

RUFORUM: THE JOURNEY SO FAR

THE PAST, PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE VISION 2030: THE AFRICA WE
WANT

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VISION 2004

RUFORUM sees vibrant agricultural innovation systems with fully integrated universities that play a leading role in nurturing the systems through high-performing agricultural science graduates who are innovative and responsive to changing demands.

VISION 2030

Vibrant, transformative universities
catalyzing sustainable, inclusive agricultural
development to feed and create prosperity
for Africa.

PILLARS IN OUR REVOLUTION VISION



2004 VISION

1. Universities
2. Agricultural innovation systems
3. High-performing agricultural science graduates

2030 VISION

1. Transformative Universities
2. Agricultural Development
3. Prosperity for Africa

THE BIG QUESTION?

WHAT IS THE **AFRICA**
YOU WANT?

The Africa I want is one where
the Opportunities are Endless.
Prof. Adipala Ekwame

HOW DO WE GET READY FOR THE ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES; THE AFRICA WE WANT



RUFORUM MISSION STATEMENT

To strengthen the capacities of **universities**, foster innovative responses to demands of **small holder farmers** through training collaboration among **various stakeholders** in the Agric Value Chain

MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR THE COMING DECADE

“Ensure food and nutrition security for a population that is increasing and becoming more urbanized, helping to create wealth and jobs, in rural areas in particular, while reducing inequalities and vulnerability as well as protecting environmental and human capital.”

RUFORUM'S ROLE AS A CATALYST

- ▶ Influence Universities model to have the small holder farmer in mind;
- ▶ Research areas in suitable agronomic practices for small holder farmers;
- ▶ Support Farmer Business models; all inclusive discipline towards creating wealth;
- ▶ Create a linkage between farmers, private sector, graduates and agriculture extension and advisory systems;
- ▶ Influence and advocate policy makers to enact policies support farmers (taxation, pricing regulation, agriculture regulation)
- ▶ Harness technologies that protect the environment, supplementing the efforts of the farmer; ICT for agricultural development

KNOWLEDGE IS ACQUIRED;

SKILLS ARE REHEARSED;

PERFECTION IS SKILLING THE
KNOWLEDGE.



TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS FOR AFRICA

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