NEWS & EVENTS

- Two new staff appointments at RUFORUM Secretariat
- Students trained to train refugees in agribusiness skills
- Three myths about youth employment in Africa and strategies to realize the demographic dividend
- E-exam adoption rising amid tampering, cheating
- Why the world owes education to an African woman
- Events:
  - Eastern Africa Conference on Scaling up Agroecology and Ecological Organic Trade, 25-27 June 2019, Nairobi

PUBLICATIONS

- Factsheets on agricultural higher education capacities in RUFORUM member universities (RUFORUM, 2018)
- Heterospecific tree density and environmental factors affect Afzelia africana Sm. population structure in the Pendjari Biosphere Reserve, West Africa: implications for management and restoration (Atanasso et al, 2019)
- Learning from farmer organisations (CTA & IFAD, 2018)
- Building a resilient and sustainable agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa (Shimeles, Verdier-Chouchane & Boly (eds), 2018)
- The state of food security and nutrition in the world 2018: building climate resilience for food security and nutrition (Vargas et al, 2018)
- The state of agricultural commodity markets: Agricultural trade, climate change and food security (FAO, 2018)

FEATURED VIDEO: Quality cassava planting material

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- (New) 2019 Ideas for Action Competition. For students and young professionals between the ages of 18-35 years from around the world. Deadline: 28 February 2019
- (New) 40th Right Livelihood Award. Open to people from across the globe to propose candidates who are working in a visionary and exemplary manner to solve global problems. Deadline: 1 March 2019
- Erasmus+ programme of the European Union: Action on strategic partnerships in the field of education and training. Deadline: 21 March 2019
- TWAS grants:
  - TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Individuals). For research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by individual scientists under 45. Deadline: 22 April 2019
  - TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Groups). For research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by research units. Deadline: 22 April 2019
- FFAR seeks nominations for 2019 New Innovator in Food and Agriculture Research Award. Up to 10 awards will be given and each awardee may receive up to $600,000 over three years. Deadline: 28 February 2019
- 2019 Africa Food Prize. Deadline for nominations: 14 May 2019
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- 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
  - 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:

- **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
- 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) Free online course by Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) on “Effective livestock production with low use of antibiotics. Starts 25 February 2019
- (New) AuthorAID course: Research Writing in the Social Sciences. Free online course, open to all African researchers. Starts 26 February 2019
- Government of Hungary scholarships for master’s degrees in Plant Protection; Rural Development and Agribusiness; and Agricultural Biotechnology. Deadline: 28 February 2019
- Call for applications to the 2019-2020 GREAT certificate course on gender-responsive breeding. Open to interdisciplinary teams of 2-3 agricultural researchers focused on any crop. Limited scholarships available. Deadline: 28 February 2019
- 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
- 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
- Alliance for Science Global Leadership Fellows Program. A 12-week experiential training course that will be held 26 August -15 November 2019 at Cornell University, New York. Deadline: 1 March 2019
- Scholarships for International MSc Programs at Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel. Deadline: 1 March 2019
- 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
- (New) PhD Fellowship in Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Statistics at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU). Deadline: 15 March 2019
- Courses at iCRA. Scholarship application deadline: 21 March 2019:
  - Making Education Work - Transforming education for youth employment in the agri-sector (Wageningen, the Netherlands)
  - Making Innovation Work- Coaching partnerships for inclusive agribusiness (Wageningen, the Netherlands)
  - Making Research work - Solving complex agri-food problems through action research (Wageningen, the Netherlands)
  - Making Agribusiness Work - Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit (Nakuru, Kenya)
- 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
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- **(New)** TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme. Supports postdoctoral researchers from sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa to go on a 3 month visit to an institute in Germany. **Deadline: 1 April 2019**

- **(New)** CODATA-RDA Research Data Science Summer School, 5-16 August 2019 in Trieste, Italy. A limited number of grants available to support participants from developing countries. **Deadline: 18 April 2019**

- Adelaide Scholarships International. MSc and PhD scholarships for study at the University of Adelaide, Australia. **Deadline: 30 April for November 2019 enrolment**

- **(New)** Call for application for master’s and PhD scholarships at the Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta. Limited scholarships are available. **Deadline: 3 May 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**

- 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

- 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 year**

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

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

- **(Extended deadline)** Call for papers for the FAIR and Responsible Research Data Management (FAIR-RRDM) Workshop, 31 March - 1 April 2019, Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA. **Deadline: 4 March 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 21st International Conference on Grey Literature, themed: ‘Open Science encompasses new forms of grey literature’. 22-23 October 2019 in Hannover, Germany. **Deadline: 31 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**

- Call for papers for Tropentag 2019 to take place from 18-20 September in Kassel, Germany on the theme will be “Filling gaps and removing traps for sustainable resources development”. **Deadline: 1 May 2019**

**WEBINARS**

- TIBCO Webinar: Developing Modern Data Lakes with Data Virtualization. **Available on demand**

- Webcast: The Contribution of Organic Agriculture to the SDGs: Scientific evidence from comparative research, 26 February 2019


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JOBS

- **(RUFORUM vacancy)** Deputy Executive Secretary Programme Development Implementation. **Deadline: 31 March 2019**
- ILRI Consultancy: Climate and livestock policy analysis (open until filled). **The position will be home based**
- Data scientist in text mining and machine learning (KTP Associate) at the University of Manchester. **Deadline: 25 February 2019**
- Junior policy officer in the Sustainable Food Systems team at the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM). **Deadline: 28 February 2019**
- Vacancies at Malawi University of Science and Technology. Positions in various disciplines at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor. **Deadline: 28 February 2019**
- **(New)** Assistant Professor in Veterinary Parasitology at the Fiji National University. **Deadline: 1 March 2019**

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