students from all over the world will be sponsored to study in China for doctoral degrees for up to 4 years. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**
- <u>TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme</u>. Supports postdoctoral researchers from sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, to visit an institute in Germany. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**
- Free online courses on sustainability from the ESRC STEPS Centre at the University of Sussex
- <u>Elsevier Publishing Campus</u>: free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research
- <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 manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development</u>. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- <u>Call for abstracts for the conference "Sorghum in the 21st Century"</u>, 9-12 April 2018, Cape Town. Sponsorship available. **Deadline: 31 January 2018 for posters**
- (New) Call for abstracts for Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) Conference, 28 May – 1 June 2018, Johannesburg. Extended deadline: 2 February 2018
- (New) Call for papers for the 4th Global African Swine Fever Research Alliance (GARA) Scientific Workshop, 11-13 April 2018, Cagliari, Italy. Extended deadline: 15 February 2018
- (New) Call for abstracts for the International APIMONDIA Symposium 2018 on the 'Role of Bees in Food <u>Production'</u>, 30 November - 4 December 2018, Addis Ababa. Deadline: 30 April 2018
- (New) Call for papers and posters for the 7th All African Conference on Animal Agriculture (7th AACAA), 15-19 October 2018, Accra. Deadline: 30 April 2018

JOBS

- <u>EAFF call for applications for consultants to conduct scoping studies for existing financial services to youth in</u> Agribusiness in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. **Deadline: 4 February 2018**
- <u>Lead Specialist Monitoring and Evaluation at the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)</u>. Deadline: 9 February 2018
- <u>Project Coordinator of ACE II based at the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) Secretariat</u>. Deadline: 9 February 2018
- (New) ILRI consultancy: Economic assessment of substandard and counterfeit veterinary products in Kenya Readvertisement. Deadline: 10 February 2018
- (New) ILRI vacancy: Statistical Geneticist. Deadline: 24 February 2018

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