NEWS AND EVENTS

- Former RUFORUM Principal Investigator now Full Professor at Makerere University
- Africa Centre of Excellence in Phytochemicals, Textile and Renewable Energy at Moi University takes off
- Makerere University and partners receive African Union grant to facilitate African Swine Fever research
- Improving the quality of university education in Africa
- African universities are ignoring a rich, invaluable resource: their alumni
- The role of women in education systems in Africa

Events:
- 3rd Annual Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Academy Week, 25-29 June 2018, Accra
- University Advancement Workshop: "21st century Vice Chancellor/ president of Africa HEI's - what is required of them?" Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 23 - 25 May 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- Determinants of credit utilization among SACCO members in Soroti District, Uganda (Alio et al, 2017)
- Devolution policy and its implication on watershed restoration in eastern Uganda (Akello et al, 2017)
- Innovation opportunities in the rice value chain in Nigeria (Phillip et al, 2018)
- Analysis of the dynamics and obstacles to the adoption of technological innovations: the case of rice farming in Togo (Todje et al, 2018)
- Evaluating climate models with an African lens (James et al, 2018)
- The future of food and agriculture: trends and challenges (FAO, 2017)
- Gender and ICTs: Mainstreaming gender in the use of ICTs for agriculture and rural development (Treinen & Elstraeten, 2018)

FEATURED VIDEO: An empowered woman means an empowered community

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- WARC Travel Grant for African scholars and researchers 2018. For West African nationals only. Deadline: 15 March 2018
- AgriPitch Entrepreneurship Competition. Proposals can be for start-ups or established and growing companies. 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
- Big Data in Agriculture Blog Competition. Deadline: 30 March 2018
- Africa Evidence leadership Award 2018. Deadline: 1 April 2018
- USAID grant: Accelerating Local Potential. To support human and institutional capacity building collaborations between higher education institutions in the United States and those in low- and middle-income countries. Deadline: 6 April 2018
- IDRC call for proposals - Accelerating climate action: Social equity and empowerment of women and girls. Deadline: 23 April 2018
- 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
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- 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**
- **(New)** Grand Challenges Explorations: grant opportunities from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. **Deadline: 2 May 2018**
  - Affordable, accessible, and appealing: the next generation of nutrition
  - Tools and technologies for broad-scale disease surveillance of crop plants in low-income countries
- 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**
- 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**
- 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)** Proposal Development Write-shop for submissions to the African Union Research Grants Call for Proposals 2018. The write-shop is organised on a cost-sharing basis. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- **(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 FAQ
- IMU/CDC Graduate Research Assistantships in Developing Countries (GRAID). Funding for students to pursue a master’s or PhD degree in mathematics. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**
- 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**
- PEER Women in Science Mentorship. The programme will support a one-year mentorship, including professional training for both mentors and mentees. **Deadline: 16 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 and click here for scholarship information
  - Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security, 29 Oct – 16 Nov 2018 in the Netherlands. Apply here and click here for scholarship information
  - Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit – Key skills for inclusive business brokerage, 19 – 30 Nov 2018 in Uganda. Apply here and click here for scholarship information

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- **(New)** MoBreed (Mobility for Breeders in Africa) grant for MSc and academic/administrative staff exchange in orphan crops breeding. **Deadline: 30 March 2018**
- UNU-WIDER Visiting PhD Fellowship. Opportunity for doctoral students to utilize the facilities at UNU-WIDER for their PhD dissertation or thesis research. **Deadline: 31 March and 30 September each year**
- 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**
- 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)** Calls for applications to masters and doctoral programmes at the Pan African University. The African Union Commission will offer full scholarships to successful African candidates. **Deadline: 20 April 2018**
- MScs and PhD scholarships at the Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture and Agribusiness Management (CESAAM) hosted at Egerton University in 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**
- **(New)** PhD position at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences on the project “Improved disease control by community participation - the case of African swine fever in northern Uganda”. **Deadline: 4 May 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**
- Call for abstracts for the International APIMONDIA 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**
WEBINARS

- **(New)** Future Climate for Africa (FCFA): How can climate models be improved over Africa? Investigating global models with local knowledge, 15 March 2018
- **(New)** Dgroups: simple solutions for building communities in your organization, 22 March 2018

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