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**Harare International Conference Centre,**  
**Zimbabwe**



Theme: Strengthening Africa's Agri-food Systems in the Post  
COVID-19 Era – Opportunities and Challenges

## Events Programme Handbook





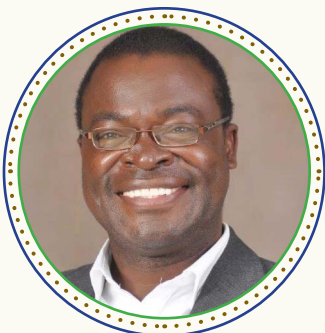
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# Ministerial Round Table



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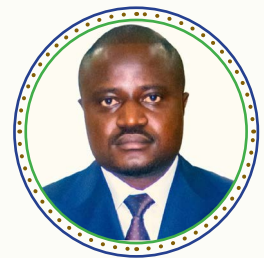
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**Prof. Theresia Nkuo-Akenji**  
RUFORUM Board Chair &  
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## Message from the RUFORUM Board Chair



**A**s members of the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) we come together yet again to engage on issues that affect livelihood, human capital development in general and, higher agricultural education in particular. The founding of RUFORUM in 2004 was routed in the need for home grown solutions that address the challenges facing the African continent, starting with capacity in the university subsector. While the overall context is shifting, the purpose towards, “a vibrant agricultural sector linked to African universities which can produce high-performing graduates and high-quality research responsive to the demands of Africa’s farmers for innovations and able to generate sustainable livelihoods and national economic development” has not wavered. Universities have to be grounded and connected to the real world.

The 18th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting focusing on the opportunities and challenges as we strengthen Africa’s Agri-food Systems in the Post COVID-19 Era, gives an opportunity for a collective navigation of the emerging trends. There are prospects to harness partnerships, networks and embrace digitalization, foresight studies and human capacity development that will enable the universities at institutional and individual level to build resilience to contribute

towards Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Covid-19 pandemic not only underscored global interconnectedness but also opened us to the glaring deficiencies that face us as a continent. When the world stage has fully embraced the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and now steadily progressing towards 5IR with quantum computing investment at close to \$35.5 billion, it is an impetus for African universities to reflect on how they can leapfrog to comfortably harness such technology for the benefit of the African population. The onus is on us as universities to come up with initiatives that ensure that science, technology and innovation is customized and domesticated meaningfully.

The AGM is an opportunity to share lessons and build on the strengths of each other within a multi-stakeholder environment to chart the most plausible way forward. Where previously we would wait for the 5-day Annual General Meeting at a physical location, the 18th AGM commenced virtually in August. This has enabled us to broaden scope and galvanize dialogue on key areas, such as the response to the UN Food Systems Summit and how to harness global partnerships for advancement in higher education, research and development.

RUFORUM’s purpose is to transform the mode of leadership, teaching, training, research and outreach in African Universities Faculties/Colleges of Agriculture and related sciences. I believe that it is our responsibility as educators, researchers, policy makers, practioners and leaders in the global south and everyone participating in the 18<sup>th</sup> RUFORUM Annual General Meeting, to identify appropriate pathways and recommend investments that will bring the highest return and ensure the Africa we want and that the world of tomorrow is better than the world of today.

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**Prof. Theresia Nkuo-Akenji**  
RUFORUM Board Chair

## Farewell Message from Outgoing Executive Secretary



**I**n late 2003 I was appointed by 10 Vice Chancellors from five countries (Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Uganda and Zimbabwe) to set up RUFORUM (Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture) as a University Organisation for collaborative undertakings by the 10 Universities for strengthening graduate training and research linked to addressing the needs of small holder farmers in the five countries, harness comparative advantage of each member university for economies of scale and scope, and as a platform for Networking, resource mobilisation and advocacy for Higher agricultural education in Africa. I assumed Office in January 2004. My immediate task was to set up RUFORUM as an Umbrella Organisation with each University as an independent organisation but linking and working with the other Member Universities. Graduate students would be the key delivery mechanism for universities to support agricultural development in their respective countries and for building university staff and research capacities.

Even at our infancy stage we recognized the need for Universities to link with other actors including policy. In 2005 we convened the First Ministerial Meeting involving Ministers of Education and Agriculture from the five founding countries (Kenya,

Malawi, Mozambique, Uganda and Zimbabwe) who spelt out their expectations of RUFORUM and indeed Universities in the continent and advised for periodic meetings for progress review to ensure alignment to Member State and Regional priorities. We developed and launched in 2006 a 10-year Strategic Plan that would guide our operations and which defined priority investment areas for capacity development in line with the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme. Promoting female education and building capacity for less endowed countries and institutions would be a core focus. We agreed to launch collaborative regional MSc and PhD training programmes and placed emphasis on University-Community engagement to foster agricultural development in the continent. We also agreed to convene biennial conference that would bring together University leaders, researchers and graduate students to interact with each other but also with other actors including policy, industry and development practitioners. In 2010 we convened a major policy advocacy event, the Conference on Higher Education in Agriculture (CHEA) that brought together Ministers of Agriculture, Education and Finance and several development partners including the World Bank. This event was the precursor to the development of the World Bank IDA funded African Higher Education Centres of Excellence. During the RUFORUM 2014 Conference in Maputo, Mozambique, the RUFORUM Vice Chancellors requested the then Chair of the African Union Commission, H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma to set up a High level Policy platform of African Heads of State to champion the advancement of Education and Science, Technology and innovation development in Africa. Her Excellency responded positively and thereafter the African Heads of State and Governments set up the Committee of 10 African Heads of State championing Education, Science, Technology and Innovation development in the continent (C10). The AUC in turn urged RUFORUM to expand its work beyond Eastern



and Southern Africa to other regions of the continent. In a Phased manner RUFORUM has expanded to today 161 Universities in 40 African countries spanning all the five geographical regions of the continent. RUFORUM has also expanded its scope of work to embrace the broader STI ecosystem but with the niche and focus on supporting agricultural development and enhancing Food and Nutrition Security in the continent. We also embarked on forging greater engagement of our Universities with TVET institutions. The Network has established a vibrant academic mobility programme enabling students and staff to train and share experience across the continent. Over 97% of the alumni have remained working in their home countries and regions and are championing development across the continent. Universities today are better linked to development issues in their countries and are strengthening linkages with other actors

in their countries, regions and globally.

But a lot still needs to be done. We still have a high human capacity deficit in the continent; our research output is still low (only 2% of the global output) and unfortunately there is still rampant poverty and food and nutrition insecurity in the continent. Nevertheless I see hope for the continent because we have at least in place institutions to drive change and African universities are playing an increasing visible role. We must intensify advocacy for sustained investment across the education value chain and work to ensure inclusivity in the investments being made. Of critical importance is to promote peace and harmony across our continent. As I leave RUFORUM after 18 years of service to the Organisation, I pray and wish our continent and African universities all the success in their undertakings. **Au revoir et bon voyage!**

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**Prof. Adipala Ekwamu**

RUFORUM Executive Secretary

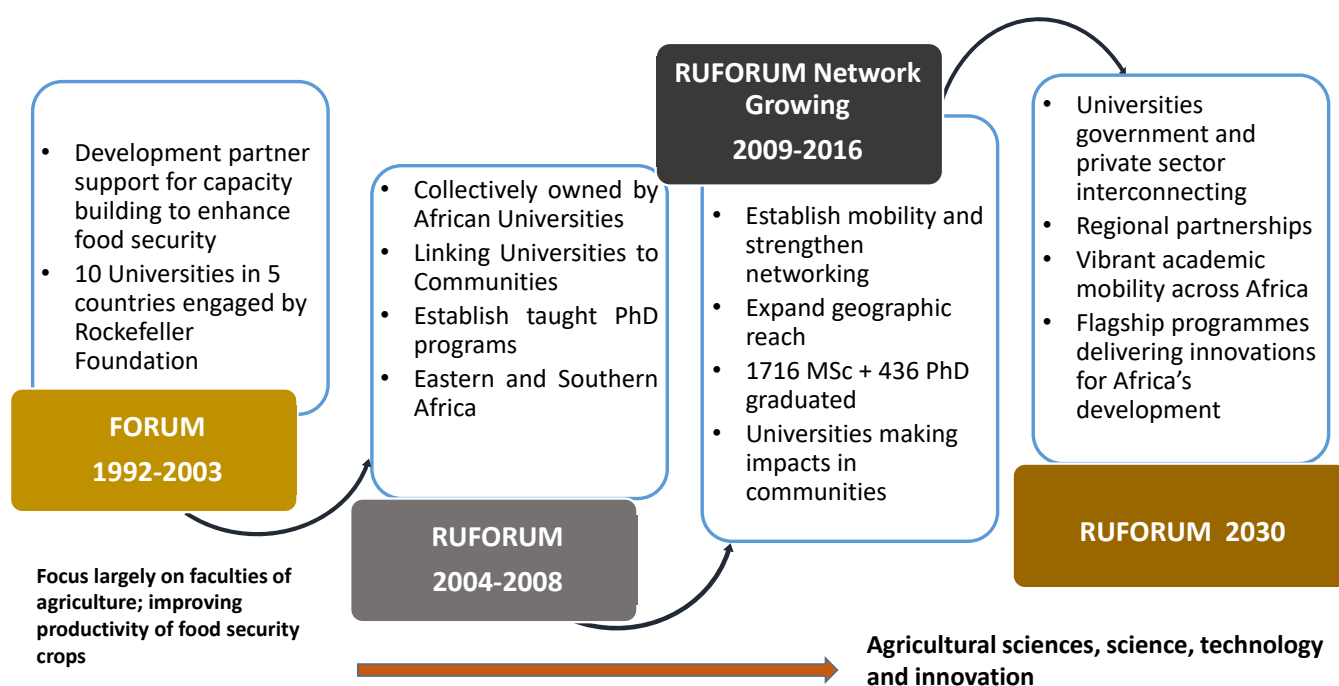


# About RUFORUM

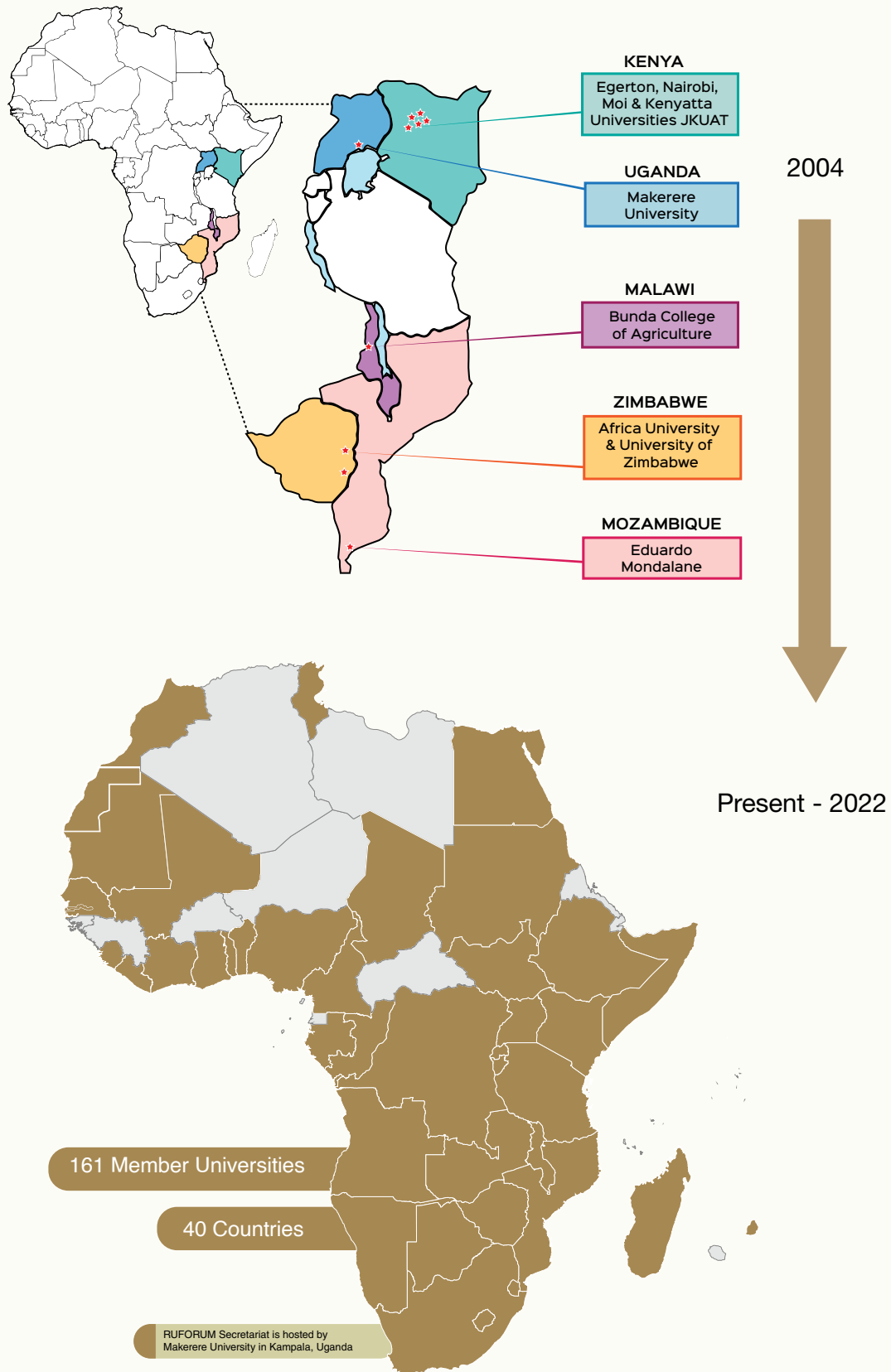
The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), established by ten Vice Chancellors in 2004, is a consortium of 161 African universities operating within 40 countries spanning the African continent. RUFORUM is coordinated by a Secretariat hosted by Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. The organisation evolved from its predecessor, the Forum on Agricultural Resource Husbandry (FORUM) program of the Rockefeller Foundation. RUFORUM is registered as an International Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) and has mandate to oversee graduate training. In July, 2014, RUFORUM signed a cooperation agreement with the African Union to support the implementation of the new African Union for Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa, 2024 (STISA 2024).

## RUFORUM Growth Pathway/ Journey and Focus

RUFORUM growth arose out of the recognition by ten universities in East and southern Africa that there were considerable gains to be made by continuing with the formalization of the relationships established out of a donor programme-Forum for Agricultural Resource Husbandry, “The Forum” which had been established by the Rockefeller Foundation (1992-2003). The project had been a success and the universities wanted to be able to continue to collaborate and support education and research that served small-scale farmers and society. Thus, RUFORUM establishment was catalyzed by the institutional Reform at the Rockefeller Foundation that resulted into reorientation of the agricultural strategy away from “The Forum” objectives of strengthening higher agricultural education. RUFORUM was thus based on adapting “The Forum” strategy of linking university faculty and students with other African institutions as well as with small farmers and other national innovation system actors.



Commencing with ten universities in five countries (Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Uganda and Zimbabwe) with a mission to foster integration of universities into the national agricultural innovation systems; provide a platform for training quality graduates and carry out research that supports development processes in Africa, RUFORUM has grown to 161 universities in 40 African countries.



# About the 18<sup>th</sup> RUFORUM Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting oversees RUFORUM's program and management and performs such functions and tasks that it deems necessary to carry out its mandate, and accomplish its mission. RUFORUM's Vision and Mission recognize the largely unfulfilled role that Universities play in contributing to the well-being of small-scale farmers and economic development of countries in Africa. This contribution is made through building leadership and management capacity of university academic and administrative staff, quality training of graduates entering the rural development and research for development workforce and the production and dissemination of demand-driven, development-oriented research that is defined and applied through participatory processes linking researchers, farmers, policy-makers, and business. One of the key avenues for reaching policymakers is through generating and disseminating policy documents but this should be supplemented with face-to-face meetings especially since policy-makers may not find time to read and internalize the messages being conveyed in the published policy briefs. In this regard, efforts must be made by universities to better understand the needs of policy makers and policy making processes for engagement. The rapid expansion in the number of universities and student enrolments coupled with several developments that are rapidly manifesting at regional and national levels provides further justification for the need to engage with policy makers at the highest level. Clearly, a Network such as RUFORUM and its AGM is well placed to provide a forum to deliberate on pathways for addressing existing and emerging challenges.

The 18<sup>th</sup> AGM has a particular focus on engaging governments and development partners to support Higher Education in Africa. The theme for this 18<sup>th</sup> AGM is "Strengthening Africa's Agri-food

Systems in the Post COVID-19 Era – Opportunities and Challenges" As such the 18th RUFORUM AGM is convened with the following objectives:

1. Provide a forum for the RUFORUM Governance organs to reflect on progress made on the implementation of various programs and initiatives of the RUFORUM network;
2. Provide a platform for RUFORUM Secretariat to sensitize the Network members about the 2nd RUFORUM Operational Plan for the RUFORUM Vision 2030 Strategy (The African Universities' Agenda for Agricultural Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation - AHESTI) which consolidates and builds upon the achievements of the first Operational Plan (2018-2022), which sought to attract and nurture (through the transformative process of learning and knowledge accumulation) superior postgraduate talent into agriculture in Africa to achieve significant economies of scope and scale in rigorous and relevant training;
3. Profile and inform the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe and other Development Partners and other stakeholders about RUFORUM engagements at regional and national levels, including, among others, RUFORUM support for Higher Education in Africa;
4. Provide opportunity for scientists, researchers and students to share their scientific findings and experiences
5. Provide a platform for RUFORUM members to establish partnerships and/or teams to respond to various opportunities; and
6. Engage governments to support Higher Education in Africa and reflect on progress made in the operationalization of the five (5) continental initiatives in various countries.





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### PRE-AGM EVENTS PROGRAMME VIRTUAL WEBINAR SESSIONS

**WEDNESDAY 31 August, 2022**

SESSION TOPIC: Moving forward the UNFSS 21 Action Plan: Need for collaborative undertakings

Session Proceedings Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qz6ZrdVynk>

**MONDAY 5 September, 2022**

SESSION TOPIC: Transforming Higher Education in Africa: Moving from dialogue to action

Session Proceedings Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2rSVBoHXRU&t=66s>

**WEDNESDAY 5 October, 2022**

SESSION TOPIC: Strengthening human capital development in Africa: Where are we and what are the needed actions

Session Proceedings Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gY3DLw9uJ5Y>

**WEDNESDAY 12 October, 2022**

SESSION TOPIC: Strengthening Agri-food Systems research capacity in Africa: Overcoming bottlenecks to current and future challenges

Session Proceedings Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csOP2b\\_K0E8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csOP2b_K0E8)

**WEDNESDAY 26 October, 2022**

SESSION TOPIC: Exploring Future Frontiers for Global Collaboration and Partnership in the Field of Higher Education and Research in Africa

Session Proceedings Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wN-Du85Ns0k>

THURSDAY 10 November, 2022

SESSION TOPIC: The movement of change-makers in Africa, A TAGDev Alumni Event

Session Proceedings Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZqbTMUJX6A>

THURSDAY 17 November, 2022

SESSION TOPIC: 20<sup>th</sup> Principals and Deans Committee Business Meeting

**Meeting Link:** <https://bit.ly/3rJsXDF>

WEDNESDAY 23 November 2022

SESSION TOPIC: Pre-online training: student community engagement for achieving sustainable food security through water-energy-food nexus approach

**Meeting Link:** <https://bit.ly/3TM9ped>

WEDNESDAY 23 -24 THURSDAY November, 2022

SESSION TOPIC: Bringing Our Soils Back: Enhancing Soil Health and Fragile Ecosystems Management In The Middle East and Africa. A Joint ICBA-RUFORUM Convening Contribution to the World Soil Day

**Meeting Link:** <https://bit.ly/3Ce0iga>

FRIDAY 25 November, 2022

SESSION TOPIC: The movement of change-makers in Africa

Session Proceedings Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZqbTMUJX6A>



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### PROGRAMME

## SESSIONS OF THE AGM MAIN EVENT

Day One:  
Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

TIME	EVENT
0830-1700	<b>Student community engagement for achieving sustainable food security through water-energy-food nexus approach</b> Venue: Bindura University of Science Education
1100-1300	<b>Ministerial and Press Briefing</b> Venue: Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education Innovation Science and Technology Development, Zimbabwe
1400-1700	<b>LOC-ROC Meeting</b> Venue: Agriculture Seminar Room 1, University of Zimbabwe

Day Two:  
Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

TIME	EVENT
0830-1700	<b>Skill Enhancement Training for Graduate and Post-Doc Fellows: Research Design and Data Analysis using R-programming</b> Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB">https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB</a> Venue: Lecture Room F1, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1700	<b>Research Methods: Proposal Development and Scientific Writing Training</b> Registration Link: <a href="https://t.ly/LoWl">https://t.ly/LoWl</a> Venue: Lecture Room F4, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1700	<b>Proposal Writeshop: African Agricultural Adaptation Research</b> Venue: Lecture Room F3, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1700	<b>Curriculum Training for Trainers and Universities Managers</b> Venue: Agriculture Conference Hall, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1700	<b>Training of Trainers for Development of Climate Smart Agriculture and Climate Information System Curriculum</b> Venue: Lecture Room G3, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1700	<b>Student community engagement for achieving sustainable food security through water-energy-food nexus approach</b> Venue: Bindura University of Science Education
1400-1700	<b>Entrepreneurship Mentorship Clinic</b> Venue: Lecture Room G4, University of Zimbabwe

Day Three:  
Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

TIME	EVENT
0830-1700	<b>Skill Enhancement Training for Graduate and Post-Doc Fellows: Research Design and Data Analysis using R-programming</b> Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB">https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB</a> Venue: Lecture Room F1, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1700	<b>Skill Enhancement Training: Proposal Development and Scientific Writing Training</b> Venue : Lecture Room F4, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1700	<b>Proposal Writeshop: African Agricultural Adaptation Research</b> Venue: Lecture Room F3, University of Zimbabwe
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0830-1700	<b>Entrepreneurship Mentorship Clinic</b> Venue: Lecture Room G4, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1700	<b>Introduction to Artificial Intelligence</b> Venue: Lecture Room G5, University of Zimbabwe
0930-1300	RUFORUM Finance and Administration Committee Meeting Venue: Harare International Conference Centre
1400-1700	<b>Setting up posters and Exhibition Booth</b> Venue: Great Hall, University of Zimbabwe
1430-1700	<b>RUFORUM International Advisory Panel</b> Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3S8YP0g">https://bit.ly/3S8YP0g</a> Venue: Harare International Conference Centre
1800-2200	<b>Building a movement of change-makers in Africa: Every dot counts</b> Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3NLst8G">https://bit.ly/3NLst8G</a> Venue: Harare International Conference Centre  <b>Opening Remarks:</b> Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, RUFORUM <b>Keynote Address:</b> Ms. Pauline Gangla, Head of Scholars Program, Eastern & Southern Africa Partner Network, the Mastercard Foundation <b>Interactive session</b> with Reeta Roy, President and CEO of the Mastercard Foundation  <b>Evidence of TAGDev Impact</b> <b>Panel One:</b> Finding meaning and fulfillment in Community Service <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Monique Sognigbe, Serving Marginalized Pastoral Communities (Benin)</li> <li>2. Ms. Mahoussi Simone Assocle &amp; Mr. Nelson Koliesuah: Empowering refugees (Benin &amp; Liberia)</li> <li>3. Anthony Emaru: The 4Pillar Giveback (Kenya)</li> <li>4. Olivier Nihimbazwe: Water for Development (Burundi)</li> </ol>
	<b>Panel Two:</b> Translating entrepreneurship training into viable businesses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Gabriel Mahindu Kwendo; Comrade Dairy-Delivering value to local milk producers (Kenya)</li> <li>2. Ms. Helvi K. Unoovene; Profiting from Shea butter from Uganda in Namibia (Namibia)</li> <li>3. Ms. Ochama Juliet; Producing wine from local fruits enabling local women earn more</li> <li>4. Mr. John Mugonya, Empowering youth in entrepreneurship Agripreneurship Alliance (Uganda)</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Panel Three:</b> Adapting Institutions to deliver unique training approaches: Experiences from pilot Universities and adapting Universities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. Duncan Ongeng, Gulu University, Uganda</li> <li>2. Prof. Nancy Mungai, Egerton University, Kenya</li> <li>3. Prof. Abdirizak M. Aden, President, Nugaal University, Somalia: Experiences of adopting and adapting the Egerton University and Gulu University mode</li> </ol> <p><b>Reflections:</b> Prof. Patrick Kyamanywa, Vice Chancellor, Uganda Martyrs University, Uganda-Re-orienting Africa's Universities for impact</p>
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**Day Four:**  
**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

TIME	EVENT
0830-1100	<p><b>Official Opening of the Scientific Conference</b></p> <p><b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3yHFyvn">https://bit.ly/3yHFyvn</a></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Diamond Lecture Theatre, University of Zimbabwe</p>
0830-1700	<p><b>Skill Enhancement Training for Graduate and Post-Doc Fellows: Research Design and Data Analysis using R-programming</b></p> <p>Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB">https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB</a></p> <p>Venue: Lecture Room F1, University of Zimbabwe</p>
0830-1300	<p><b>Curriculum Training for Trainers and Universities Managers</b></p> <p>Venue: Agriculture Conference Hall, University of Zimbabwe</p>
1100-1300	<p>Tour of Posters and Exhibitions</p> <p>Venue: Great Hall, University of Zimbabwe</p>
1400-1700	<p><b>Parallel Session 1:</b> Enhancing agricultural productivity and earnings for farming communities <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3X2WK8E">https://bit.ly/3X2WK8E</a> <b>Venue:</b> Lecture Room G1, University of Zimbabwe</p> <p><b>Parallel Session 2:</b> Strengthening / Improving the performance of livestock production systems <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3URmiUz">https://bit.ly/3URmiUz</a> <b>Venue:</b> Lecture Room G2, University of Zimbabwe</p> <p><b>Parallel Session 3:</b> Environmental and natural resources management <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3ig248R">https://bit.ly/3ig248R</a> <b>Venue:</b> Lecture Room F3, University of Zimbabwe</p> <p><b>Parallel Session 4:</b> Interactive Session for Carnegie Corporation of New York funded Fellows and Graduate Students <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3Faq860">https://bit.ly/3Faq860</a> <b>Venue:</b> Diamond Lecture Theatre, University of Zimbabwe</p>
1400-1700	<p><b>Agribusiness 2030 for Jobs and Entrepreneurships</b></p> <p>Venue: Agriculture Conference Hall, University of Zimbabwe</p>
1400 – 1700	<p><b>Forum for African Women Vice Chancellors Official Opening</b></p> <p><b>Registration link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3JcYoy9">https://bit.ly/3JcYoy9</a></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Holiday Inn Hotel</p>
1900-2130	<p><b>Islamic University in Uganda Dinner Event</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Holiday Inn Hotel</p>



Day Five:  
Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

TIME	EVENT
0830-1300	<b>Parallel Session 1.1:</b> Entrepreneurship and youth employability Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3X2WK8E">https://bit.ly/3X2WK8E</a> Venue: Lecture Room G1, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Parallel Session 3.1:</b> Insects in Africa- Undercovering the Potential, Practice and Science Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3ig248R">https://bit.ly/3ig248R</a> Venue: Lecture Room F3, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Member States Technical Expert Meeting</b> Venue: Jacaranda Hall, Harare International Conference Center, Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Parallel Session 2.1:</b> Enhancing post-harvest management, value-addition and nutrition Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3URmiUz">https://bit.ly/3URmiUz</a> Venue: Lecture Room G2, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1700	<b>Skill Enhancement Training for Graduate and Post-Doc Fellows: Research Design and Data Analysis using R-programming</b> Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB">https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB</a> Venue: Lecture Room F1, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Forum for African Women Vice Chancellors: Symposium</b> Venue: Holiday Inn Hotel, Harare
0830-1700	<b>CARP Book Development</b> Venue: Lecture Room F5, University of Zimbabwe
<b>0830-1700</b>	<b>Parallel Session 4:</b> Building Resilient Crop Systems in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3Faq860">https://bit.ly/3Faq860</a> Venue: Diamond Lecture Theatre, University of Zimbabwe
1030-1700	TAGDev Steering Committee and Technical Committee Meetings Venue: Diamond Lecture Room F2, University of Zimbabwe
1100-1300	Tour of Posters and Exhibitions Venue: Great Hall, University of Zimbabwe
1400-1700	<b>Forum for African Women Vice Chancellors: Mentoring of Young Women Scientists</b> Venue: Holiday Inn Hotel
1400-1700	Entrepreneurship Mentorship Clinic Venue: Lecture Room G4, University of Zimbabwe
1400-1700	<b>Parallel session 1.2:</b> CESAAM: Insects in Africa-Under covering the Potential, Practice and Science Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3X2WK8E">https://bit.ly/3X2WK8E</a> Venue: Lecture Room G1, University of Zimbabwe
1400-1700	<b>Parallel Session 2.2:</b> Enhancing agricultural productivity and earnings for farming communities Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3URmiUz">https://bit.ly/3URmiUz</a> Venue: Lecture Room G2, University of Zimbabwe
1400-1700	<b>Parallel Session 3.2:</b> Climate Smart Innovations Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3ig248R">https://bit.ly/3ig248R</a> Venue: Lecture Room F3, University of Zimbabwe
1430-1900	<b>Round Table Discussion to Explore Possibility of Partnership for Building Capacity for less endowed countries in Africa</b> Venue: Venue: Harare International Conference Center, Zimbabwe
1900-2130	<b>Vice Chancellors Dinner</b> Venue: Royal Gardens, Harare

Day Six:  
Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

TIME	EVENT
0830-1100	<b>Forum for African Women Vice Chancellors (General Assembly)</b> Venue: Holiday Inn Hotel, Harare
0830-1300	<b>Skill Enhancement Training for Graduate and Post-Doc Fellows: Research Design and Data Analysis using R-programming</b> Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB">https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB</a> Venue: Lecture Room F1, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	Parallel Session 1: <b>Resilience of African rangelands in face of natural disasters</b> <b>Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3X2WK8E">https://bit.ly/3X2WK8E</a></b> Venue: Lecture Room G1, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Parallel Session 2: Upscaling impact of University and community connectedness</b> <b>Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3URmiUz">https://bit.ly/3URmiUz</a></b> Venue: Lecture Room G2, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Parallel Session 3: Digital innovations in agriculture and education</b> <b>Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3ig248R">https://bit.ly/3ig248R</a></b> Venue: Lecture Room F3, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Parallel Session 4: Annual General Meeting of African Crop Science Society</b> Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3Faq860">https://bit.ly/3Faq860</a> Venue: Lecture Room G5, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Round Table Meeting of Ministers</b> Venue: Jacaranda Hall, Harare International Conference Center, Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Harnessing Digital Technologies for teaching, research and learning</b> <b>Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3UVx2RE">https://bit.ly/3UVx2RE</a></b> Venue: Diamond Lecture Theatre, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>University - Private Sector dialogue</b> Venue: Lecture Room F4, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>CARP Book Development</b> Venue: Lecture Room F5, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Entrepreneurship Mentorship Clinic</b> Venue: Lecture Room G4, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	Student community engagement for achieving sustainable food security through water-energy-food nexus approach Venue: Lecture Room G3, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	Increasing collaboration between post-graduate university training of plant breeders, crop technologist and the food security and nutrition value chain in Zimbabwe Venue: Lecture Room F2, University of Zimbabwe
1400-1700	Official Opening Ceremony of the 18th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting and launch of the RUFORUM Journey Book Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3uAz2nG">https://bit.ly/3uAz2nG</a> Venue: Harare International Conference Centre, Zimbabwe
1900-2130	Ministerial Dinner - Hosted by Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development and Zimbabwean Universities Venue: Meikles Hotel
1900-2130	Principals and Deans Dinner Venue: Royal Gardens, Harare

Day Seven:  
Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

TIME	EVENT
0830-1300	<b>Principals and Deans Meeting</b> Venue: Lecturer Room G2, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>GRA-GRG PIs/Students Meetings</b> <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3ASPbYN">https://bit.ly/3ASPbYN</a> Venue: Lecturer Room G5, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	RUFORUM-WACREN workshop: Validation of the needs assessment for open data and knowledge repository <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://t.ly/jyLH">https://t.ly/jyLH</a> Venue: Lecture Room F5, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Entrepreneurship Training: Science to Business Journey</b> Venue: Agriculture Conference Hall, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>RUFORUM Board Meeting</b> <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3PivcHN">https://bit.ly/3PivcHN</a> Venue: Innovation Hub Auditorium, University of Zimbabwe
0930-1300	BADEA Meeting with Government officials from Benin, Gambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe Venue: Harare International Conference Centre
0830-1300	Young Innovators Entrepreneurship Mentorship Session Venue: Lecturer Room F2, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	Skill Enhancement Training for Graduate and Post-Doc Fellows: Research Design and Data Analysis using R-programming  <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB">https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB</a> Venue: Lecture Room F1, University of Zimbabwe
1400-1830	RUFORUM Vice Chancellors Forum <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3utFE7s">https://bit.ly/3utFE7s</a> Venue: Diamond Lecture Theatre, University of Zimbabwe
	Free Evening



Day Eight:  
Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

TIME	EVENT
0830-1300	<b>Entrepreneurship Training: Science to Business Journey</b> Venue: Agriculture Conference Hall, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>RUFORUM Business Meeting</b> Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3uE8rWV">https://bit.ly/3uE8rWV</a> Venue: Harare International Conference Center, Harare, Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Young Innovators Entrepreneurship Mentorship Session</b> Venue: Lecturer Room F2, University of Zimbabwe
0830-1300	<b>Skill Enhancement Training for Graduate and Post-Doc Fellows: Research Design and Data Analysis using R-programming</b> Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB">https://bit.ly/3BeMMIB</a> Venue: Lecture Room F1, University of Zimbabwe
1100-1300	Tour of Posters and Exhibition Booths Venue: Great Hall
1400-1830	Closing ceremony of the 18th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Address by Outgoing Executive Secretary and Introducing New Executive Secretary</li> <li>• Prize awards: Outstanding Farmers &amp; Outstanding Upcoming Scientists from Zimbabwe, Africa Young Innovators and Entrepreneurs, and Outstanding Contributors to Africa's Development</li> </ul> Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3loalk6">https://bit.ly/3loalk6</a> Venue: Harare International Conference Centre
1900-2200	Dinner - Zimbabwean Universities host RUFORUM Board, IAP, TC and invited guests Venue: Harare International Conference Centre, Zimbabwe

Day Nine:  
Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

TIME	EVENT
0830-1300	Meeting of Zimbabwe Local Organising Committee, RUFORUM Secretariat and Cameroon 2023 AGM team Venue: Agriculture Seminar Room 1, University of Zimbabwe
<b>DEPARTURES</b>	

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