



19TH RUFORUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Date and Time: Thursday 2nd November, 2023 (08:30 – 13:00 GMT+1)

Venue: Inaugural Hall, Palais des Congrès, Yaoundé, Cameroon

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3YBvEGW>

Concept Note

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Background

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is 163-member pan African organisation founded in 2004 by Vice Chancellors whose membership is found in 40 countries (for details see www.ruforum.org). The Network serves a number of purposes:

- Strategic solidarity support to members by building capacity for each other within Africa;
- Resource mobilisation and rationalisation for efficient and effective human capital development and research;
- Strategic capacity strengthening initiatives for university leaders, future teachers and lecturers as well as researchers and development practitioners;
- Supportive transformative education agenda to place African institutions at the forefront of producing graduates who meet the future of work qualities
- Enhance university engagement in policy, research and development processes and practice.

The RUFORUM Network meets annually to review progress and share experiences with its members and other education ecosystem actors from which guidance and new thrusts are drawn. There are a number of mutually reinforcing meetings that are held in that regard by RUFORUM governance organs, policy agencies, science community as well as education and research partners from the Global South and Global North. The central meeting is the Annual General Meeting, the supreme decision-making organ of the RUFORUM Network. Member universities hold the annual General Meeting on a rotational basis. This year's AGM is hosted by The University of Bamenda, The University of Buea, The University of Dschang, The University of Maroua, and The University of Ngaoundere. The business meeting during the AGM will be held on 2nd November, 2023 at Inaugural Hall, Palais des Congrès, Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Objectives of the RUFORUM Business Meeting

The purpose of this year's (19th) RUFORUM Business Meeting is to receive, review/consider and approve the RUFORUM Network statutory reports for the year ending June 2023. It follows on previous business meetings held in Harare, Zimbabwe. Specifically, the business meeting will:

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1. Review and approve minutes of the 18th AGM, held 16th December 2022 in Harare, Zimbabwe.
2. Receive and approve reports for the activity year July 2022 – June 2023, work plan and budget proposal for the Activity Year July 2023– June 2024.
3. Receive and consider the 2022/2023 External Audit report.
4. Appoint External Auditor for the 2023/2024 financial year.
5. Provide updates for the 2025, 2026 and 2028 AGMs and 2024, 2027 and 2030 Triennial Conferences.
6. Consider requests for membership from universities that want to join RUFORUM network.

Approach and Methodology

The Business Meeting will be held both physically and virtually (<https://bit.ly/3YBvEGW>). The meeting will be held under the leadership of the Board Chair, Prof Theresia Nkuo-Akenji, Vice Chancellor, University of Bamenda, Cameroon. The Draft AGM Programme is shown below.

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Draft Programme

Session Chair: Prof. Theresia Nkuo-Akenji, RUFORUM Board Chair	
Session Rapporteurs: Mr. Okalany Emmanuel, Mr. Ekepu David and Mr. Waswa Moses	
0840-1000	Part I: Opening session of the RUFORUM 19th Annual General Business Meeting
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cameroon National Anthem 2) Welcome Remarks by Prof. Horace Manga Ngomo, Vice Chancellor, University of Buea, Cameroon 3) Remarks by Prof. Patrick Okori, Executive Secretary, RUFORUM 4) Solidarity Statement by Dr. Stephen Onakuse, President of AGRINATURA 5) Solidarity Statement by His Excellency Prof. Yerlan A. Bidaulet, Director General, Islamic Organisation for Food Security 6) Remarks by Minister of Education, Ghana 7) Remarks by His Excellency Jules Doret NDONGO, Minister of Forestry and Wild Life, Cameroon
1000-1030	Health Break
1030-1300	Part II Constitution of RUFORUM Annual General Business Meeting (AGM)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Prayers (in Silence) 2) Record of members present and apologies 3) Adoption of the Agenda 4) Communication from the Chair 5) Minutes and Actions from the 18th Annual General Meeting
	PART III: RUFORUM Annual General Business Meeting (AGM)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Presentation of Annual Report 2022/2023 by the RUFORUM Secretariat: Dr. Florence Nakayiwa, Deputy Executive Secretary, Planning/Resource Mobilization and Management, RUFORUM Secretariat 2) Presentation of the 2022/2023 Financial Report and 2023/2024 Budget Proposal: Ms. Judith Nakyobe, Finance & Administration Manager, RUFORUM Secretariat 3) Discussion of the Secretariat reports 4) Report by the External Auditor: Grant Thornton for FY 2022/2023 5) Discussion of External Audit Report 6) Appointment of External Auditor for FY 2023/2024 7) Update on upcoming Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and Triennial Conferences 8) Update on the arrangements for the 2024 Triennial Conference by Prof Kenneth Kamwi Matengu, Vice Chancellor, University of Namibia 9) Business from the Board: Formal Admission of New Member Universities 10) Vote of Thanks: Prof. Ndeye Coumba Touré, Rector, Université Sine Saloum El hadj Ibrahima NIASS (USSEIN), Senegal 11) Closing Remarks: Prof. Theresia Nkuo-Akenji, RUFORUM Board Chair & Vice Chancellor, University of Bamenda, Cameroon

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