

# Press Release



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## RUFORUM supports member universities to mobilise 4.2 Million Euro to train 106 Postgraduate students in Africa

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The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) through the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme has raised Euro 4,198,375 Million to support training of 106 postgraduate students in 11 African universities. The resources mobilized will support the training of 71 Masters and 35 PhD students. It will also facilitate the movement of 20 academic and administrative staff from 17 African countries in the period of five years (2017 to 2022). In total 12 RUFORUM members universities are participating in the seven funded projects.

The three projects that were developed through RUFORUM will facilitate students training and staff mobility in the areas of fisheries and aquaculture, fragile eco-systems and crop improvement for food security. As an associate partner in the three projects, RUFORUM will backstop the students' recruitment and training process through designing and publishing of calls for scholarships, facilitate staff exchanges and support sharing of lessons and experiences from the projects.

The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme supports higher education cooperation between countries in Africa. The scheme aims to promote sustainable development and ultimately contributes to poverty reduction by increasing the availability of trained and qualified high-level professional manpower in Africa.

The Intra-Africa Mobility Scheme compliments RUFORUM's initiatives such as the Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program which facilitates mobility of academic staff across the continent to increase the pool of scientists in the continent. Below are tables with summaries of the funded projects and partnerships.

**Table One: Summary of the three projects developed through RUFORUM**

<b>Project 1</b>		<b>Collaborative Training in Fisheries and Aquaculture in East, Central and Southern Africa</b>			
Participating institutions	Participating countries	Masters	PhDs	Staff	
University of Eldoret, Makerere University, Rhodes University, Mzuzu University, Official University of Bukavu, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna	Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Ethiopia, Benin and Austria	24	12	10	
<b>Project 2</b>		<b>Regional Academic Exchange for Enhanced Skills in Fragile Ecosystems Management in Africa (REFORM)</b>			
Participating institutions	Participating countries	Masters	PhDs	Staff	
Universite Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar, University of Abomey Calavi, Uganda Martyrs University, Makerere University, Mzuzu University, Eduardo Mondlane University, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	Senegal, Benin, Uganda, Malawi, Mosambique, Mali, Tunisia, Madagascar, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Lesotho and Swden	23	11	6	
<b>Project 3</b>		<b>Partnership to Train Scientists in Crop Improvement for Food Security in Africa (SCIFSA)</b>			
Participating institutions	Participating countries	Masters	PhDs	Staff	
Makerere University, University of Ghana-Legon, Cairo University, Universite Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar, University of Eldoret and Silesian University of Technology	Uganda, Ghana, Egypt, Senegal, Kenya, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Tunisia and Poland	24	12	4	



## Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

Call for proposals EACEA/05/2017 | Application deadline: 2 May 2017 | Selection year 2017

Table Two: List of proposals selected for funding

Nº	Reference Number	Applicant's Country	Applicant Institution	Project Acronym	Project Title	Maximum EU grant (EUR)
1	591864	Senegal	Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar	REFORM	Regional academic exchange for enhanced skills in fragile ecosystems management in Africa	1.399.875
2	591872	Algeria	Université de Tlemcen	ACADEMY	African Trans-Regional Cooperation through academic mobility	1.379.550
3	591878	Nigeria	Ebonyi State University	GENES	Mobility for plant genomics scholars to accelerate climate-smart adaptation options and food security in Africa	1.399.800
4	591892	Kenya	University of Eldoret	COTRA	Collaborative Training in Fisheries and Aquaculture in East, Central and Southern Africa	1.399.875
5	591893	Uganda	Makerere University	SCIFSA	Partnership for Training Scientists in Crop Improvement for Africa	1.398.975
6	591920	Ethiopia	Addis Ababa University	HEED	Harmonisation of Entrepreneurship Education for Sustainable Development in Africa	1.397.750
7	591954	Angola	Universidade Agostinho Neto	LusoPax	PaxLusófona: educação para a paz, mobilidade e sustentabilidade na lusofonia	1.218.950

### Reserve list:

Nº	Reference number	Applicant's Country	Applicant Institution	Project Acronym	Project title	Maximum EU grant (EUR)
1	591869	Benin	Université d'Abomey Calavi	MoWEP	Mobility to train Postgraduates in Sustainable Management and Domestication of Wild Edible Plant Species	1.304.525
2	591904	Uganda	Makerere University	TEAMS	Transforming Engineering Action through Mobility of Scholars in Africa	1.399.550

\* The projects are listed according to the ascending order of the reference numbers.

Table Three: Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme Detailed list of selected Partnerships - 2017 Call for proposals EACEA/05/2017

Project Number	Project Acronym	Project Title	Maximum Grant Awarded	Project Coordinator's Name	Project Coordinator's Email	Role Code*	Participating Institution	Country
591864	REFORM	Regional academic exchange for enhanced skills in fragile ecosystems management in Africa	€ 1.399.875	Kandioura Noba	<a href="mailto:kandioura.noba@ucad.edu.sn">kandioura.noba@ucad.edu.sn</a>	APP	UNIVERSITE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP DE DAKAR	Senegal
						PAR	UNIVERSITE D'ABOMEY-CALAVI	Benin
						PAR	UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY	Uganda
						PAR	MAKERERE UNIVERSITY	Uganda
						PAR	UNIVERSIDADE EDUARDO MONDLANE	Mozambique
						PAR	MZUZU UNIVERSITY	Malawi
591872	ACADEMY	African Trans-Regional Cooperation through academic mobility	€ 1.379.550	Tewfik BENGHABRIT	<a href="mailto:benghabritewfik@yahoo.fr">benghabritewfik@yahoo.fr</a>	TEC	SVERIGES LANTBRUKSUNIVERSITET	Sweden
						APP	UNIVERSITE DE TLEMCEM	Algeria
						PA-ASC	PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF WATER AND ENERGY SCIENCES	Algeria
						PA-ASC	MINISTERE DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT SUPERIEUR ET DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE	Algeria
						PAR	UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN	Nigeria
						PAR	UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST	Ghana
591878	GENES	Mobility for plant genomics scholars to accelerate climate-smart adaptation options and food security in Africa	€ 1.399.800	HAPPINESS OSELEBE	<a href="mailto:hoselebe@gmail.com">hoselebe@gmail.com</a>	PAR	UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL	South Africa
						PAR	KENYATTA UNIVERSITY	Kenya
						TEC	UNIVERSIDADE DO PORTO	Portugal
						APP	EBONYI STATE UNIVERSITY	Nigeria
						PAR	UNIVERSITE D'ABOMEY-CALAVI	Benin
						PAR	UNIVERSITE DE YAOUNDE I	Cameroon
591892	COTRA	Collaborative Training in Fisheries and Aquaculture in East, Central and Southern Africa	€ 1.399.875	Phillip Raburu	<a href="mailto:praburu2002@yahoo.com">praburu2002@yahoo.com</a>	PAR	JIMMA UNIVERSITY	Ethiopia
						TEC	WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY	Netherlands
						APP	UNIVERSITY OF ELDORET	Kenya
						PAR	RHODES UNIVERSITY	South Africa
						PAR	UNIVERSITE OFFICIELLE DE BUKAVU	Congo (Democratic Republic of)
						PAR	MAKERERE UNIVERSITY	Uganda
591893	SCIFSA	Partnership for Training Scientists in Crop Improvement for Africa	€ 1.398.975	Thomas Lapaka Odong	<a href="mailto:thomas.l.odong@gmail.com">thomas.l.odong@gmail.com</a>	PAR	MZUZU UNIVERSITY	Malawi
						TEC	UNIVERSITAET FUER BODENKULTUR WIEN	Austria
						APP	UNIVERSITY OF ELDORET	Kenya
						PAR	UNIVERSITY OF GHANA	Ghana
						PAR	CAIRO UNIVERSITY	Egypt
						PAR	UNIVERSITY OF ELDORET	Kenya
591920	HEED	Harmonisation of Entrepreneurship Education for Sustainable Development in Africa	€ 1.397.750	Amsalu Kesete Gebremichael	<a href="mailto:amse2258@gmail.com">amse2258@gmail.com</a>	APP	UNIVERSITE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP DE DAKAR	Senegal
						TEC	POLITECHNIKA SLASKA	Poland
						APP	ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY	Ethiopia
						PAR	MAKERERE UNIVERSITY	Uganda
						PAR	UNIVERSITY OF GHANA	Ghana
						PAR	MILPARK EDUCATION	South Africa
591954	LusoPax	PaxLusófona: educação para a paz, mobilidade e sustentabilidade na lusofonia	€ 1.218.950	Maria do Rosário Sambo	<a href="mailto:rosariosambo@hotmail.com">rosariosambo@hotmail.com</a>	PAR	KYAMBOGO UNIVERSITY	Uganda
						TEC	UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON	United Kingdom
						APP	UNIVERSIDADE AGOSTINHO NETO	Angola
						PAR	UNIVERSIDADE EDUARDO MONDLANE	Mozambique
						PAR	UNIVERSIDADE PÚBLICA DE SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE	São Tomé and Príncipe
						PAR	INSTITUTO SUPERIOR DE CIÊNCIAS JURÍDICAS E SOCIAIS	Cape Verde
TEC	UNIVERSIDADE NOVA DE LISBOA	Portugal						



#### 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](http://www.ruforum.org) for more information.

**About The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme:** The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme supports higher education cooperation between countries in Africa. The scheme aims to promote sustainable development and ultimately contribute to poverty reduction by increasing the availability of trained and qualified high-level professional manpower in Africa. The programme's objective is to improve the skills and competences of students and staff through enhanced mobility between African countries. Strengthening cooperation between Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Africa will increase access to quality education and will encourage and enable African students to undertake postgraduate studies in the African continent. Please visit [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa_en) for more information.



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