



THE SEVENTH AFRICAN HIGHER EDUCATION WEEK AND RUFORUM TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE, 06 – 10 December 2021

Theme: Operationalising Higher Education for Innovation, Industrialisation, Inclusion and Sustainable Economic Development in Africa: A Call for Action

Call for Exhibitions

Venue: Palais des Congres de Cotonou, Benin

Background

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a Network of 128 universities from 38 African countries is organising its Seventh African Higher Education Week and First Triennial Conference to be held at **Centre International de Conférences et Palais des Congres de Cotonou, Benin** from 6th - 10th December 2021.

The conference will be held to galvanise participation, experiences and commitment of various higher education actors and promote innovation, industrialisation, inclusiveness and sustainable economic development. As part of the effort towards community transformation, universities and other institutions (NARS, RECs, NGOs, Civil Societies, etc) have substantially contributed to local and national innovations and technologies that are being adopted across regions and localities. The Triennial Conference will present a unique opportunity to such stakeholders to showcase their innovations, products, and services that are being piloted or have already made positive change in institutions as well as in the lives of farming communities they are serving through exhibitions. Likewise we invite other development practitioners, businesses and individuals to showcase their activities and products

RUFORUM therefore, invites interested institutions including universities, research institutions, development actors, private sector, civil society, individuals, and the general public including farmer groups to respond to this call for exhibitions to showcase and display their products and services. Each exhibitor will be provided with an **exhibition booth measuring 3 x 3 meters, 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 power outlet, and a label with the organization's name**. Arrangements and costs for any extra requirements will be the responsibility of the respective exhibitors.

To facilitate vibrant interaction between the exhibitors and the on and off site conference delegates, the conference organizers will integrate social media reporting within the exhibition to enhance visibility and sharing of key messages beyond the on-site conference. The exhibition will run throughout the conference and special time will be allocated in the conference programme for delegates to visit the stands. Additional conference activities will be carried out in the exhibition area to attract the delegates to the exhibition. A catalogue containing profiles of all the exhibitors will also be published and shared with delegates.

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The cost of each booth is US\$ 250 (140, 000 XOF). For event co-sponsors, exhibition costs will be covered according to their respective sponsorship packages. Other costs pertaining to travel, accommodation and out of pocket allowances will be covered by the institution represented.

To confirm participation and reserve an exhibition booth, please complete the exhibition profile form using the following link to [Application Form](#) by 30th June 2021. For further information, please contact us using the following emails: m.nada@ruforum.org; gougerano@gmail.com; cavocevou@gmail.com; triennial@ruforum.org.

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