

Press Release



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The 19th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting, October 28 to November 2, 2023



Palais des congrès in yaoundé, Cameroon

September 22, 2023 – The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is delighted to announce the 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM), scheduled to be held from October 28th to November 2nd, 2023, in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The AGM will bring together educators, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders from across Africa to explore the connection of higher agricultural and tertiary education and sustainable agricultural development.

Under the theme "***Transforming Higher Education to Sustainably Feed and Create Prosperity for Africa***," the 19th RUFORUM AGM promises to be an educational forum for thought leadership, collaboration, and innovation. Attendees can expect insightful plenary sessions, engaging panel discussions, capacity-building workshops, and invaluable networking opportunities, all geared towards fostering sustainable agricultural practices and advancing higher education in Africa.

Key activities of the 19th RUFORUM AGM include Scientific Sessions, RUFORUM Governance meetings (Deans and Principals, Vice Chancellors Forum), Side Events, Exhibitions and Poster Presentation, and the 19th Annual General Meeting among others. The AGM promises key note

speakers in the field of Agriculture, Higher Education Science and Technology. The President of the Republic of Cameroon His Excellence Paul Biya will officially open the AGM.

To ensure accessibility to all participants, the 19th RUFORUM AGM will be hosted as a blended event, allowing individuals from diverse backgrounds to engage fully in the discussions. We encourage all interested parties to register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RUFORUMAGM2023>.

For more information regarding the 19th RUFORUM AGM, including registration details, and the event program, please visit the official website at <https://ruforum.org/AGM2023/>.

Notes to Editors:

About RUFORUM:

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is a consortium of 163 African universities in 40 countries on the continent. Its mission is to 'strengthen the capacities of Universities to foster innovations responsive to the demand 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, and national agricultural research institutions. RUFORUM was established by Vice Chancellors of 10 universities- in 2004 with and headquartered at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. In 2014 RUFORUM signed an MoU with the African Union Commission to support implementation of the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA 2024) Priority Area One on reducing poverty and ensuring food and nutrition security. RUFORUM has supported the training of 2053 MSc, 627 PhD graduates and 229 BSc, of whom 98% work in their countries or region, the generation of over 300 agricultural technologies and mobilized over US\$236.3 million for strengthening postgraduate education in Africa. Please visit www.ruforum.org for more information.

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