

Press Release

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Draft Programme for RUFORUM 15th, Annual General Meeting in Cape Coast, Ghana Released

Kampala 01 July 2019 The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is pleased to release the draft programme for the fifteenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is scheduled for 27th, November - 09 December, 2019 at the University of Cape Coast (UCC) in Ghana. The theme of the Annual General Meeting is *“Delivering on Africa’s Universities Agenda for Higher Agricultural Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (AHESTI): What will it take?”*

RUFORUM holds the AGM annually on a rotational basis with this year’s being the first AGM that will be hosted in West Africa following RUFORUM’s strategic geographical expansion in 2014 to include Universities in Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Togo, Sierra Leone and Senegal.

This AGM is anticipated will be attended by a wide range of delegates including Ministers of Agriculture and Education and their respective Permanent Secretaries, Vice Chancellors, Principals and Deans, partners and Heads of development institutions, private sector leaders, farmers and farmer representatives, emerging and early career researchers and young entrepreneurs from especially Ghana and other West African countries. Universities, private sector actors and young entrepreneurs shall have the opportunity to showcase their innovations, products and services, network and broker partnerships with one another.

RUFORUM shall recognise farmers that have made significant contribution to agricultural transformation in Ghana as part of supporting national efforts for the advancement and transformation of agriculture. RUFORUM shall also recognise scientists and other actors that have made significant contribution and supported the advancement of excellence in research and higher education for the development of Africa. Young Innovators and Entrepreneurs from West Africa will be recognised as part of promoting the contribution of youth to economic growth and development of Africa.

A number of Pre-AGM Side events will take place and will include; Post-Doctoral fellows training, targeted skill enhancement training for University Principals and Deans, Leadership and



management training for the Forum for Women Vice Chancellors in Africa, Social media training for students from RUFORUM member universities in Ghana among many others.

Download the complete press release and visit the conference website www.ruforum.org/AGM2019 for more details.

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Notes to Editors:

Established by 10 African university Vice Chancellors in 2004, the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is a consortium of 105 African universities operating in 37 countries on the continent with a vision to create “*vibrant transformative universities to catalyse sustainable inclusive agricultural development to feed and create prosperity for Africa*”. RUFORUM Secretariat is hosted by the Ministry of Education and Sports in Uganda with Secretariat at Makerere University in Kampala. 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. As of August 2017, RUFORUM has supported the training of 60 Under graduates, 1,883 MSc and 503 PhD graduates of whom, 94% work in their home countries or region, generated over 300 agricultural technologies and mobilized over US\$201 million for strengthening postgraduate education in Africa. Please visit www.ruforum.org for more information.

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DRAFT OVERVIEW PROGRAMME FOR
RUFORUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019
 Hosted by the Government of Ghana and Ghanaian RUFORUM Member Universities
 Venue: University of Cape Coast
 Dates: 27th November to 9th December, 2019

DAY	MORNING SESSIONS AND SIDE EVENTS 8:30-10:30	BREAK	MID-MORNING SESSIONS AND SIDE EVENTS 11:00-13:00	LUNCH	AFTERNOON SESSIONS AND SIDE EVENTS 14:30-17:00	BREAK	EVENING SESSIONS AND EVENTS 19:00-21:00
WEDNESDAY 27 th November	Arrival of RUFORUM Secretariat Staff		Arrival of RUFORUM Secretariat Staff		Arrival of RUFORUM Secretariat Staff		Free Space
THURSDAY 28 th November	Arrival of RUFORUM Secretariat Staff Social media training for UCC to cover the AGM Debriefing of Ghana Government officials in Accra		Arrival of RUFORUM Secretariat Staff Social media training for UCC to cover the AGM Debriefing of Ghana Government officials in Accra		Arrival of RUFORUM Secretariat Staff Social media training for UCC to cover the AGM Debriefing of Ghana Government officials in Accra		Free Space
FRIDAY 29 th November	Arrival of RUFORUM Secretariat Staff Arrival of Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists		Arrival of RUFORUM Secretariat Staff Arrival of Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists		Arrival of RUFORUM Secretariat Staff Arrival of Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists		Meeting of Secretariat Staff



	RUFORUM – LOC planning meeting		RUFORUM – LOC planning meeting		RUFORUM – LOC planning meeting		
SATURDAY 30 th November	Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists		Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists		Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists		Free space Selected presentations by Post-Doc fellows
SUNDAY 1 st December	Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists Arrival of FAWoVC members Arrival of Principals and Deans		Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists Arrival of FAWoVC members Arrival of Principals and Deans RUFORUM – LOC planning meeting		Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists Arrival of FAWoVC members Arrival of Principals and Deans		Free space
MONDAY 2 nd December	Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists Symposium for FAWoVC EU-Africa Higher Education Side event Setting up of Exhibitions and Posters		Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists Symposium for FAWoVC EU-Africa Higher Education Side event Setting up of Exhibitions and Posters		Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists Symposium for FAWoVC EU-Africa Higher Education Side event Setting up of Exhibitions and Posters		Free space



<p>TUESDAY 3rd December</p>	<p>Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists</p> <p>Symposium for FAWoVC</p> <p>Entrepreneurship Training and market place for Principals and Deans</p> <p>Arrival of the Vice Chancellors</p> <p>Arrival of Member States Government Technical Experts</p> <p>Exhibitions and Posters</p>	<p>Skills Enhancement training for Post-Doctoral Fellows and Emerging Scientists</p> <p>Symposium for FAWoVC</p> <p>Entrepreneurship Training and market place for Principals and Deans</p> <p>Arrival of the Vice Chancellors</p> <p>Arrival of Member States Government Technical Experts</p> <p>Exhibitions and Posters</p>	<p>Public Dialogue, Address by Prof. Patrick Loch Otieno Lumumba</p> <p>Arrival of Member States Government Technical Experts</p> <p>Exhibitions and Posters</p>	<p>Free space</p> <p>Dinner hosted by UCC VC for other VCs and invited dignitaries (TBC)</p> <p>Dinner hosted by UCC for Principals and Deans (TBC)</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 4th December</p>	<p>Vice Chancellors' Forum (Includes Principals and Deans)</p> <p>Technocrats Round Table Dialogue</p> <p>Arrival of Ministers</p> <p>Exhibitions and Posters</p>	<p>Vice Chancellors' Forum (Includes Principals and Deans)</p> <p>Technocrats Round Table Dialogue</p> <p>Arrival of Ministers</p> <p>Scientific Sessions</p> <p>Exhibitions and Posters</p>	<p>Ministers and Vice Chancellors Policy Dialogue</p> <p>Scientific Sessions</p> <p>Exhibitions and Posters</p>	<p>Welcome Dinner for the Ministers and invited guests (TBC)</p>



THURSDAY 5 th December	RUFORUM Board Meeting Principals and Deans' Meeting Ministerial Round Table Scientific Sessions		RUFORUM Board Meeting Principals and Deans' Meeting Ministerial Round Table Scientific Sessions		Official AGM Opening and Recognition Awards	Cocktail Reception (TBC)
FRIDAY 6 th December	RUFORUM Business Meeting and Young Innovators Award Training for Sentinel students		RUFORUM Business Meeting and Young Innovators Award Training for Sentinel students Interactive session for FAWoVC, other senior women leaders and emerging scientists		RUFORUM Business Meeting Training for Sentinel students Interactive Session of FAWoVC, Other senior Women Leaders and emerging Scientists Interactive session for FAWoVC, other senior women leaders and emerging scientists	Gala Dinner (TBC)
SATURDAY 7 th December	Departures Wrap-up Meeting for RUFORUM Secretariat, Ghana LOC, Host team for AGM 2020 and Host Team (University of		Departures Wrap-up Meeting for RUFORUM Secretariat, Ghana LOC, Host team for AGM 2020		Departures Tours for various Groups	Dinner for LOC



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SUNDAY 8 th December	Departures		Departures Tours for various Groups		Departures Tours for various Groups		Departures
MONDAY 9 th December	Departures		Departures		Departures		Departures





KEY

RUFORUM	Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture
LOC	Local Organising Committee
FAWoVC	Forum for Women Vice Chancellors in Africa
UCC	University of Cape Coast

