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NEWS & EVENTS

- His Excellency George Manneh Weah the President of the Republic of Liberia meets RUFORUM Delegation in Monrovia
- Dr. Alice Mweetwa Joins RUFORUM as the Deputy Executive Secretary
- Raising the visibility of African research and innovation
- What universities can learn from airlines
- A bold move in multidisciplinarity and academic hiring
- Event: Global Landscapes Forum in Kyoto, Japan, 13 May 2019. The event will also be live-streamed

PUBLICATIONS

- Past, present and future climate trends under varied representative concentration pathways for a sub-humid region in Uganda (Egeru et al, 2019)
- Community-led data collection using Open Data Kit for surveillance of animal African trypanosomiasis in Shimba hills, Kenya (Wamwenje et al, 2019)
- Impacts of climate change on fisheries and aquaculture: synthesis of current knowledge, adaptation and mitigation options (Barange et al [eds], 2018)
- African swine fever control and market integration in Ugandan peri-urban smallholder pig value chains: an ex-ante impact assessment of interventions and their interaction (Ouma et al, 2018)
- Global Report on Food Crises 2019 (Food Security Information Network, 2019)

FEATURED VIDEO: RUFORUM Ministerial Roundtable 2018

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- The David Phillips Fellowship. S. Fellowships up to £1 million will be awarded. Deadline: 9 May 2019
- European Commission Pilot VET mobility scheme. Will enable student and staff exchanges between vocational education and training (VET) colleges in the EU and colleges in Africa. Deadline: 14 May 2019
- 2019 Africa Food Prize. Deadline for nominations: 14 May 2019
- Ekhaga Foundation grants for ecological agriculture and biological medicine. Open to all countries, but applicants from outside Europe or North America require cooperation with a Swedish institution. Deadline: 20 May 2019
- State of the Map Africa 2019 Scholarship to attend the annual conference in Grand Bassam, Ivory Coast from 22 -24 November on the theme "Transforming lives through mapping". Deadline: 21 May 2019
- Zayed Sustainability Prize 2020. Awarded across several categories: (i) Health; (ii) Food; (iii) Energy; (iv) Water; and (v) Global high schools. The prize winners will divide US\$3 million. Deadline: 30 May 2019
- Islamic Development Bank Science, Technology and Innovation Transform Fund (IsDB-STIF). Provides seed money for scientists, Innovators, Startups, SMEs, Private Firms, Governments & NGOs, and Academic or Research and Development Institutions in IsDB Member and non-member countries. Deadline: 31 May 2019
- Third call for proposals of the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme funded by the EU. Will support student and staff mobility in master's and doctoral programmes in African countries. Deadline: 12 June 2019
- Norman Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application. Recognizes science-based achievement in international agriculture and food production by an individual under 40. Nomination deadline: 15 June 2019
- 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
- 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:

- 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
- MOOC on Geographical Information Systems Part 1. Based on the use of open source solutions.
- 9 PhD opportunities for the next generation of agricultural research scientists for Africa. Candidates will work with Cranfield University (UK), Rothamsted Research (UK) and Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (Morocco). Deadline: 5 May 2019
- (New) African Open Science Platform School of Research Data Science at Addis Ababa University, 17-28 June 2019. Open to researchers in every field. Some support for travel and accommodation is available. Deadline: 10 May 2019
- Masters studies in Data Science at the African Centre of Excellence in Data Science (ACE-DS), University of Rwanda. Full and partial scholarships available on a competitive basis. Deadline: 15 May 2019
- Master of Science in Internet of Things at the African Center of Excellence in Internet of Things (ACEIoT) hosted at the University of Rwanda. A few full and partial scholarships available on a competitive basis. Deadline: 15 May 2019
- PhD position in Data Mining and Machine Learning at University of Southern Denmark. The ideal starting date is 1 September 2019 (negotiable). Deadline: 15 May 2019
- (New) Master's and PhD scholarships at the African Center of Excellence in Phytochemicals, Textile and Renewable Energy (ACEII PTRE) at Moi University. The following candidates are highly encouraged to apply: female, regional, disadvantaged, marginalized groups and candidates with disabilities. Deadline: 20 May 2019
- VLIR-UOS scholarships for master's degrees and short training courses at selected Belgian universities. Subject areas include aquaculture, plant breeding, nematology, water resources and rural development. Deadline: 20 May 2019
- OWSD PhD Fellowships for women scientists from science and technology lagging countries. Supports women scientists to undertake PhD research in at a host institute in the South. Deadline: 30 May 2019
- Call for applications for MSc and PhD programmes at the Africa Center of Excellence for Water Management hosted by Addis Ababa University. Funding support available. Deadline: 31 May 2019
- Summer School on Global Challenges to Food Security hosted by University of London from 22 July to 9 August 2019. Scholarships available. Deadline: 31 May 2019
- IMU/TWAS Breakout Graduate Fellowships in Mathematics. Supports postgraduate studies, in a developing country, leading to a PhD degree in the mathematical sciences. Deadline: 31 May 2018
- Masters Studies in Renewable Energy, Electrical Power Systems and Energy Economics at the Africa Centre of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development (ACEESD), University of Rwanda. Deadline: 8 June 2019
- MSc and PhD in Railway Engineering scholarships at the African Railway Center of Excellence (ARCE) hosted by Addis Ababa University. **Deadline: 14 June 2019**
- New MSc in Food Security Policy and Management at University College Cork, Ireland. Full scholarships available for students from developing countries. Queries should be addressed to Dr Nick Chisholm at n.chisholm@ucc.ie. Deadline: 15 June 2019
- <u>IUCEA-World Bank Masters Fellowships 2019</u>. Fully funded mobility scholarships for young African female students in the following disciplines: (i) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or Industry (ii) Agriculture (iii) Health (iv) Education and (v) Applied Statistics. Deadline: 30 June 2019
- LHMENA call for Young Scientists Mobility Grants with MENA Countries. Applicants must hold a Bachelor or Master's degree and have not more than 6 years professional research experience. Priority countries include Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia. Deadline: 31 December 2019

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- 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
- The GODAN Action Network free online course on 'Open Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition'. Participants can study at a time and location convenient for them.
- FAO e-learning courses. Cover diverse topics in the areas of food and nutrition security, social and economic development, sustainable management of natural resources, communication and information management
- Free e-learning courses on agricultural practices and compliance of production for export on the Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee (COLEACP) Platform
- Free online course on Artificial Intelligence from University of Helsinki. Open to anyone, anywhere
- Open Science MOOC. A free self-paced course from Eliademy
- USAID online resilience training modules: Measurement, livelihood diversification and sustainable poverty escapes
- Open Call for Learning Research Fellows at CRI, Paris. Call for short-term fellowships remains open throughout the

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 10th International Scientific Agriculture Symposium "Agrosym 2019", 3-6 October 2019 in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Deadline: 10 May 2019
- (New) International Higher Education invites contributions from masters and doctoral students and postdocs to an essay contest on "Unprecedented Challenges, Significant Possibilities", key challenges and opportunities for international higher education in the coming decade and beyond. Deadline: 15 August 2019
- (New) Call for poster abstracts for the Twenty-First International Conference on Grey Literature: Open Science Encompasses New Forms of Grey Literature, 22-23 October 2019 in Hannover, Germany. Deadline: 20 September 2019
- Second call for papers and posters for the Joint XXIV International Grassland & XI International Rangeland Congress 2020, 25-30 October 2020 in Nairobi. Deadline: 15 November 2019

WEBINARS AND E-DISCUSSIONS

(New) Data Science Central webinar: Adding Optimization to your analytics toolbox, 14 May 2019

JOBS

- (New) Internship (The role of fisheries to food and nutrition security) at the WorldFish Headquarters in Penang, Malaysia. Open to national and international applicants. Deadline: 5 May 2019
- (New) M&E and Research Coordinator at the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) Secretariat in Montreal, Canada. Deadline: 15 May 2019
- Programme Officer Regional Land Network at the Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU). Deadline: 3 June 2019
- The PASET Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (RSIF) is seeking international experts to review RSIF applications for African Host Universities, PhD scholarships, Research Grants & Innovation Grants. All applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis

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