



The Sixth African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM Biennial Conference,

Date: 22 October, 2018.

15th Deans and Principals Open Meeting

Background

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is a consortium of 85 universities in 36 African countries spanning the African continent. The new RUFORUM Vision 2030 is *'vibrant, transformative universities to catalyze sustainable, inclusive agricultural development to feed and create prosperity for Africa'*. RUFORUM's key strategic objectives include; 1) provide a platform for networking, 2) resource mobilization and advocacy to transform universities for relevance towards inclusive sustainable development; and 3) rationalize resource use and enhance economies of scale and scope. To implement the RUFORUM vision as a vibrant network, there is need for coordinated efforts amongst member universities and stakeholders in higher education and agricultural sectors.

Accordingly at University level, the Principals and Deans are heads of academic programmes in all RUFORUM member universities and as such play a pivotal role in shaping the strategic direction of the Organisation and are responsible for ensuring delivery of quality educational programmes. They are responsible for monitoring the skill requirements for the evolving market and to steer readjustments in training focus and delivery. Accordingly, the Principals and Deans form one of the Board Committees that is central to RUFORUM's operations.

The 15th Principals and Deans meeting brings together Principals and Deans from all RUFORUM member universities as well as associated universities seeking common goal of transforming higher education in Africa. This 15th convening of Principals and Deans will engage in dialogue on accelerating transformation of Higher Agricultural Education with a view of closing the gap in the training of market ready and entrepreneurial graduates in Africa.

Objectives of the side Event

The 15th Principals and Deans business meeting will be held on 22nd October 2018. The Principals and Deans meeting will consider the following:

- RUFORUM Outcome Evaluation
- Closed door meeting strictly for Deans and Principals

CO-ORGANISERS:





Venue and Participants

The meeting will provide opportunities to receive presentations and open discussion on topical issues selected. It will involve other actors other than the Deans

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Time	Activity	Responsible
08:30 -08:40	Introductions and welcoming remarks	Prof Adipala Ekwamu
08:40: 10:30	RUFORUM Evaluation Outcomes	Dr Tizikara
10:30 – 11:00	Tea Break	
1100-1300	Closed door meeting	Dr Anthony Egeru
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	

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