

Press Release



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Save the Date: The RUFORUM Sixth Biennial Conference, Confirmed for 22-26 October, 2018

27th October, 2017
Kampala, Uganda



It gives us great pleasure as the Organising Committee, to invite you to the sixth RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 2018 also known as the 'African Higher Education Week' to take place 22 – 26 October 2018 at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC), Nairobi, Kenya under the Theme '*Aligning African Universities to Accelerate Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals*'.

The main objective of the Conference is to provide opportunity for African universities to demonstrate their

capacity as knowledge centers that facilitate rural innovation to solve community problems to leading to achievement of the sustainable development goals. The Conference will therefore provide opportunity for individuals, organizations and others to share best practices, experiences and lessons including how to best harness demographic dividends on the continent.

The Conference is expected to bring together over 800 delegates from across the continent with a large proportion university student (BSc, MSc and PhD), and Vice-Chancellors, policy makers, industry, development partners. Key institutions will be represented at the meeting, including the African Union Commission, regional Economic communities, higher education networks and institutions, research organisations, and others. The Biennial Conference is RUFORUM's most comprehensive meeting for the diversity of stakeholders in Agriculture, Higher Education and Policy space that aims to provide platform for improving the quality and relevance of higher education in Africa.

The 2018 RUFORUM Biennial Conference will purposely expose the higher agricultural education sector to new methods, approaches and practices. Importantly, the Conference will expose young researchers to professional communities of practice. It will also be an opportunity to create linkages between the diverse stakeholders and players towards more efficient delivery of Sustainable Development Goals and a greater role of higher education in the process. For more information please click [here](#) .

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 for more information.

For additional information, photos and interviews with key delegates, contact Ms Joan Apio, Communications Publicity and Marketing Officer, below.

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