

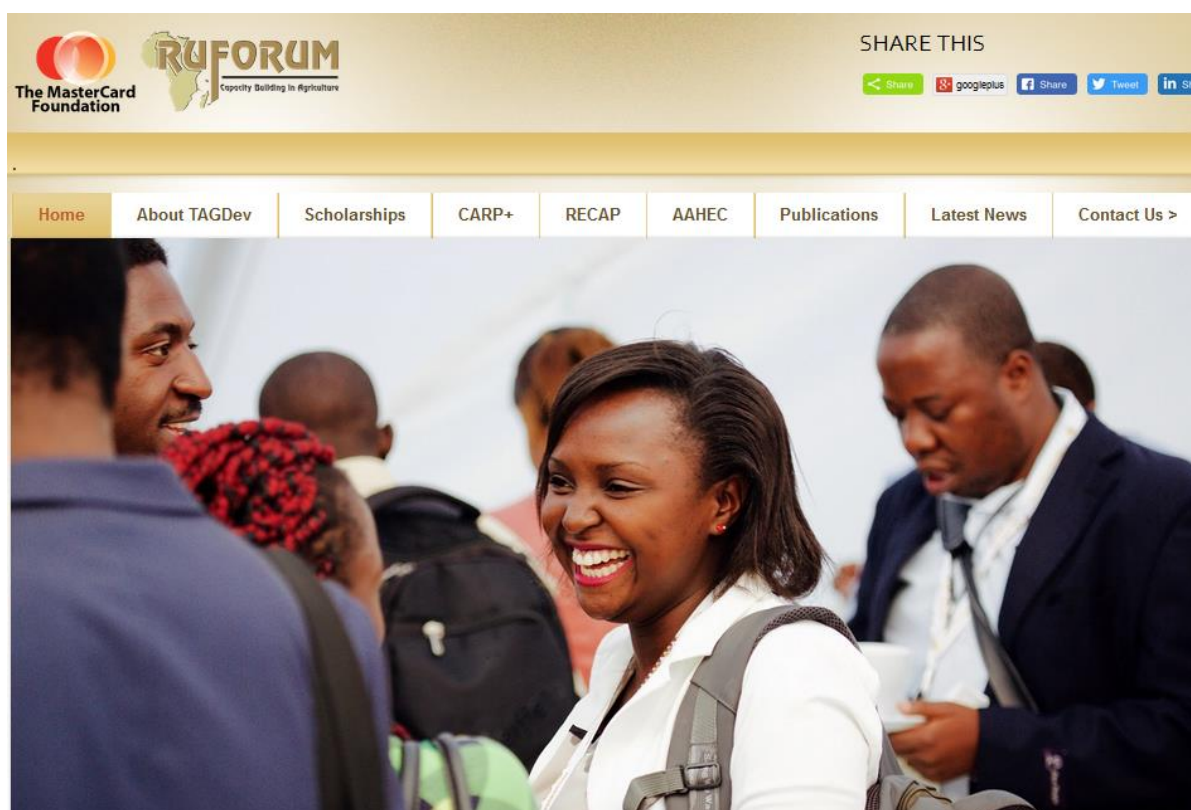
Press Release



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The MasterCard Foundation supported TAGDev Project Website launched

25th January, 2017
Kampala, Uganda



In June 2016, [the MasterCard Foundation](#) signed agreement with the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture ([RUFORUM](#)) to strengthen efforts to connect university education to the needs of rural communities. The eight year project “*Transforming African Agricultural Universities to meaningfully contribute to Africa’s growth and development (TAGDev)*” is being implemented by RUFORUM and its member universities, with focus on [Gulu University](#) in Uganda and [Egerton University](#) in Kenya.

The TAGDev [website](#) that will provide a portal for sharing updates on the Project, including the activities of the students that will be supported. The website hopes to demonstrate impact stories of community transformation. The website can be accessed at <http://www.ruforum.org/MCF/>. To keep updated with the latest discussions from this initiative, please follow the [#TAGDev](#) online discussions on social media.

Useful links:

- Launch of The MasterCard Foundation partnership with RUFORUM: <https://youtu.be/ghkdyGvSVpY>
- Key Interviews and reactions on the partnerships during the Biennial Conference, 2016: <https://youtu.be/N7yoK90IOKY>



Notes to Editors:

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is a network of 66 African Universities with mission to ‘strengthen the capacities of Universities to foster innovations responsive to demands of small-holder farmers through the training of high quality researchers, the output of impact oriented research and the maintenance of collaborative working relations among researchers, farmers, national agricultural research institutions’. RUFORUM was established in 2004, with Secretariat hosted by Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. RUFORUM signed MoU with the African Union and has mandate to support capacity building for science, research and technology development in Africa. RUFORUM has supported the training of over 1500 postgraduate students, the generation of over 300 agricultural technologies and mobilized over US\$70 million for strengthening postgraduate education in Africa. Please visit www.ruforum.org for more information.

About The MasterCard Foundation

The MasterCard Foundation works with visionary organizations to provide greater access to education, skills training and financial services for people living in poverty, primarily in Africa. As one of the largest, private foundations, its work is guided by its mission to advance learning and promote financial inclusion to create an inclusive and equitable world. Based in Toronto, Canada, its independence was established by MasterCard when the Foundation was created in 2006. For more information and to sign up for the Foundation’s newsletter, please visit www.mastercardfdn.org. Follow the Foundation at [@MCFoundation](https://twitter.com/MCFoundation) on Twitter.



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