



RUFORUM 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
October 28th – November 2nd, Yaoundé – Cameroon 2023

SPECIAL CALL FOR POSTERS FOR DEANS AND PRINCIPALS

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a network of 163 Universities in 40 African Countries, will hold its 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) from 28th October to 2nd November 2023 at **Palais des Congrès in Yaoundé, Cameroon**. During the AGM, RUFORUM also holds Poster sessions to present and showcase activities and training programmes in the Faculty of Agriculture and related disciplines. The theme of the 19th AGM is **“Transforming Higher Education to Sustainably Feed and Create Prosperity for Africa.”** Poster presentations as well as exhibitions from member Universities are encouraged. The RUFORUM Secretariat now invites Faculties, schools and colleges of Agriculture and related disciplines to submit posters under the sub-thematic areas listed below.

Thematic area 1: Graduate training programmes in the Faculty of Agriculture and related disciplines.

The contribution of graduate education in resolving critical national problems and the knowledge economy cannot be disputed. Universities are the only national institutions with the self-renewing knowledge-producing capacity essential to sustain and expand the generation of new knowledge, and translation of knowledge into technologies, interventions and strategies.

RUFORUM member universities implement a variety of graduate training programmes. These programmes serve their countries and regions. This presents a range of opportunities for regional and international collaborations. You are now invited to present graduate agricultural programs and innovations, promote them, and explain the involvement of RUFORUM, other partners, and students.

The RUFORUM Secretariat, therefore, requests Principals and Deans of Member Universities to develop a poster on the different agricultural-related programmes organised in their Faculties or Colleges.

Thematic area 2: Research and other innovative activities undertaken

Research and Innovation are recognized as catalysts for development world over. They are rooted in the interaction between economic, social, political and institutional processes. Universities are



key actors in promoting research and innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship, which they do through graduate training and research.

Principals and Deans are invited to prepare their Posters highlighting their research and innovative activities in their institutions that showcase science and innovation activities in their universities research programmes. They are also encouraged to mount an exhibition of their universities. A 2m x 2 m space will be available for this purpose.

Poster Submission

Upload five-minutes recorded audio presentation (20MB maximum) and the pdf file (10MB maximum) explaining the content of your poster through the AGM website: <https://ruforum.org/AGM2023/poster-submission>.

The recorded audio presentation and pdf file have separate upload buttons in the above website.

For any inquiries kindly contact: f.artur@ruforum.org; m.nada@ruforum.org; ruforumpapers@ruforum.org and copy fidelis.ngwa@fulbrightmail.org.

Deadline for submission

- Short abstracts (150-250 words): **13th October 2023;**
- Posters: **18th October 2023.**

Poster presentations guidelines

Your poster should not be crowded. It should be in Arial font, size 36 pt, justified, and readable from 2 meters. Limit the use of text and make use of diagrams and/or pictures where appropriate.

Innovatively include the following:

- Institutional logos
- Your institution and your email address
- High resolution photos profiling your activities

Poster Board Design Layout

1. Poster Board dimensions are as follows (Height: 180 cm, Width: 180 cm as indicated in Figure 1 below). Please note that one poster board is for 2 posters.

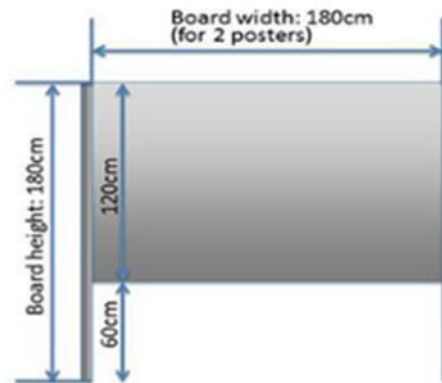


Figure 1

- Poster size should be as follows: Height: 118.9 cm, Width: 84.1 cm as indicated in Figure 2 below. Please see [link](#) for a sample poster presentation.

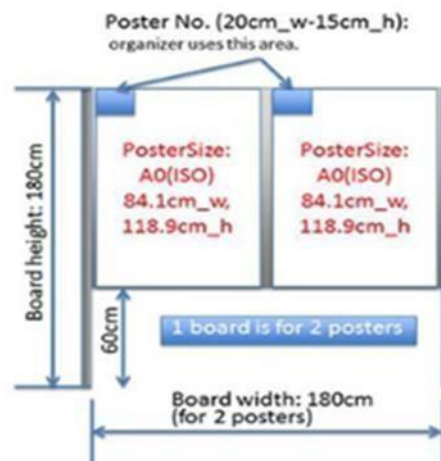


Figure 2

Poster design for virtual presentation

For virtual presentation, posters should have the following dimensions (Height: 70.106 cm, Width: 119.887 cm as indicated in [sample poster](#)).