NEWS & EVENTS

- New staff appointments at RUFORUM Secretariat
- Egerton University student addresses the first Extra-Ordinary Summit for the Committee of Ten African Heads of State in Malawi
- African Open Science Platform launched
- Research universities – Lessons for Africa from China
- Leading a university in financially challenging times
- Events:
  - 11th Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA), 17-19 January 2019, Berlin
  - Catalysing actionable knowledge to implement climate-smart solutions for next-generation ACP agriculture, 22-25 January 2019, Wageningen

PUBLICATIONS

- Constraints to production and preferred traits for taro (Colocasia esculenta) and new cocoyam (Xanthosoma mafaffa) in Togo, West Africa (Damigou et al, 2018)
- Application of a value chain approach to understanding white kenkey production, vending and consumption practices in three districts of Ghana (Oduro-Yeboah et al, 2018)
- Duration of low temperature storage, clove topping and gibberellic acid on garlic sprouting and seedling vigor (Bizuayehu et al, 2018)
- Market valuation of processed fruit juice attributes in Uganda: What do market prices of processed fruit juice reflect? (Elepu, 2018)
- All around the world – Higher education equity policies across the globe (Salmi, 2018)
- Transformational leaders and social change: IFP [Ford Foundation International Fellowships] impacts in Africa and the Middle East: Report No. 4 (Kallick & Murga, 2018)
- Turning FAIR into reality: Final report and action plan from the European Commission expert group on FAIR data (Collins et al, 2018)

FEATURES VIDEO: Using sack mounds to grow vegetables

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- 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**
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- 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**
- (New) Lead2030 Challenge for Goal 2, Seeks to support solutions which work to end malnutrition. **Deadline: 5 January 2019**
- (New) Lead2030 Challenge for Goal 4, Seeks to support scalable youth-led solutions. **Deadline: 5 January 2019**
- 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**
- SAIS 2 Innovation Fund - 2nd Call for Proposals. For organisations that support innovation and entrepreneurship in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). **Deadline: 24 January 2019**
- 2019 Call for proposals: Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. Deadlines vary per 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**
- (New) Call for expression of interest: OR Tambo Africa Research Chairs Initiative. Research Chairs shall be held by an African research-intensive public university. **Deadline: 21 February 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:

- (New - RUFORUM call) MCF@RUFORUM scholarships 2019. For African students to study selected undergraduate and postgraduate courses at Gulu University or Egerton University. **Deadline: 31 March 2019**
- (RUFORUM call) PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Programme. 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**
- 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**
- Kwerafund, Financing for African students to study for Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD degrees at selected universities in Malawi. Potential applicants can show interest by email to: student@kwerafund.com
- USAID online resilience training modules: Measurement, Livelihood Diversification and Sustainable Poverty Escapes
- (New) African ChangeMakers Fellowship Program 2019. Selects Africans between the ages of 25-40 years to train and empower them to change their communities positively. **Deadline: 30 December 2018**
- (New) Free Data Science Module from WorldQuant University. Module begins on 21 January 2019. **Deadline: 31 December 2018**
- Australia Awards – Africa. Scholarships for short-term fellowships in Africa and/or Australia. **Deadline: 15 January 2019**
- (New) Opportunities at IPBES:
  - Call for nomination of fellows for the development of scenarios on nature and its contributions to people. **Deadline: 15 January 2019**
  - Call for nominations of experts – assessment of invasive alien species. **Deadline: 1 February 2019**
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• 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)** Free AGORA (Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture) online course February 2019 Edition (in English, French and Spanish). The course lasts for two-weeks. **Registration deadline: 27 January 2019**

• **(New)** Call for applications from qualified graduate students to be part of a post-doctoral fellowship research team at Makerere University on integrated aquaculture systems in Uganda. **Deadline: 30 January 2019**

• **(New)** Open Call for Learning Research Fellows at CRI, Paris. Fellowships may be short-term (3-6 months) or up to 5 years. **Deadline: 30 January 2019, but the call for short-term fellowships remains open throughout the year**

• 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**

• **(New)** Sentinel 2nd call for proposals: Doctoral research scholarships under the PhD Graduate Teaching Assistantships at RUFORUM member universities. **Deadline: 15 February 2018**

• Scholarships for International MSc Programs at Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel, 2019. **Deadline: 1 March 2019**

• 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**

• CAS-TWAS President’s PhD Fellowship Programme. Up to 200 scholarships for non-Chinese citizens to study in China for doctoral degrees in various fields including agricultural sciences. **Deadline: 31 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 of Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

• 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)** Call for abstracts for 10th GCHERA (Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences) Conference, 24-26 April 2019, Romania. **Deadline: 2 January 2019**


• 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 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**

• **(New)** Call for contributions for the 16th International Conference on Digital Preservation (iPRES2019), 16-20 September 2019 in Amsterdam. **Deadline: 18 March 2019**
WEBINARS AND E-DISCUSSIONS

- (New) Data Science Central webinar: “Analyze data faster with an open source columnar database”, 20 December 2018
- (New) Web Conference: Land degradation and restoration knowledge gaps & needs, 14 January - 4 February 2019

JOBS

- (New – RUFORUM vacancies) Vacancies at RUFORUM Secretariat:
  - Manager, Program Results Measurement & Learning, Deadline: 31 December 2018
  - Technical Specialist, Staff Development & Academic Mobility, Deadline: 31 December 2018
  - Technical Specialist, Graduate Training (RANCH – Regional Anchor Universities for Higher Agricultural Education), Deadline: 20 January 2019
  - Deputy Executive Secretary, Planning, Resource Mobilization and Management, Deadline: 15 February 2019
- (New) ILRI vacancy: Post-Doctoral Fellow - Farming Systems Analysis, Deadline: 19 December 2018
- Vacancies at the Fiji National University: Lecturer positions in the areas of animal production (breeding and genetics), veterinary parasitology and veterinary microbiology, Deadline: 21 December 2018
- (New) Director of Princeton Research Data Service – Princeton University
- (New) Research Associate (PostDoc) for the CESSDA Metadata Office at GESIS - Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences, Germany, Deadline: 26 December 2018
- (New) FARA consultancy: Individual consultant to facilitate the conduct of capacity audits for scaling technologies of specific value chains in 10 selected African countries, Deadline: 3 January 2019

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