

RUFORUM TARGETS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17

STRATEGIC ACTION AREA 1: TRAINING AND RESEARCH	
1.1	Oversight and support for the implementation of 112 Graduate Research Grants, six community action research projects and for at least 250 Masters Students provided
1.2	A scoping study on technical, vocational education and training in Africa to identify how universities could support strengthening of TVET education in Africa undertaken
1.3	Re-design of the community action research program to enhance and sustain community impact completed and at least two pilot CARP projects awarded, with envisaged reach to 10,000 households
1.4	An analysis of the status of tertiary agricultural education in Africa undertaken and the preparation of a Book, in collaboration with the World Bank and the MasterCard Foundation on Tertiary Agricultural education initiated
1.5	Implementation support for field attachment projects (at least 106) and student apprenticeship strengthened
1.6	Opportunities for at least 300 Masters and PhD graduate students to share research studies, to obtain mentorship support, skills enhancement and to engage with scientists in the agricultural space at the RUFORUM Biennial Conference provided
1.7	At least two functional networks and communities of practice promoted to facilitate knowledge sharing, generate new ideas and knowledge promoted
1.8	The RUFORUM Biennial Conference and African Higher Education week organized and held in Cape Town, South Africa
STRATEGIC ACTION AREA 2: INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING	
2.1	At least 150 university staff (including Deans/ Principals) trained on Gender (in partnership with AWARD) and in other cross cutting areas
2.2	At least 20 key strategic/thematic areas identified for curriculum reform and strengthening through 'nurturing' support
2.3	At least 40 staff development /training /exchanges at PhD level initiated through the Graduate Teaching Assistantships at Member Universities
STRATEGIC ACTION AREA 3: SERVICING THE NETWORK	
3.1	In-house capacity for development and deployment of ICT products and platforms strengthened and improvements to systems and procedures to support information access to the extensive network consistently reviewed
3.2	An online, open access data portal to track information / indicators on higher agricultural education in Africa and at RUFORUM universities established
3.3	An online monitoring and evaluation (M&E) module for tracking student performance and study progress at undergraduate and postgraduate level developed and linked to the RUFORUM Information Management System
3.4	The RUFORUM Alumni Association launched and database of RUFORUM Alumni contacts maintained
3.5	Bringing the Interactive Platform on line to strengthen the network and showcase RUFORUM projects and graduates

STRATEGIC ACTION AREA 4: NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND POLICY OUTREACH

- 4.1 At least five new partnerships / collaborations (CGIAR, private sector, business incubation, demand articulation) identified in line with the RUFORUM Strategic Business plan (2020) and documented through MoUs
- 4.2 National Forums guidelines reviewed to align to the new RUFORUM SBP (2015-2020) and at least two forums launched
- 4.3 At least two mechanisms for university-private sector, university-government and other partnerships identified, discussed and documented based on existing best practices for future implementation
- 4.4 Report on RUFORUM coordination of STISA 2024 Priority 1 activities submitted to the African Union Commission
- 4.5 A forum to support African Women Vice Chancellors launched
- 4.6 A meeting of the Committee of 10 African Heads of State championing Education Science and Technology convened in partnership with African Union and Government of Malawi
- 4.7 At least one meeting of high net-worth individuals convened to discuss support for higher education in Africa

STRATEGIC AREA 5: STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 RUFORUM University membership reviewed and recommendations for admission for new universities made
- 5.2 At least one training on strengthening university leadership and management capacity for higher education in Africa organized and held
- 5.3 Establish a management unit and recruit staff to coordinate the recently awarded MasterCard Foundation (MCF@RUFORUM) Project
- 5.4 Recruit staff to fill currently open positions at the Secretariat including the Programme Manager for Partnership and Business Management and that for ICT at the RUFORUM Secretariat
- 5.5 Annual budget subvention requests submitted to at least two national governments of RUFORUM member universities to support RUFORUM activities
- 5.6 Follow-up on outstanding membership contribution, and generate at least US\$300,000 from the 2016/17 membership subscription
- 5.7 Resource mobilization methods diversified with creation of a crowd funding platform for RUFORUM launched
- 5.8 At least 10 proposals to support implementation of the RUFORUM Business Plan drafted and submitted to funders (e.g DFID, Intra-African Academic Mobility, Erasmus +)
- 5.9 At least 30 proposals to support university level activities submitted with RUFORUM coordination
- 5.10 Convene governance meetings as provided for in the RUFORUM Governance Manual