

## Call for Participation in RUFORUM-UCC-FAWoVC Mentoring session

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) and the Forum for Women Vice Chancellors in Africa (FAWoVC) are pleased to announce a one day Mentoring Session for 150 young faculty and graduate students at University of Cape Coast, Ghana. The session offers a great platform to connect current students and young professionals with our network of experienced professionals. The mentoring session has been designed as a mid-term transformative change programme. With this session we want to encourage more women to advance their careers including taking up leadership positions. This is in line with the RUFORUM and FAWoVC objective of increasing the pool of women in Science leadership positions in Africa.

### Who should consider joining?

#### Mentees:

- Looking for career advice
- Looking for general guidance, direction and support in your field
- Wishing to network and build valuable skills

Each mentee will be linked to their own mentor based on their career interests. Our mentors are drawn from the RUFORUM network, and are experienced African-professionals from a variety of fields, such as Agriculture, Agribusiness Management and Extension, Natural Sciences, Environmental Sciences, social sciences etc. The Programme will run on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (2-5pm) at University of Cape Coast, during which time mentors and mentees will meet regularly to discuss career opportunities, aspirations and growth. Meetings will be both on a one-on-one basis, as well as with the wider cohort. Through the Programme, mentees and their mentors will have opportunities to develop new friendships and to network. Mentees will be expected to actively drive and contribute to the relationship with their mentor.

If you would like to be considered as one of our mentees, please write to our Mentorship Directors ([r.rukarwa@ruforum.org](mailto:r.rukarwa@ruforum.org); [dric@ucc.edu.gh](mailto:dric@ucc.edu.gh) ) before 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019, with one page biodata with a good quality picture.

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**About FAWoVC**

FAWoVC is an umbrella group of female university leaders in Africa that was created in 2016 to spearhead gender responsive training in higher education institutions and to increase the enrolment of female students in STEM, as well as galvanize women to take up leadership positions. FAWoVC was established to be an influential voice within the higher education space in Africa and champion the gender equality and women’s empowerment agenda, which is a requirement for the fulfilment of all the SDGs.



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**About RUFORUM**

Established by African university vice chancellors in 2004, the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is a consortium of 120 African universities operating in 38 countries on the continent with a vision to create “a vibrant agricultural sector linked to African universities which 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”. 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. Please visit [www.ruforum.org](http://www.ruforum.org) for more information.

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