NEWS & EVENTS

- Ministers propose three-point plan to boost PhD numbers
- South Korea announces US$9 million scholarship grant
- FAO urges lawmakers and academia to reach new milestones in the fight against hunger
- TVET colleges fail to prepare youth for agricultural jobs
- Partnerships – The key to harnessing higher education innovation
- Prof. Noble Banadda – The first African recipient of the Pius XI Golden Medal
- The need for innovation in research methodology
- Events:
  - Pesticide Politics in Africa, 29 – 31 May 2019, Arusha, Tanzania
  - 1st All Africa Congress on Synthetic Pesticides, Environment, Human and Animal Health, 28-20 June 2019, Nairobi

PUBLICATIONS

- Use of innovation platforms in addressing soil fertility challenges: experiences from rural Zambia (Chikopela et al, 2018)
- Household level rainwater harvesting in the drylands of northern Ethiopia: its role for food and nutrition security (Teka, 2018)
- A gendered perspective on the fish value chain, livelihood patterns and coping strategies under climate change - insights from Malawi’s small-scale fisheries (Limuwa & Synnevåg, 2018)
- The State of Open Data 2018 (Figshare, 2018)
- An investigation into the existence and adoption of national or educational ICT policies in East African educational institutions (Lubega & Mirembe, 2017)

FEATURED VIDEO: Promoting Agricultural Development in Africa - Interview with Prof. Adipala

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
- TWAS prizes:

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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**

- **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**

- **(New) Agrilinks 2018 Photo Challenge.** Tell the story of global food security and poverty reduction through images of your development work. **Deadline: 20 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**

- **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**

- **(New) 2019 Call for Proposals: Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.** Deadlines vary by action.
  - Mobility of individuals in the field of higher education: **5 February 2019**
  - Mobility of individuals in VET, school education and adult education fields: **5 February 2019**
  - Capacity building in the field of higher education: **7 February 2019**
  - Strategic partnerships in the field of education and training: **21 March 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**

- **(New) FAO e-learning course on plant and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture**

- **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**

- **USAID online resilience training modules: Measurement, Livelihood Diversification and Sustainable Poverty Escapes**

- **(New) New series of free AGORA (Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture) webinars in English, Français, Español) in December 2018.** **Deadline: 28 November 2018**

- **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**

- **(New) Fully funded 12-week bioinformatics course at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden.** Course runs from 21 January to 25 March 2019. **Deadline: 2 December 2018**

- **(New) Australia Awards – Africa.** Scholarships for masters studies in Australia and short-term fellowships in Africa and/or Australia. **Deadline: 3 December 2018 (masters) and 15 January 2019 (short courses)**

- **(New) PhD position in Ecological Statistics at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.** **Deadline: 4 December 2018**
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- **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**
- **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**
- **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**
- **(New) PASET-RSIF Call for Applications for Universities in Sub-Saharan Africa to host PhD Scholarships, Research and Innovation in Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology.** **Deadline: 17 January 2019**
- **(New) One Health Summer Institute 2019.** A 4-week long, field-based experiential course to be held in Tanzania, 24 June 24 - 19 July 2019. **Deadline: 30 January 2018**
- **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**
- **(New) Ghent University doctoral scholarships for candidates from developing countries.** Students should carry out half of their research at Ghent University and half in a developing country. **Deadline: 4 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**
- **Call for abstracts for Quality Promotion Conference, 26-28 February 2019 in Pretoria.** **Deadline: 30 November 2018**
- **Call for papers for IST-Africa 2019.** **Deadline: 15 December 2018**
- **Call for papers/case studies/installations/art/cultural exhibits from/grassroots for the Fourth International Conference on Creativity and Innovations at (for/from/with) Grassroots [ICCI4-4], 28-30 January 2019 in Ahmedabad, India.** **Deadline: 15 December 2018**
- **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**
- **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**
- **(New) Call for Contributions: UNSCN Nutrition - Edition 44.** **Deadline: 10 January 2019**
- **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 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

- 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**
- *(New)* Free webinars on Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture (AGORA), in English, Français, Español taking place in December 2018. **Register by 28 November 2018**

JOBS

- Executive Secretary of the Association of Agriculture Research Institutions in the Near East & North Africa (AARINENA). **Deadline: 20 November 2018**
- World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF): Communications Consultancy for GEF-IAP-FS & Regreening Africa Project(s). **Deadline: 25 November 2018**
- *(New)* Novartis Next Generation Scientist Intern 2019. 3 month (1 June to 31 August) internship programme in Basel, Switzerland for research scientists from emerging countries. **Deadline: 30 November 2018**
- ILRI vacancy: Scientist – Epidemiology. **Deadline: 6 December 2018**

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