NEWS & EVENTS
- Media monitoring: Extract of press news on higher education in Africa: Issue 31 and Issue 32
- MOOCs fail in their mission to disrupt higher education
- In age of artificial intelligence, universities will need to rethink their purpose
- Can widening access to university bring social change?

PUBLICATIONS
- Spatial quantification of community resilience in contexts where quantitative data are scarce: the case of Muzarabani District in Zimbabwe (Mavhura & Manyena, 2018)
- Understanding the engagement of policymakers in the success or failure of agricultural innovation processes: lessons from Africa countries (Kouévi & Fatunbi, 2019)
- Assessment of the Tunisian olive oil value chain in the international markets: constraints and opportunities (Mariem et al, 2019)
- Evaluation of modern agricultural technologies adoption and impact of adoption on productivity (Yimer, Abay & Degu, 2019)
- E-agriculture in action: blockchain for agriculture (Sylvester, 2019)
- Opportunities for future research and innovation on food and nutrition security and agriculture: the InterAcademy Partnership's global perspective (InterAcademy Partnership, 2018)

FEATURED VIDEO: Grafting mango seedlings

OPPORTUNITIES
Grants and Awards:
- 2019 Call for proposals: Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. Deadlines vary per action.
  - 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 proposals for the Climate Research for Development (CR4D) Fellowship. Funding available to a maximum of US$ 130,000 for a duration up-to 12 months, with an expected start date in May 2019. Deadline: 10 February 2019
- Liz Hughes Award for Her Farm Radio. Award for a programme that has addressed or advanced gender equality for rural women. Any African radio station is eligible to apply. Deadline: 17 February 2019
- (New) Wehubit call for proposals to increase Climate Smart Agriculture by way of digital solutions. Applicants can apply for between 50,000 and 350,000 EUR. Deadline: 21 February 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
- TWAS prizes:
  - 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
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 2019**
- **(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 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
- **(New)** Open Science MOOC. A free self-paced course from Eliademy
- 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**
- 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 year**
- IPBES call for nominations of fellows for the assessment of invasive alien species. **Deadline: 15 February 2019**
- 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 2019**
- 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)** ARPPIS-DAAD PhD scholarships for study at icipe. Three-year doctoral training in insect and related sciences for development. **Deadline for applications: 11 February 2019**
- **(New)** Free Edx online course - Feeding a Hungry Planet: Agriculture, Nutrition and Sustainability. **Starts 11 February 2019**
- **(New)** 29th International Leadership Workshop for Rural Youth. 7-22 August 2019 in Herrsching, Germany. Most costs are covered by the organizer, but participants have to pay for their travel. Additional financial assistance may be provided. **Deadline: 15 February 2019**
- 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**
- 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**
- 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**

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) – www.ruforum.org
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. **Deadline: 1 March 2019**

**(New)** Solar Cooling Hands-on Workshop and Conference, 18-22 March 2019 in Nairobi. The training/conference will be free for participants, but travel and accommodation cost will not be covered. **Deadline: 3 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 papers for AAU 2nd International Leadership Conference for Women in Higher Education, 6-8 March 2019, Nairobi. **Deadline: 4 February 2019**

Call for abstracts for the 2019 congress of the Rural Communication Working Group of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) to be held 7-11 July, 2019 at the University of Madrid, Spain. **Deadline: 8 February 2019**

Call for papers by the IFLA Africa Section for the Open Forum to be held during the 85th IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 24-30 August 2019 in Athens, Greece. **Deadline: 15 February 2019**

Call for papers for the FAIR and Responsible Research Data Management (FAIR-RRDM) Workshop, 31 March - 1 April 2019, Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA. **Deadline: 18 February 2019**

Call for papers for the 2nd World Environmental Conservation Conference, 5-8 June 2019 in Akure, Nigeria, **Deadline: 20 February 2019**

Call for posters for presentation at the Research Data Alliance (RDA) Thirteenth Plenary taking place from 2-4 April 2018 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. **Deadline: 28 February 2019**

Call for abstracts for the First Great Lakes and Catchment Management (1st GLACAM) Conference, 5-7 June 2019, Entebbe, Uganda. **Deadline: 28 February 2019**

Call for contributions for the 16th International Conference on Digital Preservation (iPRES2019), 16-20 September 2019 in Amsterdam. **Deadline: 18 March 2019**

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, Rabat, Morocco. **Deadline: 1 April 2019**

JOBS

ILRI Consultancy: Climate and livestock policy analysis (open until filled). The position will be home based

**(New)** ILRI vacancy: Program and Partnerships Manager, Drylands Innovations. The position will be based in Nairobi. **Deadline: 15 February 2019**

Vacancies at the Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science at Graz University of Technology, Austria. **Deadline: 15 February 2019:**

- Project Researcher in Data Analysis and Bibliometrics (pre-doc)
- Project Research in Data Stewardship (post or pre-doc)

**(New)** Chief Executive Officer UbuntuNet Alliance. **Deadline: 20 February 2019**
(New) Data Scientist in Text Mining and Machine Learning (KTP Associate) at the University of Manchester. **Deadline:** 25 February 2019

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