NEWS & EVENTS

- Training to promote thought leadership in universities
- In the community, Gulu University master's students train mothers on nutrition
- Gulu University partners with Bobi Community Polytechnic and ZOA to train 60 out-of-school youth
- Why are states slow to ratify the Addis Ababa Convention?
- New AU framework to create ‘teachers without borders’ force
- Survey: Impact of youths rural-urban migration on the agricultural sector
- Events:
  - Cracking the Nut 2019: Leveraging Systems for Improved Food Security, 14-15 October 2019, Dakar
  - ARUA International Conference 2019, 18-20 November 2019 in Nairobi
  - 4th International Conference on Global Food Security Achieving local and global food security: at what costs?, 16-19 June 2020 in Montpellier, France

PUBLICATIONS

- Projected water resource dynamics in the sub-humid Upper Nile Water Management Zone of Uganda, East Africa (Egeru et al, 2018)
- Effect of fertilizers and harvesting method on yield of cowpea (Chemutai, Chemining'wa & Ambuko, 2018)
- Promoting co-existence among shrimp fishers through social networking: a qualitative study on influence of bonding on linkage in Rivers State (Komi et al, 2019)
- Correlation and path analysis of yield, yield contributing and malt quality traits of Ethiopian sorghum (Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench) genotypes (Gobezayohu et al, 2019)
- Tracking progress on food and agriculture-related SDG indicators (FAO, 2019)
- Rethinking technological change in smallholder agriculture (in Outlook on Agriculture by Glover et al, 2019)
- The scale up sourcebook (Cooley & Howard, 2019)

FEATURED VIDEO: How to calculate yield of cassava

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- (RUFORUM award) 2019 RUFORUM Young African Entrepreneurs Competition (West Africa edition). Only applicants from the following countries are eligible: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo. Deadline: 30 September 2019
- Entrepreneurs for Resilience Award 2020. The 2020 award will focus on innovative solutions for climate-smart agriculture. Top three finalists to share USD 700,000 prize money. Deadline: 16 September 2019
- Obada Prize. Three prizes supported by African Academy of Sciences (North Africa Branch) that recognizes and encourages innovative and interdisciplinary research that cuts across traditional boundaries and paradigms.
- TWAS prizes:
  - TWAS Regional Prize 2019 for Development of Scientific Educational Material. The ideal candidate must have achieved scientific research of significance for the development of scientific thought and/or contribution to the application of Science and Technology to industry or to human well-being in a developing country. Deadline: 25 August 2019
  - IsDB-TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme. To support research by early-career researchers from 21 Least Developed Member Countries of the Islamic Development Bank related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Deadline: 12 September 2019
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

OWSD - Elsevier Foundation Awards for Early-Career Women Scientists in the Developing World. The 2020 awards will be for early-career women in the fields of Engineering and Technology. Deadline: 29 August 2019

GAFSP call for proposals for programs and projects that strengthen agriculture and lessen food insecurity in fragile and conflict-affected countries. Deadline: 10 September 2019

2019 call for nominations for AGNES grants for junior researchers. The nominee must be a national of a sub-Saharan African country interested to carry out a post-doctoral scientific research project in Germany. Deadline: 12 September 2019

2nd MeerWissen call for concepts. Seeks to support projects that contribute to strengthening marine biodiversity conservation in sustainable blue economy approaches in Africa. Deadline: 15 September 2019

(New) VALUE4HER innovation grant from the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA). Open to women-led agribusinesses incorporated in an African country that have been in existence for at least three years. Deadline: 15 September 2019

IFAD call for proposals to identify the recipient of a three-year grant to implement a project to support family farming, regional markets and cross border trade corridors (FARM-TRAC) in the Sahel. Deadline: 16 September 2019

IDRC call for proposals: Strengthening education systems with proven innovations in developing contexts. Deadline: 1 October 2019

IFPRI's My Food, Our Future Video Contest. Deadline: 1 October 2019

Bridge Spark Fund call for pre-proposals. US$150,000 awards to advance solutions to environmental, global food system and waste management challenges. Non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education and government agencies eligible. Deadline: 4 October 2019

(New) BMEL-Call for proposals for “Food environments for improved nutrition”. Consortia should consist of at least one German research institution and one research institution from Sub-Saharan Africa. Deadline: 15 October 2019


Rolex Awards for Enterprise. Open to anyone over 18 years of age, of any nationality, whose project is helping to expand knowledge of the world and improve the quality of life on the planet. Deadline: 15 April 2020

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:

University of Queensland grant-aligned priority PhD scholarships. Support living costs of PhD students with research projects aligned to selected research grants. International students are also eligible.

Rhodes Scholarship 2020. Supports exceptional young people for postgraduate study at the University of Oxford. Deadline: Varies by region

Call for application for Master of Science in One Health Molecular Biology for the academic year 2019/2020 at the SACIDS-Africa Centre of Excellence for Infectious Diseases of Humans and Animals hosted by Sokoine University. Scholarships available. Deadline: 30 August 2019

Postgraduate research scholarships at the University of Western Australia. Students can apply for research scholarships to undertake postgraduate study in all disciplines across the University. Deadline: 30 August 2019

M.Phil with specialisation in Science and Public Engagement at Stellenbosch University. Limited scholarships available. Deadline: 31 August 2019 (non-South African citizens) and 30 September 2019 (South African citizens)

ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowships. Applicants must hold a doctorate or will complete their doctorate within the next six months at the time of the submission deadline. Deadline: 1 September 2019

(New) Masters of Advanced Studies (MAS) in Integrated Crop Management (ICM) programme, run by CABI and the University of Neuchâtel in Switzerland. Extended deadline: 5 September 2019

(New) European Commission — Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships. Applicants need a doctoral degree or at least four years’ full-time research experience. All research areas can be funded. Deadline: 11 September 2019

5th edition of Science by Women Program - Call for applications for visiting senior research fellowships in Spanish centers of excellence. Six-month fellowships for African women researchers and scientists with at least 3 years of post-doctoral experience in fields including agriculture and food security. Deadline: 30 September 2019

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) – www.ruforum.org
• Research Training Fellowship for Developing Country Scientists (RTF-DCS). 6 month fellowships from the Government of India for research in various disciplines including agricultural sciences. **Deadline: 30 September 2019**

• (New) Ignite 2019. An Agribusiness programme for young women in Africa that nurtures profitable and sustainable Agribusinesses. **Training starts in October 2019**

• TWAS opportunities:
  - TWAS Visiting Expert Programme. 2-4 week programme for institutions and research groups in developing countries to establish long-term links with world leaders in areas of science other than mathematics and physics. **Deadline: 1 October 2019**
  - TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training. For young scientists in developing countries to spend three to 12 months at a research institution in a developing country other than their own. **Deadline: 1 October 2019**

• Iso Lomso Fellowships 2019. Three year attachment to the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) for early career African researchers who have completed their doctoral studies. **Deadline: 15 October 2019**

• Chulabhorn Graduate Institute (Thailand) Post-graduate Scholarship Program for Non-ASEAN international applicants. For master’s degrees in Applied Biological Sciences: Environmental Health, Environmental Toxicology, and Chemical Sciences. **Deadline: 30 October 2019**

• (New) Chevening Scholarships for International Students. Fully-funded scholarships to undertake eligible master’s courses at any UK university. **Deadline: 5 November 2019**

• (New) Chevening Fellowships 2020/2021. For mid-career professionals who want to increase their knowledge, networks, and potential through tailored short courses, research, or professional placements at UK institutions. **Deadlines: Varied**

• UNESCO/Japan Young Researchers’ Fellowship Programme. 3-9 month research fellowships in four areas including environment and ICTs. Candidates must already hold a master’s degree. **Deadline: 29 November 2019**

• LHMENA call for Young Scientists Mobility Grants with MENA Countries. Applicants must hold a Bachelor's 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**

• Nestlé Foundation grants for research in human nutrition in low-income and lower middle-income countries. Support includes grants for master’s and PhD projects. **Applications accepted all year round**

• 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

• GODAN free online course on

• FOSTER Open Science training courses

• Free software, teaching and research resources from GeoForAll

• (New) Free online course from SLU and Future Learn on “Effective Livestock Production with Low use of Antibiotics”. Started on 26 August 2019 and runs for 4 weeks. Interested participants can join at any point until it ends

**Calls for Papers and Posters:**

• (RUFORUM call) Call for extended abstracts for RUFORUM 15th Annual General Meeting. 2-6 December 2019 in Cape Coast, Ghana. **Deadline: 30 September 2019**

• (New – RUFORUM call) Call for papers for the special issue of the African Journal for Rural Development on “Advances in Crop Improvement in Africa”. **Deadline: 31 October 2019**

• (RUFORUM call) Call for manuscripts: African Journal of Rural Development. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**

• East African Journal of Science Technology and Innovation first call for papers for publication. Thematic areas of interest include: agriculture, natural resources management, infrastructure, energy, ICT and STEM

• Call for submission of original research/review papers for a forthcoming special issue of DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology on data management

• Call for abstracts for the “X International Congress on Cactus Pear and Cochineal”. 14-19 September 2020 in Tunis. **Deadline: 31 August 2019**

• Journal of Scientometric Research Special issue on Quantitative, Network-theoretic and Altmetric Analysis of Scholarly Big Data. **Deadline: 31 August 2019**

• (New) MOOC on ‘Delivering Research Data Management Services’. Course will start on 2 September 2019

• (New) Free INASP online course on ‘Research Writing in the Sciences’. Course runs from 9 September to 21 October 2019

• Call for proposals for presentations and posters that present innovative discussions of visualizations at the VizAfrica 2019 Data Visualization Symposium. 18-19 November 2019 in Gaborone. **Deadline: 2 September 2019**
• Call for presentations and posters for the CODATA-Helsinki 2019 Workshop on FAIR Research Data Management in Institutions. Deadline: 6 September 2019
• PLOS ONE and PLOS Biology call for papers on the theme “Future crops”. Submissions should focus on resilient, climate-smart crops and cropping systems for the 21st century. Deadline: 13 September 2019
• Call for papers for the EU-North-African Conference on Organic Agriculture, 11-12 November 2019 in Marrakech, Morocco. Deadline: 15 September 2019
• Call for papers for the Conference on Climate Change and Food Security in West Africa, 18-19 November 2019 in Dakar. Deadline: 15 September 2019
• Call for abstracts for the Global Forum on Innovations for Marginal Environments. 20-21 November 2019 in Dubai. Deadline: 15 September 2019
• (New) Call for papers for 4th International Conference on Global Food Security Achieving local and global food security: at what costs?, 16-19 June 2020 in Montpellier, France. Deadline: 20 September 2019
• 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
• Call for abstracts for the 1st Edition of the International Conference on Food, Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNNSA), 1-3 December 2019 in Cairo. Deadline: 30 September 2019
• (New) Call for book chapter proposal on supermarkets in Africa. Deadline: 3 October 2019
• (New) Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Safety online training course. Free, open-access, certificate-based online course offered by Feed the Future’s Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research.

WEBINARS AND E_DISCUSSIONS

• WISER Webinar: Ten principles for good co-production in African weather and climate services, 4 September 2019
• (New) AFAAS Webinar: Opportunities for financing postharvest management investments, 5 September 2019
• Agrilinks Webinar: Strengthening private sector extension and advisory services, 11 September 2019

JOBS

• RUFORUM vacancies:
  o Technical Specialist, Knowledge Management. Deadline: 31 August 2019
  o Technical Specialist, Research and Development. Deadline: 30 October 2019
• Full Professor for Development Research at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU). Deadline: 30 September 2019
• 26 vacancies at the Natural Resources Institute (NRI) of University of Greenwich under the Food and Nutrition Security Initiative (FaNSI). Various positions for professors, fellows and professional services. Deadlines vary
• (New) Plant Breeder at FiBL Europe. The position will be based in Brussels. Deadline: September 2019
• (New) ILRI vacancies. Both positions will be based in Nairobi:
  o Policy and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor. Deadline: 26 September 2019
  o Digital Media and Content Specialist at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). The position will be based in Nairobi. Deadline: 27 September 2019
• (New) FAO Internship Programme. Candidates must be nationals of FAO member nations, aged 21-30 and enrolled in an under-graduate or graduate degree programme or recent graduates.

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