FACTSHEET ON CAPACITIES IN AGRICULTURAL HIGHER EDUCATION

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Total number of teaching staff by degree, 2000–2016

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Share of teaching staff by gender, 2016

- Male: 40%
- Female: 60%

Share of female teaching staff in each qualification level

- BSc: Not applicable
- MSc: 38%
- PhD: 75%

Share of female teaching staff by age bracket

- <41 years: 50%
- 41–50 years: 50%
- >50 years: 67%

Share of female teaching staff by position

- Deans/program heads: 80%
- Associate professors: 50%
- Other: 55%

Note: “Other” includes senior lecturers, lecturers, and assistant lecturers.

MSc and PhD-qualified teaching staff by discipline, 2016

- Plant breeding/genetics: 1 PhD, 3 MSc
- Plant physiology: 2 MSc
- Botany: 1 PhD
- Animal and livestock: 1 MSc, 1 PhD
- Natural resources: 1 PhD
- Biodiversity conservation: 1 PhD
- Food sciences and nutrition: 1 MSc, 3 PhD
- Socioeconomics: 2 MSc, 1 PhD
- Other sciences: 1 MSc, 1 PhD

Total number of peer-reviewed publications by type, 2015/2016

- Book chapters: 2015: 2, 2016: 6
- National journal articles: 2015: 6, 2016: 24
- Regional journal articles: 2015: 16, 2016: 24
- International journal articles: 2015: 2, 2016: 6

Note: Comparative data for 2014 were not available.

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### Total number of enrolled and graduated students by degree, 2017

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Note: Data for enrolled students are for all class levels in 2017; data on graduated students are for 2016/17.

### Share of enrolled and graduated students by gender, 2017

- **Share of female students enrolled within each degree level**
  - BSc: 73%
  - MSc: 41%
  - PhD: 40%

- **Share of female students graduated within each degree level**
  - BSc: 62%
  - MSc: 13%
  - PhD: 50%

### Ratio of graduated to enrolled students by degree, 2017

- BSc: 0.27
- MSc: 0.24
- PhD: 0.40

Note: Data indicate the ratio of graduated to enrolled students at each degree level.

### Ratio of enrolled students to teaching staff by degree, 2017

- BSc: 2.7
- MSc+PhD: 23.9
- Total: 23.9

Note: Data indicate the ratio of MSc and PhD students to MSc- and PhD-qualified teaching staff, and total students to total teaching staff.

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### BACKGROUND

Credible quantitative and qualitative information on existing capacities in agricultural higher education agencies in Africa are crucial for strategic planning, policy formulation, setting priorities and benchmarks, measuring progress toward benchmarks, and identifying capacity gaps. Decisionmakers require a solid understanding of existing staffing and student capacities in the higher education sector, as well as in the wider agricultural innovation systems in Africa south of the Sahara. Access to such information supports effective policymaking to address capacity issues in higher education, agricultural research, extension, and other areas. Such information remains extremely limited, however.

To fill this need, the International Food Policy Research Institute’s Agricultural Science and Technology Indicators (ASTI/IFPRI) and the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) initiated a partnership to pilot the collection of this type of data for RUFORUM’s member universities. This factsheet presents the available data results for the University of Mauritius, Faculty of Agriculture. An online version of the data is available via the Portal on Agricultural Capacity in RUFORUM Universities: [www.asti.cgiar.org/RUFORUM](http://www.asti.cgiar.org/RUFORUM).

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