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RUFORUM Network Universities Improve in ranking among top 100 ranked African Universities in 2017-2018

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Each year, [Webometrics](#), the largest web academic ranking of Higher Education Institutions, does the global ranking twice, based on criteria such as the number of Citations, presence, visibility and Excellence. University ranking continues to remain the common means of informing the public about the relevance and value for investment in Education. In a bid to internationalise the programs in its member universities, while remaining locally relevant, [RUFORUM](#) has facilitated the implementation of innovative approaches to learning and research such as community engagement, community- based research and e-learning. The 2018 January Edition of university ranking has 29 RUFORUM member Universities, up from 20 in the January 2017 edition, ranked among top [100 African Universities](#) according to the recently released [2018 Webometric World Universities Rankings](#).

According to these rankings, the 29 RUFORUM member Universities that ranked among the top 100 African universities that made the list of 5000 top universities worldwide in 2017 have maintained this prominence in 2018 as they continue to be featured among the top 100 African universities. Whereas South African Universities continue to dominate, with University of Cape Town maintaining its top position on the Continent, there has been an improvement in ranking of a couple of East African Universities including University of Nairobi from 8th position and Makerere University which maintained its position of 11th position.

Below is a table highlighting RUFORUM member Universities among the top 100 in Africa for January 2018 Webometrics University ranking.

Ranking	World Ranking	University	Country	Presence Rank*	Impact Rank*	Openness Rank*	Excellence Rank*
1	290	University of Cape Town	South Africa	500	413	234	265
2	455	University of the Witwatersrand	South Africa	1163	745	422	394
3	480	Stellenbosch University	South Africa	657	693	557	466
4	516	University of Pretoria	South Africa	179	715	495	543
5	641	University of KwaZulu Natal	South Africa	986	1301	584	496
6	764	Cairo University	Egypt	1094	1520	1257	558
7	874	University of Nairobi	Kenya	4	726	985	1535
8	919	University of Johannesburg	South Africa	1856	2290	593	709

9	938	University of Western Cape	South Africa	2104	1093	1106	1058
10	1099	University of Ibadan	Nigeria	2654	627	1684	1725
11	1113	Makerere University	Uganda	104	2119	2448	911
12	1122	Rhodes University	South Africa	1622	1327	1069	1350
13	1188	North West University	South Africa	1255	2370	1138	1018
14	1204	Alexandria University	Egypt	2675	2687	1342	887
15	1308	American University of Cairo	Egypt	2287	1090	1164	1845
16	1323	University of South Africa	South Africa	1516	1564	1454	1535
17	1351	Mansoura University	Egypt	1388	3667	1228	953
18	1522	Ain Shams University	Egypt	2331	6043	1529	793
19	1538	University of Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe	117	1545	3176	1949
20	1550	University of the Free State	South Africa	1936	3863	1401	1265
21	1555	University of Ghana	Ghana	1143	3352	1726	1384
22	1595	Jimma University	Ethiopia	102	874	3026	2613
23	1686	Egerton University	Kenya	2099	607	4080	2757
24	1707	Kenyatta University	Kenya	78	1445	1237	2710
25	1775	Addis Ababa University	Ethiopia	1624	4662	1947	1360
26	1793	Assiut University	Egypt	2362	5631	1394	1263
27	1802	Benha University	Egypt	1194	3854	1872	1655
28	1855	Moi University	Kenya	1503	1810	2546	2406
29	1899	Zagazig University	Egypt	2375	6113	2337	1217
30	1922	Université Cadi Ayyad Marrakech	Morocco	1740	8047	1851	1033
31	1981	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology	Ghana	215	4626	2170	1819
32	2021	University of Dar Es Salaam	Tanzania	229	3987	1928	2117
33	2037	Nelson Mandela University	South Africa	3847	4408	2839	1678
34	2140	Covenant University Ota	Nigeria	1300	2720	2501	2600
35	2160	University of Fort Hare	South Africa	4871	2514	2611	2555
36	2163	University of Tanta	Egypt	5160	7968	1376	1423
37	2178	Universidade Eduardo Mondlane	Mozambique	508	1692	6810	2502
38	2180	Al Azhar University	Egypt	5526	7107	2559	1401
39	2215	Tshwane University of Technology	South Africa	5253	5972	1891	1766
40	2237	University of Khartoum	Sudan	403	4470	1639	2446
41	2250	Université des Sciences et de la Technologie Houari Boumediene	Algeria	1522	6448	2414	17834
42	2258	Kafrelsheikh University	Egypt	4245	7418	2222	1541
43	2267	Obafemi Awolowo University	Nigeria	3847	3993	2476	2283
44	2311	Helwan University	Egypt	3582	6474	2647	1750

45	2332	Cape Peninsula University of Technology	South Africa	3090	4408	2488	2295
46	2345	Université Mohammed Premier Oujda	Morocco	3646	10703	2385	1106
47	2370	Djillali Liabes University of Sidd Bel Abbes	Algeria	1370	7177	2095	1922
48	2406	Fayoum University	Egypt	2621	8640	2943	1535
49	2434	Arab Academy for Science & Technology and Maritime Transport	Syria	3231	4398	2879	2446
50	2447	Minufiya University	Egypt	3372	9030	1980	1630
51	2463	University of Nigeria	Nigeria	2024	4291	1492	2805
52	2464	University of Botswana	Botswana	657	5377	3114	2357
53	2469	Université des Freres Mentouri Constantine 1 (Ex Université Mentouri)	Algeria	422	7237	1766	2241
54	2479	Egypt Japan University of Science & Technology	Egypt	12441	3952	2683	2502
55	2498	Mbarara University of Science and Technology	Uganda	7832	4213	4699	2241
56	2520	Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences	Tanzania	4624	8106	2537	1830
57	2524	University of Mauritius	Mauritius	2358	5585	2106	2484
58	2566	Suez Canal University	Egypt	7600	9238	5495	1249
59	2577	Université Abou Bekr Belkaid Tlemcen	Algeria	491	6841	2602	2395
60	2598	University of Zambia	Zambia	424	8780	3826	1884
61	2629	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology	Kenya	648	5217	2558	2805
62	2641	South Valley University	Egypt	3965	8222	2520	2058
63	2647	Université Mohammed V de Rabat	Morocco	857	10902	7268	1027
64	2654	University of Lagos	Nigeria	3052	5478	2662	2635
65	2686	Université de Bejaia	Algeria	460	9819	2493	2025
66	2701	Ben Suef University	Egypt	6548	11828	1397	1567
67	2703	British University in Egypt	Egypt	7652	9496	2427	1830
68	2783	Ahmadu Bello University	Nigeria	2001	7272	2870	2521
69	2800	German University in Cairo	Egypt	6036	6392	2190	2689
70	2821	Federal University of Technology Minna	Nigeria	3862	4585	2844	3090
71	2875	Durban University of Technology	South Africa	412	5175	1680	3412
72	2880	Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar	Senegal	454	3776	9593	2079
73	2914	Université Mohamed Khider Biskra	Algeria	500	8651	3009	2600
74	2927	Université Kasdi Merbah Ouargla	Algeria	433	2585	4407	3839
75	2948	University of Lipompo	South Africa	5968	8125	3100	2484
76	3005	Université d' Abomey-Calavi	Benin	2281	9177	3281	2474

77	3011	Université Setif 1Ferhat Abbas Setif	Algeria	993	10436	3341	2270
78	3059	University of Cape Coast	Ghana	1051	8915	2710	2757
79	3036	Université de Younde	Cameroon	17077	11495	4495	1607
80	3074	Université Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah Fes	Morocco	2401	9485	3202	2521
81	3086	Université Badji Mokhtar de Annaba	Algeria	2316	12382	3170	1955
82	3090	Université Ibnou Zohr d'Agadir	Morocco	4490	9702	3853	2327
83	3118	University of Ilorin	Nigeria	4441	6650	1855	3300
84	3121	École Nationale Polytechnique d'Alger	Algeria	1459	11209	2393	2446
85	3176	Federal University of Technology Akure	Nigeria	2429	8984	2643	2912
86	3179	Al Akhawayn University Ifrane	Morocco	2596	4345	3847	3671
87	3185	Université de Tunis El Manar	Tunisia	2732	10616	9593	1082
88	3215	Université Mouloud Mammeri de Tizi Ouzou	Algeria	1598	9357	4116	2710
89	3248	University of Malawi	Malawi	4490	9230	9093	1630
90	3273	Université Hassan II de Casablanca	Morocco	5274	16465	4329	1287
91	3294	Université des Sciences et de la Technologie d'Oran Mohamed Boudiaf	Algeria	3249	10616	3828	2555
92	3313	Université de Jijel	Algeria	1874	11935	3212	2474
93	3324	Université de Ouagadougou	Benin	17654	8570	4958	2586
94	3326	Zewail City of Science and Technology	Egypt	14668	12704	719	2541
95	3335	Université Abdelhamid Ibn Badis Mostaganem	Algeria	1889	8140	3497	3229
96	3341	University of Venda	South Africa	10543	8995	2380	3035
97	3362	Université de Sfax	Tunisia	15709	12026	9593	902
98	3380	Université M'Hamed Bougara de Boumerdes	Algeria	2263	10568	4089	2689
99	3380	(1) Université de Dschang	Cameroon	14054	11127	3594	2418
100	3394	Mekelle University	Ethiopia	7698	10382	4050	2613

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Notes to Editors:

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