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NEWS & EVENTS

- <u>Ministers propose three-point plan to boost PhD numbers</u>
- 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:
 - <u>Pesticide Politics in Africa</u>, 29 31 May 2019, Arusha, Tanzania
 - <u>1st All Africa Congress on Synthetic Pesticides, Environment, Human and Animal Health</u>, 28-20 June 2019, Nairobi

PUBLICATIONS

- The Sixth African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2018: summary conference report (RUFORUM, 2018)
- <u>Successes and challenges in tackling constraints in soybean processing through multi-stakeholder innovation platforms in</u> <u>Agricultural Research for Development: an evidence from the Consortium Soja du Bénin (Agboton, Sèwadé & Ayenan ,</u> 2018)
- 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)
- <u>A gendered perspective on the fish value chain, livelihood patterns and coping strategies under climate change insights</u> <u>from Malawi's small-scale fisheries</u> (*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 Superieur Agricole pour une Transformation des Systèmes Agroalimentaires en Afrique
- TWAS prizes:

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- <u>TWAS Medal Lectures</u>. 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**
- <u>Abdus Salam Medal</u>. 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**
- <u>Eleanor Crook Foundation call for applications for the RISE (Research, Innovate, Scale and Establish for Nutrition)</u> portfolio on implementation research on nutrition innovations in East Africa. **Deadline: 25 November 2018**
- <u>2019 RISK Award</u>. Up to €100,000 for an operational project in the field of risk reduction and disaster management. Deadline: 30 November 2018
- <u>RDA EU Open Call for Ambassadors</u>. 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
- <u>Google AI Impact Challenge</u>. 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**
 - o 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
 - \circ $\;$ Strategic partnerships in the field of education and training: 21 March 2019 $\;$
- <u>WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme Travel Grant.</u> 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
- <u>Master's and PhD scholarships at the African Center of Excellence in Phytochemicals, Textile and Renewable Energy</u> (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
- <u>DAAD scholarships 2019-2020</u>. 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
- <u>University of Edinburgh MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program 2019/2020</u>. Full scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate study at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. **Deadline: 30 November 2018**
- <u>Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries Fellowship in Freshwater Science</u>. 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) <u>Australia Awards Africa</u>. 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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- <u>Yale Maurice R Greenberg World Fellows Program</u>. A four-month, full-time residential program, based out of Yale's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs. **Deadline: 5 December 2018**
- <u>Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program</u>. 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**
- <u>Archbishop Tutu Leadership Fellowship Programme</u>. Candidates must be citizens of an African country and between the ages of 25 and 39. **Deadline: 15 December 2018**
- <u>Ashinaga Africa Intiative university scholarships</u>. 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
- <u>Yale Young African Scholars Program</u>. 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) <u>Ghent University doctoral scholarships for candidates from developing countries</u>. Students should carry out half of their research at Ghent University and half in a developing country. **Deadline: 4 March 2019**
- <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 and Posters:

- (*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 Quality Promotion Conference</u>, 26-28 February 2019 in Pretoria. **Deadline: 30 November 2018**
- <u>Call for papers for IST-Africa 2019</u>. Deadline: 15 December 2018
- <u>Call for papers/case studies/innovations/installations/art/cultural exhibits from/for grassroots for the Fourth International</u> <u>Conference on Creativity and Innovations at (for/from/with) Grassroots [ICCIG-4], 28-30 January 2019 in Ahmedabad,</u> <u>India</u>. **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
- <u>Call for papers: Special Issue of Elsevier's Agricultural Systems Journal on "Science of scaling: connecting the pathways</u> of agricultural research and development for improved food, income and nutrition security". **Deadline: 31 December 2018**
- (New) Call for papers for the conference on Pesticide Politics in Africa, 29 31 May 2019 in Arusha, Tanzania. Travel support available especially for African and early-career scholars. Deadline: 5 January 2019
- <u>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.</u> **Deadline: 6 January 2019**
- (New) Call for Contributions: UNSCN Nutrition Edition 44. Deadline: 10 January 2019
- <u>Call for abstracts for a workshop on "Livestock Systems in Urbanizing Environments: Impacts and Implications for Food</u> <u>Security in Developing Countries"</u> in Uppsala, Sweden, 5-6 March 2019. Some funding available to support conference attendance. **Deadline: 15 January 2019**
- <u>Call for abstracts for the 1st All Africa Congress on Synthetic Pesticides, Environment, Human and Animal Health</u>, 18-20 June 2019, Nairobi. **Deadline: 20 January 2019**

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WEBINARS AND E-DISCUSSIONS

- <u>eConsultation on draft FAO report on agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems that enhance food security and nutrition</u>. **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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