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A weekly digest of News, Events and Opportunities

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NEWS & EVENTS

- RUFORUM 15th Annual General Meeting to be held at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana
- Announcing three RUFORUM grant recipients for Community Action Research Programmes PLUS (CARP+) 2019
- RUFORUM honours former Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission, Her Excellency Rhoda Peace Tumusiime
- Prof Waako appointed new Busitema University Vice Chancellor
- Plagiarism detection firm, Turnitin to be sold
- Survey: YPARD Members' Survey in English, French or Spanish.
- Events: .
 - 8th Africa Agriculture Science Week and the FARA General Assembly, 28-31 October 2019, Cairo 0
 - 4th Africa-Wide Agricultural Extension Week, 20 24 November 2019, Abidjan 0

PUBLICATIONS

- Past, present and future climate trends under varied representative concentration pathways (Egeru et al, 2019)
- Factsheets on agricultural higher education capacities in RUFORUM member universities (RUFORUM, 2018)
- Africa Capacity Report 2019/Le Rapport sur les Capacités en Afrique 2019 (The Africa Capacity Building Foundation, 2019)
- Agriculture for improved nutrition: seizing the momentum (Fan, Yosef & Pandya-Lorch [eds.], 2019) .
- Emerging opportunities for the application of blockchain in the agri-food industry (FAO & ICTSD, 2018) •

FEATURED VIDEO: Living windbreaks to protect the soil

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- (New) Injini Cohort 3: Africa's First Edtech-Dedicated Incubation & Seed Investment Programme. Deadline: 17 March 2019
- (New) AIMS-Carnegie Small research grants in data science and its applications. For African PhD students and researchers with a PhD in the field of data science and its related disciplines. Deadline: 17 March 2019
- (New) Journalist training at International Wheat Congress, July 21-26, 2019 in Saskatchewan. The CGIAR Research . Program on Wheat will sponsor 10 journalists from developing countries. Deadline: 19 March 2019
- Erasmus+ programme of the European Union: Action on strategic partnerships in the field of education and training. • Deadline: 21 March 2019
- (New) Changing our ways: GLF Photo Competition. Photos should show how people across the globe are tackling • climate change. Deadline: 22 March 2019
- (New) ACU Early Career Conference Grants. Supports early career academics to participate in an international conference in any country other than their country of employment. Deadline: 31 March 2019
- (New) UNIDO IPTO Italy International Award for "Innovative Ideas and Technologies in Agribusiness. Deadline: 31 March 2019
- TWAS grants. Deadline: 22 April 2019

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- TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Individuals). For research projects in Biology, 0 Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics carried out by individual scientists under 45.
- TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Groups). For research projects in Biology, Chemistry, 0 Mathematics and Physics carried out by research units.
- (New) Africa Union call for submissions for ICT in education innovations. Deadline: 30 April 2019
- (New) 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
- (New) Fellowships for AFRINIC-30 to be held in Kampala, 15-21 June 2019. For individuals representing small • organisations, universities, and media who are actively involved in Internet operations and development or ICT policies in their countries. Deadline: 15 March 2019
- (New) 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
- TWAS prizes:
 - TWAS Medal Lectures. Awarded to TWAS members, in recognition of their achievements in their fields of 0 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 0 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. Deadline: 15 March 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
- (New) Call for applications for the IHP Trimester "The Mathematics of Climate and the Environnement" (9 Sep. -13 Dec. 2019). Funding available for young scientists from developing countries. Deadline: 15 March 2019
- 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:
 - 0 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) 0
 - Making Research work Solving complex agri-food problems through action research (Wageningen, the 0 Netherlands)
 - 0 Making Agribusiness Work - Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit (Benin, Kenya, Nigeria)
- (New) Newton International Fellowships. For non-UK scientists who are at an early stage of their research career and wish to conduct research in the UK. Deadline: 27 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
- 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
- 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

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- <u>Adelaide Scholarships International</u>. MSc and PhD scholarships for study at the University of Adelaide, Australia. **Deadline: 30 April for November 2019 enrolment**
- <u>Call for application for master's and PhD courses at the Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable</u> <u>Environment (CEADESE), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta</u>. Limited scholarships are available. **Deadline: 3** May 2019
- (New) <u>AGNES Mobility Grants</u>. Support for junior researchers (doctoral students) from sub-Saharan African countries to spend research stays of 1-2 months at a university/research institute in another sub-Saharan African country. Deadline: 10 May 2019
- (New) 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
- (New) 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
- (New) 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**
- <u>Nestlé Foundation grants</u> 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
- <u>Free e-learning courses on agricultural practices and compliance of production for export</u> on the Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee (COLEACP) Platform
- Free online course on Artificial Intelligence from University of Helsinki. Open to anyone, anywhere
- <u>Open Science MOOC</u>. A free self-paced course from Eliademy
- USAID online resilience training modules: Measurement, livelihood diversification and sustainable poverty escapes
- <u>Open Call for Learning Research Fellows at CRI, Paris</u>. Call for short-term fellowships remains open throughout the year

Calls for Papers and Posters:

- (*RUFORUM call*) <u>Call for manuscripts: African Journal of Rural Development</u>. Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- (New) Call for abstracts for the African Potato Association Conference, 26 29 August 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda. Deadline: 15 March 2019
- <u>Call for contributions for the 16th International Conference on Digital Preservation (iPRES2019)</u>, 16-20 September 2019 in Amsterdam. **Deadline: 18 March 2019**
- (New) Call for proposals to present at the Cracking the Nut Conference 2019: Leveraging Systems for Improved Food Security, 14-15 October 2019. Deadline: 29 March 2019
- <u>Call for papers for 21st International Conference on Grey Literature</u>, themed: 'Open Science encompasses new forms of grey literature'. 22-23 October 2019 in Hannover, Germany. **Deadline: 31 March 2019**
- <u>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.</u> 10 13 September 2019, Rabat, Morocco. Deadline: 1 April 2019
- (New) Call for abstracts for 1st International Conference on Agroecology Transforming Agriculture & Food Systems in Africa, 18-20 June 2019 in Nairobi. Deadline: 18 April 2019
- <u>Call for papers for Tropentag 2019</u> to take place from 18-20 September in Kassel, Germany on the theme "Filling gaps and removing traps for sustainable resources development". **Deadline: 1 May 2019**

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WEBINARS

(New) e-Agriculture webinar: Scaling up satellite based drought index insurance, successes and lessons learned from Uganda, 20 March 2019

JOBS

- (RUFORUM vacancy) Deputy Executive Secretary Programme Development Implementation. Deadline: 31 March 2019
- (New) Regional Director Eastern and Southern Africa at the World Vegetable Center based in Arusha, Tanzania. Deadline: 31 March 2019
- (New) ILRI vacancy: Science Officer CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS). The position will be based in Nairobi. Deadline: 12 April 2019
- (New) Regional Coordinator in Southern Africa at The Carpentries. Deadline: Application review will begin on 19 May 2019, but position will remain open until filled

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