

ABOUT RUFORUM MEMBERSHIP

How does a University or Organization become a Member of RUFORUM?

Membership to RUFORUM is open to all public and private universities in the Eastern, Central, North, South, and West African Sub–regions and other Institutional Stakeholders interested especially in agriculture and related sciences, and science, technology and innovation training and research for development. RUFORUM membership shall either be by formal application or by invitation by the Board. Procedures for becoming a member are outlined in the RUFORUM constitution section 11 which states that:

- a) RUFORUM shall establish a checklist for applicants which will be reviewed from time to time by the Board and the General Assembly
- b) Application for membership to RUFORUM shall be made by formal application to the Executive Secretary who will subsequently submit them to the Chairperson of the Board, three months prior to the next meeting of the Board
- c) The application shall then be submitted to the Board for consideration and ratification by the General Assembly
- d) Addition of New members is however ONLY effective following approval of applicants by the Board and the General Assembly
- e) Nomination of Individuals selected by the Board for admission shall be considered by the General Assembly.
- f) A University member from the participating countries in the Central, Eastern Northern, Southern and Western Africa region when admitted by the General Assembly becomes a core member on satisfying the criteria stipulated in the checklist

Categories of Membership

Section 10 of the RUFORUM Constitution states that RUFORUM shall have two categories of members namely: -Core members and Associate members

- (a) Core members: These include the founder members who were signatories to the existing RUFORUM Memorandum and Articles of Association signed on 19th day of January, 2004 and other regional Universities that have subsequently joined as full members of RUFORUM
- (b) Associate members: These shall include organizations involved in agriculture and related sciences, and science, technology and innovation training and



research and extension for development of the Eastern, Central, North, South, and West Africa Sub–regions. These shall include Universities and Training institutions, non-governmental organizations, national and regional agricultural research institutions in Africa, non-African research and training institutions and research foundations.

Checklist for Admission to RUFORUM membership

- **Official Status:** Universities or Organizations should be formally recognized by competent public Authorities in the Country concerned. They should have an established legal status. They should comply with any requirements of the legislative jurisdiction within which they operate.
- The University should at least have Faculty of Agriculture, Science and Technology and related sciences.
- The University should at least offer Post Graduate Training in Agriculture and related sciences
- The University must be prepared to abide by the Constitution of the organization including payment of Annual Membership Fee

