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A weekly digest of News, Events and Opportunities

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NEWS & EVENTS

- Uganda's Minister of Education and Sports hails Mastercard Foundation for their support to Uganda
- Cricket farming is future food source
- Formula of making money from sunflower farming
- African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ASG-QA) of Higher Education published
- A call to sign the Open Access 2020 Initiative (OA2020)
- Events:
 - o Digitisation & Digital Preservation Workshop, 11-14 February 2019 in Nairobi
 - Open Repositories Conference 2019 (OR2019), 10-13 June 2019 in Hamburg, Germany
 - CIGR First Section 5th Interregional Conference on "challenges of water mobilization and soil conservation in better adapting to climate change" & 2nd Conference of the Pan African Society for Agricultural Engineering, 10 13 September 2019, Rabat, Morocco

PUBLICATIONS

- Effects of seed viability and pre-treatments on seed germination of two indigenous species—Strychnos cocculoides Baker and Guibourtia coleosperma (Benth.) Leonard in Namibia (Heita, Ham & Mensah, 2018)
- Oil-gas and environmental nexus: Impact of human actions on selected soil physicochemical parameters in Port Harcourt and its environment, Nigeria (Muyoma et al., 2018)
- Modelling appropriate use of trypanocides to restrict wide-spread multi-drug resistance during chemotherapy of animal African trypanosomiasis (Wangwe et al, 2018)
- African standards and guidelines for quality assurance in higher education (HAQAA Initiative, 2018)
- The future of science and science of the future: Vision and strategy for the African Open Science Platform (2018)

FEATURED VIDEO:

Effective management of rabbit coccidiosis: A RUFORUM Community Field Attachment Programme Award (CFAPA) funded project

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- (RUFORUM call) Call for proposals: RUFORUM Community Action Research Programme for Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia. Applicants eligible to receive funding up to US\$300,000.
 Deadline: 15 January 2019
- (New) <u>TechWomen 2019</u>. Support for the next generation of women leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to advance their careers. **Deadline: 16 January 2019**
- TWAS prizes:
 - <u>TWAS Medal Lectures</u>. 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**
- Google Al 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

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- 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.
 - o 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
- 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:

- (RUFORUM call) Sentinel 2nd call for proposals: Doctoral research scholarships under the PhD Graduate Teaching Assistantships at RUFORUM member universities. Deadline: 15 February 2018
- (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
- FAO e-learning courses
- 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
- 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
- Australia Awards Africa. Scholarships for short-term fellowships in Africa and/or Australia. Deadline: 15 January 2019
- GWNET (Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition) Mentoring Programme 2/2019. Deadline: 15 January 2019
- 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) Fellowships to attend Open Repositories Conference 2019 (OR2019) in Hamburg. For librarians, repository managers, developers, or researchers in digital libraries. Deadline: 19 January 2019
- (New) WorldQuant University's Introduction to Data Science Module. Next cohort begins on 21 January 2019
- Free NASA webinars on Remote Sensing for Conservation & Biodiversity on 22nd and 24th January 2019. Deadline: 22 January 2019
- 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
- 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
- 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

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- (New) PhD positions with full scholarships in Data Science at Dalian University of Technology, China. Potential applicants should send a CV and at least two self-authored scientific publications to Dr. Feng Xia (f.xia@ieee.org). Deadline: 1 February 2018
- (New) CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars 2019. Applicants must hold a PhD (or equivalent) and be within the first five years of a full-time academic position. Deadline: 5 February 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) DAAD In-country/In-region PhD scholarships in Mechanical Engineering and Information Technology, tenable at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT). Deadline: 15 February 2019
- (New) DAAD In-country/In-region Scholarships 2019 for PhD in Plant Breeding and Master's in Environment and Natural Resources, tenable at Makerere University. Deadline: 15 February 2019
- (New) Virus Vector Vice Versa (V4) Development Programme for Early Career Researchers. A fully-funded ten-day residential course at the University of Bristol, UK (10 - 21 June 2019). Deadline: 24 February 2019
- (New) Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Scholarship Programme. For undergraduate, master's, PhD, and post-doctoral research with a special focus on "Sustainability Science". Deadline: 28 February 2019
- 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 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 abstracts for the 4th Federation of African Nutrition Societies (FANUS) Conference, 12-15 August 2018 in Kigali, Rwanda. Limited scholarships available for conference attendance. Deadline 31 January 2018
- (New) Call for papers for 2nd World Environmental Conservation Conference, 5-8 June 2019 in Akure, Nigeria. Deadline: 20 February 2018
- (New) Call for abstracts for the 1st Great Lakes and Catchment Management (1st GLACAM) Conference, 5-7 June 2019 in Entebbe, Uganda. Deadline: 28 February 2019
- (New) Call for papers for AAU 2nd International Leadership Conference for Women in Higher Education, 6-8 March 2019, Nairobi. Deadline: 4 February 2019
- Call for contributions for the 16th International Conference on Digital Preservation (iPRES2019), 16-20 September 2019 in Amsterdam. Deadline: 18 March 2019
- (New) Call for papers for CIGR First Section 5th Interregional Conference on "challenges of water mobilization and soil conservation in better adapting to climate change" & 2nd Conference of the Pan African Society for Agricultural Engineering, 10-13 September 2019 in Rabat, Morocco. Deadline: 1 April 2019

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WEBINARS AND E-DISCUSSIONS

- Web Conference: Land degradation and restoration knowledge gaps & needs, 14 January 4 February 2019
- (New) President's Initiative to Solve Hunger (PUSH) Webinar: Readying your university to open data compliance, 16 January 2019
- (New) How to get real value from artificial intelligence and machine learning, 16 January 2018
- (New) Foresight Africa: Top priorities for Africa in 2019, 17 January 2019
- (New) GODAN Webinar: Unlocking the Potential of Blockchain for Agriculture, 23 January 2019

JOBS

- (RUFORUM vacancies)
 - o 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: 31 January 2019
- (New) ILRI consultancy: Climate and livestock policy analysis (open until filled). The position will be home based
- (New) ACE Impact Project Manager. The position will be based in Ghana. Deadline: 31 January 2019
- (New) Call for consultants: Mid-term review of the Association of African Universities 2016 2020 Strategic Plan. Deadline: 31 January 2019

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