

**The Sixth African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM Biennial Conference, 22-26 October 2018**

*Biennial Program for RUFORUM Board Chairperson*

The Sixth African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM<sup>1</sup> Biennial Conference will be held 22-26 October 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya. The Conference, hosted by the Government of Kenya and Kenyan RUFORUM Member Universities<sup>2</sup> will be held at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC) in Nairobi from 22-26 October, 2018 under the theme **“Aligning African Universities to accelerate attainment of Africa’s Agenda 2063”**. The Conference will bring together over 1200 participants from across Africa and beyond. Over 15 governments will be represented by their Ministers responsible for Agriculture, Education and Science and Technology. This brief is prepared to facilitate the participation of RUFORUM Board Chairperson in the various events that are scheduled over a 10-day conference period. Please, note that the critical events that need the attention of the Board Chairperson are highlighted. For more information, including the specific program for each event, please contact [e.adipala@ruforum.org](mailto:e.adipala@ruforum.org).

Day	Event
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018</b>	
08.30-16.30	Forum for Women Vice Chancellors in Africa. ( <b>Venue: Radisson Blue Hotel</b> )
18.00-21.30	Vice Chancellors and other invited guests Dinner: ( <b>Venue: Radisson Blu</b> )
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018</b>	
08.30-13.00	RUFORUM Board Meeting. ( <b>Venue: University of Nairobi Towers, Room 405</b> )
14.00-17.30	RUFORUM Annual General Meeting. ( <b>Venue: University of Nairobi Towers, Chandaria Performing Arts Centre</b> )
18.30-21.30	Welcome to Nairobi Cocktail hosted by university of Nairobi. ( <b>Venue: Chandaria Performing Arts Centre Lobby University of Nairobi Towers</b> )
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018</b>	
09.00-13.00	Ministerial Round Table. ( <b>Venue: University of Nairobi, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Council Chamber</b> )
14.00-17.30	Official Opening Ceremony of the Sixth African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM Biennial Conference. ( <b>Venue: TSAVO, Kenyatta International Conference Centre</b> )
18.30-21.30	Cocktail hosted by Kenyan Universities. ( <b>Venue: LAWN, Kenyatta International Conference Centre</b> )
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	
08.30-10.30	<b>Plenary Session 1: Theme: Towards Agenda 2063: Catalyzing university role in influencing policy and setting development agenda.</b> ( <b>Venue: TSAVO, KICC</b> )

<sup>1</sup> The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is a Network of 85 African Universities spanning 36 African countries in all geographic regions of the African Union. As an African owned institution bringing together Agricultural and Science and Technology universities on the continent the network focuses on improving the contribution of universities to Africa’s development.

<sup>2</sup> Egerton University, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Karatina University, Kenyatta University, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Moi University, Pwani university, South Eastern Kenya University, University of Eldoret, University of Nairobi

10.30-13.00	Optional
	<p><b>Parallel Plenary 2:</b> <i>Converging the power of investment in Higher Education to transform Africa. (Venue: TSAVO A, KICC)</i></p> <p><b>Parallel Plenary 3:</b> <i>Harnessing regional and global partnerships for higher education innovation in Africa. (Venue: TSAVO B, KICC)</i></p> <p><b>Parallel Plenary 4:</b> <i>Unravelling University, Community and Private Sector Engagement for agricultural transformation in Africa. (Venue: TSAVO C)</i></p>
14.00-17.30	<b>Optional Events</b>
	AUC dialogue (Venue: <b>Serena Hotel, Allamanda</b> )
18.30-21.30	AUC-Ministers-Vice Chancellors Dinner (Venue: <b>Serena Hotel, Frangipani</b> )
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	
08.30-10.30	<b>Plenary Session 5. Theme:</b> <i>Building high level skills to deliver on African Agenda 2063.</i> (Venue: <b>TSAVO, KICC</b> )
10.30-13.00	<b>Optional Events</b>
	<p><b>Parallel Plenary 6:</b> <i>Skilling Africa's youth: the role of TVETS (Venue: TSAVO A, KICC)</i></p> <p><b>Parallel Plenary 7:</b> <i>Harnessing the Africa Youth bulge: Innovation, entrepreneurship and agribusiness incubation (Venue: TSAVO B, KICC)</i></p> <p><b>Parallel Plenary 8:</b> <i>Increasing the pool of women scientists in Africa (Venue: TSAVO C, KICC)</i></p>
14-00-17.30	<b>Open space</b>
18.30-21.30	<b>Open Space</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	
10.30-13.00	<b>Optional Events</b>
	<b>Plenary Session 9: Theme:</b> <i>Moving Africa's development agenda forward: Ingredients for success.</i> (Venue: <b>TSAVO, KICC</b> )
	<b>Optional Event</b>
	<p><b>Parallel Plenary 10:</b> <i>Harnessing the digital potential to drive agricultural/Higher education transformation in Africa (Venue: TSAVO A, KICC)</i></p> <p><b>Parallel Plenary 11:</b> <i>Building foresight capacity to guide Africa's development (Venue: TSAVO B, KICC)</i></p> <p><b>Parallel Plenary 12:</b> <i>Strengthening food and nutrition security in Africa (Venue: TSAVO C, KICC)</i></p>
15.00-17.30	Closing Ceremony & Prize awards for Young Innovators (Venue: <b>TSAVO, KICC</b> )
18.30-21.30	Gala Dinner (Venue: <b>Safari Park Hotel, Thika</b> )
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Departures