

Press Release



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Fourteen (14) African universities including five RUFORUM members listed among top 1000 universities worldwide

The 2018/19 edition of the [Center for World University Rankings](#) (CWUR) , which were released on 28, May 2018, listed 14 African universities from five countries among the top 1000, five of which are RUFORUM member universities. South Africa (7), Egypt (4) and Uganda, Tunisia, Nigeria with one each.

Since 2012, the Center for World University Rankings independently measure a university's quality of education and training of students, the prestige of their academic staff members and the quality of their research without relying on reputational surveys and university data submissions. For the 2018/19 edition of the CWU Rankings, 18,000 higher education institutions were evaluated, among which only the best 1,000 research-intensive universities received a ranking.

The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) classification for the top 1,000 universities is based on seven performance indicators, six of which contribute 15% each and the seventh 10% to the overall percentage. These are; 1) Quality of Education, measured by the number of a university's alumni who have won major international awards, prizes, and medals relative to the university's size; 2) Alumni Employment, measured by the number of a university's alumni who have held CEO positions at the world's top companies relative to the university's size; 3) Quality of Faculty, measured by the number of academics who have won major international awards, prizes, and medals; 4) Research Output, measured by the total number of research papers; 5) Quality Publications, measured by the number of research papers appearing in top-tier journals; 6) Influence, measured by the number of research papers appearing in highly-influential journals; 7) Citations, measured by the number of highly-cited research papers.

Below is the list of the fourteen (14) universities from African five of which are RUFORUM member universities.

#	Name of University	Country	Global Ranking
1	University of Cape Town	South Africa	223
2	University of Witwatersarand	South Africa	230
3	University of Kwazulu Natal	South Africa	402
4	University of Pretoria	South Africa	438
5	Stellenbosch University	South Africa	448
6	Cairo University	Egypt	452
7	Ain Shams University	Egypt	715
8	Makerere University	Uganda	771
9	University of Johannesburg	South Africa	790
10	Mansoura University	Egypt	884
11	Alexandria University	Egypt	903
12	Tunis El Manar University	Tunisia	908
13	North-West University	South Africa	964
14	University of Ibadan	Nigeria	991

Notes to Editors:

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), is a consortium of 85 African universities operating in 36 countries on the continent with a Vision for vibrant, transformative universities catalysing sustainable, inclusive agriculture development to feed and create prosperity for Africa. RUFORUM was established by Vice Chancellors in 2004 with a Secretariat hosted at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. In 2014 RUFORUM signed a MoU with the African Union Commission to support implementation of the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA 2024) Priority One on reducing poverty and ensuring food and nutrition security. To-date RUFORUM has supported the training of 1716 MSc and 436 PhD graduates, of whom 94% work in their countries or region, the generation of over 300 agricultural technologies and mobilized over US\$169 million for strengthening postgraduate education in Africa. Please visit www.ruforum.org for more information.

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