

Press Release



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Eleven (11) RUFORUM Network Member Universities ranked among top Universities in Africa by The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021

Kampala 11 September 2020 The Times Higher Education [World University Rankings](#), published once a year, assesses institutions worldwide across 13 performance indicators in five areas: teaching (30%), research (30%), citations (30%), international outlook (7.5%) and industry income (2.5%). This year more than 1 500 institutions were ranked in the 2021 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, across 93 countries and regions with a total of **63** Universities from Africa, and **eleven (11)** being [members of the RUFORUM Network](#).

The increase in demand for higher education in Africa demands that universities in Africa continue to demonstrate the value for the investments in Higher education by consistently showing their relevance in teaching, research, contribution to the labour force, community engagement and internationalising their institutions through academic mobility and exchange programmes. Even though controversial, University rankings have remained the common means of informing the public about the status of universities in teaching and research.

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture ([RUFORUM](#)), through its various initiatives such as trainings, research grants, Innovation and academic mobility, has for its entire existence strived to build capacity of its member universities to deliver quality education and enable them rank higher globally. According to this Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021, **eleven (11)** RUFORUM member Universities have been ranked among the top 63 Universities in Africa.

This year's ranking analysed more than 80 million citations across over 13 million research publications and included survey responses from 22,000 scholars globally.

Below is the complete list of the top 63 universities ranked in Africa according to Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021

No.	World Rank	University	Country	Overall	Teaching (30%),	Research (30%),	Citation (30%),	Industry income (2.5%)	International Outlook (7.5%)
1	155	University of Cape Town	South Africa	57.3	30.1	42.1	90.9	89.0	81.6
2	201–250	University of the Witwatersrand	South Africa	50.6–54.2	30.7	43.9	77.8	100.0	72.8
3	251–300	Stellenbosch University	South Africa	48.0–50.5	28.7	35.7	77.9	73.1	54.1
4	351–400	University of KwaZulu-Natal	South Africa	43.6–45.5	28.1	31.3	70.6	36.0	54.3
5	401–500	Aswan University	Egypt	39.8–43.5	12.4	9.1	99.9	33.4	46.9
6	401–500	Durban University of Technology	South Africa	39.8–43.5	16.8	9.4	99.9	37.5	38.8
7	401–500	University of Ibadan	Nigeria	39.8–43.5	21.4	12.2	88.5	34.0	30.9
8	401–500	Makerere University	Uganda	39.8–43.5	18.3	24.7	68.7	100.0	54.7
9	401–500	Mansoura University	Egypt	39.8–43.5	18.3	10.1	91.9	38.2	46.4
10	501–600	Ferhat Abbas Sétif University 1	Algeria	36.4–39.7	20.6	7.5	87.4	33.4	41.2
11	501–600	Lagos State University	Nigeria	36.4–39.7	12.9	7.5	93.7	33.4	31.7
12	501–600	North-West University	South Africa	36.4–39.7	20.4	18.5	73.9	39.8	48.1
13	501–600	Suez Canal University	Egypt	36.4–39.7	19.3	8.3	88.1	35.9	46.2
14	601–800	Cairo University	Egypt	30.2–36.3	22.7	15.5	55.7	34.3	35.7
15	601–800	University of Johannesburg	South Africa	30.2–36.3	22.7	30.2	33.7	42.2	71.9
16	601–800	Kafrelsheikh University	Egypt	30.2–36.3	13.1	7.8	80.0	36.5	47.0
17	601–800	University of Lagos	Nigeria	30.2–36.3	16.3	9.6	81.1	34.5	30.4
18	601–800	University of Nairobi	Kenya	30.2–36.3	13.4	8.3	68.7	33.4	46.6
19	601–800	University of Pretoria	South Africa	30.2–36.3	26.6	30.9	36.3	41.2	53.7
20	601–800	University of the Western Cape	South Africa	30.2–36.3	19.2	21.4	57.6	33.4	60.9
21	801–1000	American University in Cairo	Egypt	25.1–30.1	25.6	20.7	22.6	34.4	63.5

22	801-1000	Benha University	Egypt	25.1–30.1	15.3	7.5	57.8	34.4	42.7
23	801-1000	Beni-Suef University	Egypt	25.1–30.1	14.6	7.4	61.7	33.4	44.7
24	801-1000	Covenant University	Nigeria	25.1–30.1	18.3	18.4	51.0	45.7	30.1
25	801-1000	University of Oran 1	Algeria	25.1–30.1	31.3	7.9	47.3	34.2	40.4
26	801-1000	Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University	Morocco	25.1–30.1	24.0	7.7	59.0	33.5	22.6
27	801-1000	Sohag University	Egypt	25.1–30.1	13.7	7.4	50.5	33.5	43.4
28	1001+	Ain Shams University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	22.6	10.5	37.7	34.6	36.2
29	1001+	Al-Azhar University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	14.5	7.7	22.7	33.4	46.8
30	1001+	Alexandria University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	18.8	12.9	33.9	38.4	44.8
31	1001+	Assiut University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	16.4	9.8	30.8	33.4	46.7
32	1001+	University of Béjaïa	Algeria	10.3–25.0	14.8	8.1	38.7	33.4	43.1
33	1001+	University of Biskra	Algeria	10.3–25.0	15.5	7.4	17.2	33.4	34.1
34	1001+	Blida 1 University	Algeria	10.3–25.0	16.0	7.7	17.4	33.6	39.0
35	1001+	University of Botswana	Botswana	10.3–25.0	16.0	10.8	13.7	33.6	66.0
36	1001+	University of Constantine 1	Algeria	10.3–25.0	21.0	7.5	7.3	34.3	37.7
37	1001+	Fayoum University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	15.7	9.1	43.0	34.7	39.3
38	1001+	University of Ghana	Ghana	10.3–25.0	16.8	15.2	31.3	45.0	49.2
39	1001+	Université Hassan II de Casablanca	Morocco	10.3–25.0	18.7	8.7	26.2	35.9	28.6
40	1001+	Helwan University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	15.4	8.6	24.1	34.0	39.3
41	1001+	Ibn Tofaïl University	Morocco	10.3–25.0	19.0	10.2	27.6	37.9	23.5
42	1001+	University of Carthage	Tunisia	10.3–25.0	19.2	8.8	20.0	33.9	44.1
43	1001+	University of Manouba	Tunisia	10.3–25.0	17.8	7.8	22.0	33.4	41.9
44	1001+	University of Marrakech Cadi Ayyad	Morocco	10.3–25.0	17.8	10.2	25.9	34.5	41.0
45	1001+	Menoufia University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	15.2	7.9	32.9	35.2	36.8
46	1001+	M'Hamed Bougara University of Boumerdès	Algeria	10.3–25.0	14.9	7.2	13.2	33.4	29.3
47	1001+	Minia University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	15.1	7.3	30.5	33.5	44.9

48	1001+	Mohammed V University of Rabat	Morocco	10.3–25.0	27.2	10.3	14.8	41.6	27.9
49	1001+	University of Monastir	Tunisia	10.3–25.0	19.0	9.0	16.5	33.4	43.5
50	1001+	University of Nigeria Nsukka	Nigeria	10.3–25.0	23.1	8.9	22.1	34.2	27.2
51	1001+	Obafemi Awolowo University	Nigeria	10.3–25.0	17.7	9.3	13.7	36.3	33.3
52	1001+	Port Said University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	13.9	7.2	19.6	33.4	42.3
53	1001+	University of Sciences and Technology Houari Boumediene	Algeria	10.3–25.0	15.7	8.3	8.1	33.5	35.5
54	1001+	University of Science and Technology of Oran Mohamed-Boudiaf	Algeria	10.3–25.0	18.7	7.2	6.4	33.6	36.0
55	1001+	University of Sfax	Tunisia	10.3–25.0	25.6	11.1	16.4	33.4	41.8
56	1001+	University of Sousse	Tunisia	10.3–25.0	22.9	8.1	13.7	33.4	37.4
57	1001+	University of South Africa	South Africa	10.3–25.0	23.3	22.8	25.2	34.4	34.5
58	1001+	South Valley University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	15.1	9.2	39.8	33.6	44.7
59	1001+	Tanta University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	14.7	7.5	45.0	33.6	41.0
60	1001+	University of Tlemcen	Algeria	10.3–25.0	26.5	8.3	5.1	33.5	35.4
61	1001+	Tshwane University of Technology	South Africa	10.3–25.0	15.4	11.5	41.7	38.3	44.4
62	1001+	University of Tunis El Manar	Tunisia	10.3–25.0	25.8	10.1	18.5	33.5	41.1
63	1001+	Zagazig University	Egypt	10.3–25.0	13.7	7.4	42.3	33.4	40.6

Notes to Editors:

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), is a consortium of 129 African universities operating in 38 countries on the continent with a mission to ‘strengthen the capacities of Universities to foster innovations responsive to demands of smallholder 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 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. RUFORUM has supported the training of 1958 MSc and 536 PhD graduates, of whom 98% work in their countries or region, the generation of over 300 agricultural technologies and mobilized over US\$214.9 million for strengthening postgraduate education in Africa. Please visit www.ruforum.org for more information.

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