NEWS & EVENTS

- Uganda’s First Lady meets delegation from RUFORUM
- The tiny potato tubers: a nightmare for farmers in Uganda
- Universities should consider their alumni as a resource
- Extract of Press News on Higher Education in Africa: Issue 26 and Issue 27
- Must academic evaluation be so citation data driven?
- Third phase of the Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence (ACE) Project launched
- ASARECA gets new Executive Secretary
- Events:
  - (RUFORUM event) 5th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 22-26 October 2018, Nairobi. Submission of papers open till 15 October 2018
  - SADC International Conference on Postgraduate Research for Sustainable Development - Botswana, 28-31 October 2018
  - International Data Week (IDW 2018), 5-8 November 2018, Gaborone

PUBLICATIONS

- Effect of post-harvest handling practices, storage technologies and packaging material on post-harvest quality and antioxidant potential of Solanum aethiopicum (shum) leafy vegetable (Sekulya et al, 2018)
- A business case for engaging the private sector in climate-smart solutions for smallholder farmers (Mutamba & Ajayi, 2018)
- Bookkeeping app for street traders in Tanzania (Mramba, 2018)
- Baseline analysis of plantain (musa sp.) value chain in southwest of Nigeria (Ayanwale, Fatunbi & Ojo, 2018)
- Agricultural extension service and technology adoption for food and nutrition security: evidence from Ethiopia (Tigabu & Gebeeyehu)
- Factors affecting the adoption of innovative technologies by livestock farmers in arid area of Tunisia (Dhraief et al, 2018)
- Africa Agriculture Status Report: catalyzing government capacity to drive agricultural transformation (AGRA, 2018)

FEATURED VIDEO: Managing aflatoxins in maize before and during harvest

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- (RUFORUM Call) Call for proposals: Strengthening Higher Agricultural Education for Agri-Food System Transformation in Africa (SHAEA) / Annonce: Projet d’Appui à l’Enseignement Superieur Agricole pour une Transformation des Systèmes Agroalimentaires en Afrique
- TWAS prizes:
  - 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
- IDRC request for concept notes: Boosting Decent Employment for Africa’s Youth. Applying institution or consortium of institutions must have a strong presence in sub-Saharan Africa. Deadline: 8 October 2018
- (New) Agrilinks Young Scholars Food Security Blog Contest. Open to any university student enrolled in 2018 (graduate or undergraduate). Deadline: 10 October 2018
- Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) invites proposals for community building networks focused around research challenges including education and food systems. Deadline: 11 October 2018
• (New) Global Citizen Prize for Youth Leadership. Unrestricted cash prize of $250,000 presented by Cisco to a young person aged 18-30 who is having impact towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. **Deadline: 15 October 2018**

• empowering people Award 2019. Aims to identify simple technological innovations with business potential and make them accessible in developing areas. **Deadline: 31 October 2018**


• (New) 2019 RISK Award. Up to €100,000 for an operational project in the field of risk reduction and disaster management. **Deadline: 30 November 2018**

• (New) RDA EU Open Call for Ambassadors. The Research Data Alliance is calling on domain specific data experts to join its Ambassador programme. **Deadline: 5 December 2018**

• Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowships. Short-term fellowships to African-born academics at universities in the USA and Canada to collaborate with African universities. **Deadline: 9 December 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**

• 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.

• DAAD scholarships 2019-2020. For individuals from eligible developing countries to undertake post-graduate study at German universities in development-related subjects. **Deadlines vary by course**

• Postdoctoral Fellowship in Metagenomics at North-West University, South Africa. **Deadline: Open till filled.**

• AWARD Pan-African Fellowship. For African women scientists from selected countries who have completed a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree in an agricultural discipline. **Deadline: 8 October 2018**

• (New) Open call for participants at the Evidence Informed Policymaking Seminar in Africa. For African early to mid-career policymakers and scientists. **Deadline: 8 October 2018**

• DTA3/COFUND Marie Skłodowska-Curie PhD Fellowship. Subject areas are: applied biosciences for health, energy, and social policy. **Deadline: 8 October 2018**

• (New) 2019 Aspen New Voices Fellowship. A year-long media skills, communication and leadership program designed for development professionals from the developing world. Fellowship is non-resident and not full-time. **Deadline: 15 October 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 governance, 1-12 April 2019
  - (New) Milking to potential, 13 - 31 May 2019

• (New) iCRA courses: March - June 2019. **Scholarship application deadline: 18 October 2018**
  - Making education work, 25 March - 5 April 2019, Wageningen, the Netherlands
  - Making innovation work; 3 - 14 June 2019, Wageningen, the Netherlands
  - Making agribusiness work, 17 - 28 June 2019, Ibadan, Nigeria

• Iso Lomso fellowships for early career African researchers. A three-year attachment to the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) to develop and conduct a long-term research programme of preference. **Deadline: 20 October 2018**

• (New) PhD Graduate Fellowship: Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS). The position will be based in Nairobi. **Deadline: 21 October 2018**

• (New) DIES-International Deans’ Course Africa 2019/20. International travel costs, board and lodging as well as the substantial part of the tuition fee will be covered. **Deadline: 31 October 2018**

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) – www.ruforum.org
• (New) Chevening Scholarships for study in the United Kingdom. Deadline: 6 November 2018
• (New) University of British Columbia (UBC) MasterCard Foundation Scholars Programme (2019/2018). Full scholarships for students from Sub-Saharan Africa to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies at UBC. Deadline: 9 November 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
• (New) Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program. For institutions in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda to host an African-born scholar. Institutions and scholars may both apply. Deadline: 9 December 2018
• (New) Stanford Africa MBA Fellowship Program 2018/2019. Tuition and associated fees for citizens of African countries who wish to obtain an MBA at Stanford Graduate School of Business. Deadline: 10 January 2019
• (New) Scholarships for International MSc Programs at Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel, 2019. Deadline: 1 March 2019
• 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 and Posters:
• (RUFORUM call) Call for research application summaries/extended abstracts and posters for the RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2018. Deadline: Extended to 15 October 2018
• (RUFORUM call) Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. Deadline: Open
• (New) Call for abstracts for 3rd Digital Belt and Road Conference (DBAR 2018), 5-7 December 2018 in Yunnan, China. Deadline: 8 October 2018
• DIES University Leadership and Management Training Programme (UNILEAD) in Oldenburg, Germany. For young managers at higher education institutions in developing countries. Deadline: 9 October 2018
• Call for papers for the International Conference on Data Value Chain in Science & Territories. Deadline: 15 October 2018
• Call for papers: Special Issue of Elsevier’s Agricultural Systems Journal on “Science of scaling: connecting the pathways of agricultural research and development for improved food, income and nutrition security”. Deadline: 31 December 2018
• (New) Call for abstracts for a workshop on “Livestock Systems in Urbanizing Environments: Impacts and Implications for Food Security in Developing Countries” in Uppsala, Sweden, 5-6 March 2019. Some funding available to support conference attendance. Deadline: 15 January 2019
• Call for abstracts for 1st All Africa Synthetic Pesticide Congress. Deadline: 20 January 2019
• 1st All Africa Congress on Synthetic Pesticides, Environment, Human and Animal Health. Deadline: 20 January 2019

JOBS
• Post-doctoral researcher in the Department of Computer Science, University of Surrey. Deadline: 14 October 2018
• (New) Call for expression of interest for Science Granting Councils Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (SGCI) Commissioned Studies on Public-Private Partnerships in Research and Innovation. Deadline: 20 October 2018
• (New) ILRI vacancy: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Climate Change Scenarios for Livestock Systems. The position will be based in Addis Ababa. Deadline: 25 October 2018
• (New) Post-doctoral Research Assistant in Tropical Dairy Genetics/Genomics at the Centre for Tropical Livestock Genetics and Health, Scotland’s Rural College. Deadline: 1 November 2018

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