NEWS & EVENTS

- **Highlights from the RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2018**
  - AU’s development goals hampered by skills shortages
  - Women scholars urged to seize global opportunities
  - Calls for greater role for universities in policy-making
  - Academic freedom – A key to building science capacity
- **Survey:** Scoping the path to leadership in Africa - perspectives on research leadership
- **Events:**
  - Workshop on Innovations in Teaching and Learning, 19-23 November 2018, Lilongwe, Malawi
  - Fourth International Conference on Creativity and Innovation from/or grassroots [ICCG 4], 28-30 January 2019 in Ahmedabad, India

PUBLICATIONS

- Infestation levels and control of the varroa mite (*Varroa destructor*) in managed honey bee colonies from Selected agro ecological zones of Uganda (Namayanja, 2018)
- The effect of traditional malting technology practiced by an ethnic community in northern Uganda on in-vitro nutrient bioavailability and consumer sensory preference for locally formulated complementary food formulae (Alowo, Muggaga & Ongeng, 2018)
- Analysing the dynamics of quality loss during precooling and ambient storage of pomegranate fruit (Mukama et al, 2018)
- Practical guide to participatory scenario planning: seasonal climate information for resilient decision-making (Ambani et al, 2018)
- Africa beyond 2030: leveraging science and innovation to secure Sustainable Development Goals (African Academy of Sciences, 2018)
- Donor open data policy and practice: an analysis of five agriculture programmes (Smith, Fawcett & Musker, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Vertical and micro gardening

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(RUFORUM Call)** Call for Proposals: RUFORUM Community Action Research Programme for Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia. Applicants eligible to receive funding up to US$300,000. **Deadline:** 15 January 2019
- **(RUFORUM Call)** Call for proposals: Strengthening Higher Agricultural Education for Agri-Food System Transformation in Africa (SHAEA) /Annonce: Projet d’Appui à l’Enseignement Supérieur Agricole pour une Transformation des Systèmes Agroalimentaires en Afrique
- **(New)** Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations open grant opportunities: **Deadline:** 14 November 2018
  - New approaches for strategic prioritization of agricultural development policies
  - Tools and technologies for broad-scale pest and disease surveillance of crop plants in low-income countries
- 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


(E) Eleanor Crook Foundation call for applications for the RISE (Research, Innovate, Scale and Establish for Nutrition) portfolio on implementation research on nutrition innovations in East Africa. Deadline: 25 November 2018

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

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

NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field. Deadline: Open till December 2018

(G) Google AI Impact Challenge. Open call to organizations around the world to submit their ideas for how they could use artificial intelligence to help address societal challenges. Deadline: 22 January 2019

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 end of 2018

Free e-learning courses from FAQ

Free online course on Artificial Intelligence from University of Helsinki. Open to anyone, anywhere

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

(G) USAID online resilience training modules: Measurement, Livelihood Diversification and Sustainable Poverty Escapes

Chevening Scholarships for study in the United Kingdom. Deadline: 6 November 2018

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

(E) University of Edinburgh MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program 2019/2020. Full scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate study at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Deadline: 30 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

(E) Yale Maurice R Greenberg World Fellows Program. A four-month, full-time residential program, based out of Yale’s Jackson Institute for Global Affairs. Deadline: 5 December 2018

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

(E) Archbishop Tutu Leadership Fellowship Programme. Candidates must be citizens of an African country and between the ages of 25 and 39. Deadline: 15 December 2018

(E) Ashinaga Africa Initiative university scholarships. Full financial support for undergraduate study in Japan, the U.K, the U.S.A and Europe. Deadline: 16 December 2018

(E) Yale Young African Scholars Program. For secondary school students from all African countries. No tuition, meal, or lodging costs. Travel grants are also available. Deadline: 6 February 2019
• 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 manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

• **(New)** Call for abstracts for Quality Promotion Conference, 26-28 February 2019 in Pretoria. **Deadline: 30 November 2018**

• **(New)** Call for papers for IST-Africa 2019. **Deadline: 15 December 2018**

• **(New)** Call for papers/case studies/innovations/installations/art/cultural exhibits from/for grassroots for the Fourth International Conference on Creativity and Innovations at (for/from/with) Grassroots [ICCI-G-4], 28-30 January 2019 in Ahmedabad, India. **Deadline: 15 December 2018**

• **(New)** Call for abstracts for the 24th European Seminar on Extension (and) Education to be held in Acireale, Sicily, 18-21 June 2019. **Deadline: 20 December 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)** ANH Academy invites submission of abstracts for the Research Conference on research at the nexus of agriculture and food systems, nutrition and health to be held in India from 24-28 June 2019. **Deadline: 6 January 2019**

• Call for abstracts for a workshop on “Livestock Systems in Urbanising 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 the 1st All Africa Congress on Synthetic Pesticides, Environment, Human and Animal Health, 18-20 June 2019, Nairobi. **Deadline: 20 January 2019**

**WEBINARS AND E-DISCUSSIONS**

• **(New)** eConsultation on draft FAO report on agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition. **Closing date: 19 November 2018**

**JOBS**

• **(New)** Communication Specialist Position at Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA). **Deadline: 15 November 2018**

• **(New)** Regional positions based at ASARECA Secretariat. **Deadline: 16 November 2018**
  - Theme Leader—Commodity Program and Project Coordination
  - Theme Leader—Agricultural Markets and Policy

• **(New)** Executive Secretary of the Association of Agriculture Research Institutions in the Near East & North Africa (AARINENA). **Deadline: 20 November 2018**

• **(New)** World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF): Communications Consultancy for GEF-IAP-FS & Regreening Africa Project(s). **Deadline: 25 November 2018**

• **(New)** ILRI vacancy: Scientist – Epidemiology. **Deadline: 6 December 2018**

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