NEWS AND EVENTS

- Strengthening capacity of end-users to support university training and research programs
- RUFORUM trains researchers and non-research actors to develop projects addressing food and nutrition insecurity in ECSA region
- Banks pledge funds for STI research and training in Africa
- Opportunities and obstacles for open education
- Survey: Local Development Research Institute (LDRI) Survey to shape the African Open Data Network in 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- Effect of toasting on phytic acid, protein and pH in a plant-based diet and its ingesta in fed catfish (Kemigabo et al, 2017)
- Innovation opportunities in mango production in Mali (Kerga, Dembele & Fatunbi, 2017)
- Fall armyworm in Africa: a guide for integrated pest management (Prasanna et al (eds), 2018)
- Ministerial Declaration - The Third Africa Science, Technology and Innovation Forum Cairo, Egypt, February 10-12, 2018
- Issues and trends in education for sustainable development (Leicht, Heiss & Byun [eds], 2018)
- Integrating MOOCs in traditionally taught courses: achieving learning outcomes with blended learning (Bralić & Divjak, 2018)
- Adoption and impact of OER in the Global South (Hodgkinson-Williams & Arinto, [eds], 2017)
- Grain Watch Monthly: East African grain markets and trade (East African Grain Council, 2018)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- IDRC/ACIAR call for concept notes for Phase 2 of Cultivate Africa’s Future. Open to organizations that will carry out research in eligible countries in eastern and southern Africa. Deadline: 1 March 2018
- Call for proposals for the Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. For projects to enable farmers around the world use and conserve adapted varieties and ensure that biodiversity for food security is safeguarded for the future. Deadline: 1 March 2018
- (New) WARC Travel Grant for African scholars and researchers 2018. For West African nationals only. Deadline: 15 March 2018
- 2019 TWAS Prizes. Awards from The World Academy of Sciences to individual scientists from developing countries. Nomination deadline: 15 March 2018
- (New) Big Data in Agriculture Blog Competition. Deadline: 30 March 2018
- Africa Evidence leadership Award 2018. Deadline: 1 April 2018
- (New) BMCE Bank of Africa — African Entrepreneurship Award 2018. Submissions are invited from for-profit businesses managed by Africans who are at least 18 years old. Deadline 30 April 2018
GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2018. Two prizes will be awarded, with at least one awarded to a person from a country not listed as a country with a developed economy. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

The UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Honours outstanding projects by individuals, institutions and organizations related to ESD. **Deadline: 3 May 2018**

(New) TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Individuals). Awarded to promising high-level research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by individual scientists. **Deadline: 11 May 2018**

(New) TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Groups). Awarded to promising high-level research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by research units. **Deadline: 11 May 2018**

2018 BCFN YES! Research Grant Competition invites young PhD and postdoc researchers to submit a research project to improve the sustainability of the food system. **Deadline: 14 June 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) MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2018. For BSc and MSc programmes tenable at Egerton University and Gulu University. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**

(RUFORUM call) PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. Applications will be accepted throughout the year

Free e-learning courses from FAO

VLIR-UOS scholarships for the year 2018-2019. For selected trainings or masters programmes taught in English at a Belgian (Flemish) university or university college. **Deadline: Varies by programme applied for**

Call for Application: Pilot application of rapid Loss Assessment Tool (RLAT) in the SADC Region. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**

IITA Fellowships to Promote Research on "Youth Engagement in Agribusiness and Rural Economic Activities in Africa”. For young scholars and students at the post-course work/research stage of their programs for the study. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**

Call for applications: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP) intake for 2018-2020. Full scholarships available. **Deadline: 28 February 2018**

The Elsevier Foundation - TWAS Sustainability Visiting Expert Programme. Supports visits of distinguished scientists to institutions in developing countries. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation — International Climate Protection Fellowships 2018. 20 fellowships for young climate experts from developing countries. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**

Postdoctoral Fellowships on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions (IMMANA Fellowships). Applicants may be of any nationality. **Deadline: 1 March 2018 for full proposals**

Excellence Master Fellowships from University of Geneva. Open to outstanding students who wish to pursue a Master of Science degree in one of the disciplines covered by the Faculty. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**

The Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STAARS) fellowship program. For early-career African researchers seeking to become STAARS fellows in 2018. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**

Fellowships for ICRA courses: **Deadline: 21 March 2018**

- Facing rural innovation challenges - Linking research to inclusive development for food security. 24 Sep – 12 Oct 2018 in the Netherlands. [Apply here](https://www.ruforum.org) and click [here](https://www.ruforum.org) for scholarship information

- Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security. 29 Oct – 16 Nov 2018 in the Netherlands. [Apply here](https://www.ruforum.org) and click [here](https://www.ruforum.org) for scholarship information

- Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit – Key skills for inclusive business brokerage. 19 – 30 Nov 2018 in Uganda. [Apply here](https://www.ruforum.org) and click [here](https://www.ruforum.org) for scholarship information
CAS-TWAS President’s PhD Fellowship Programme. Up to 200 students from all over the world will be sponsored to study in China for doctoral degrees for up to 4 years. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**

TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme. Supports postdoctoral researchers from sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, to visit an institute in Germany. **Deadline: 31 March 2018**

Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Project: Partnership for Training Scientist in Crop Improvement for Food Security in Africa (SCIFSA). Fellowships for PhD and MSc as well as short-term mobility for students and staff. **Deadline: 5 April 2018**

(NEW) Call for scholarships: Intra-Africa Academic mobility Project - Regional Academic Exchange for Enhanced Skills in Fragile Ecosystems Management in Africa (REFORM), Fellowships for PhDs and MSc as well as short term mobility for students and staff. **Deadline: 7 April 2018**


(NEW) MSc and PhD scholarships at the Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture and Agribusiness Management (CESAAM) hosted at Egerton University, Kenya. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

Mwalimu Nyerere African Union Scholarship Scheme 2018. For female applicants only for masters and PhD programmes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). **Deadline: 30 April 2018**

FAO e-learning courses on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators

Free online courses on sustainability from the ESRC STEPS Centre at the University of Sussex

Elsevier Publishing Campus: free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research

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**

- (RUFORUM call) Call for research application summaries/extended abstracts and posters for the RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2018. **Deadline: 31 July 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 Belfast Summit on Global Food Integrity, 28-31 May 2018. Partial/full travel grants available for food-security experts. **Deadline: 9 March 2018**
- Call for abstracts for the International APIFONDEA Symposium 2018 on the ‘Role of Bees in Food Production’, 30 November - 4 December 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- Call for abstracts for the 1st Africa Conference on Evidence to Action (E2A), 25 - 27 July 2018, Nairobi. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- Call for papers and posters for the 7th All African Conference on Animal Agriculture (7th AACAA), 15-19 October 2018, Accra. **Deadline: 30 April 2018**
- Call for abstracts for the 8th Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference (ANEC VIII), 1–5 October 2018, Addis Ababa. **Deadline: 30 June 2018**

**WEBINAR**

(NEW) FAO-NEPAD webinar on ‘Rural youth employment: Emerging challenges and targeted solutions’, 28 February 2018
JOBS

- Post-doctoral Research Associate in the Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems (CDAIS) Project. Position will be based in Montpellier, France. **Deadline: 1 March 2018**
- International Food Policy Research Institute: Director - CGIAR Research Program - PIM. The position will be based in Washington, DC. **Deadline: Open until filled**
- Head, Communications and Knowledge Management at ILRI. **Deadline: Open until filled**
- Development Communication Specialist – Invasive Species Management at CABI, Zambia. **Deadline: 5 March 2018**
- (New) Research vacancies at International Centre for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA), Dubai. **Open until filled:**
  - Senior Plant Breeder
  - Plant Physiologist
  - Scientist - Soil Management

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