



21st RUFORUM Annual General Meeting

1–4 December 2025

Gaborone International Conference Centre, Botswana

Theme: “Positioning Africa’s Universities and the Higher Education Sector to Effectively Impact Development Processes on the Continent”

Call for Exhibitions

Are you a trailblazer in higher education, research, or development in Africa? Do you have groundbreaking innovations, impactful research, or inspiring success stories that are shaping the continent's future? Then seize this unparalleled opportunity to showcase your contributions at the 21st Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) Annual General Meeting (AGM)!

Join us from December 1st to 4th, 2025, at the Gaborone International Conference Centre in Botswana, as we explore the pivotal theme: “Positioning Africa’s Universities and the Higher Education Sector to Effectively Impact Development Processes on the Continent.”

This isn't just an exhibition; it's a vibrant platform designed to illuminate how universities and their partners are tackling real-world challenges and championing Africa's sustainable development through research, innovation, education, and collaboration.

Why Exhibit?

The exhibition complements the AGM theme by highlighting tangible outcomes and contributions of higher education and its partners. Specifically, it aims to:

- Showcase impactful research, innovations, and academic programs from African universities
- Promote partnerships and dialogue between academia, government, and the private sector
- Give visibility to student-led initiatives, startups, and entrepreneurial efforts
- Highlight success stories and contributions from ministries, agencies, and companies supporting higher education and development

Who Should Exhibit?

We enthusiastically invite institutions and individuals who are at the forefront of higher education and development in Africa, including:

- University faculties, departments, and research centers
- Student innovators, startups, and project groups



- Government ministries and agencies in education, science, innovation, environment, and industry
- Private sector companies and organizations working with or supporting universities and research

What Can You Exhibit?

Unleash your creativity and engage our diverse audience! We welcome a range of engaging formats and content types, such as:

- Captivating research posters, insightful academic presentations, or dynamic multimedia displays
- Cutting-edge technology demonstrations, innovative prototypes, or interactive tools
- Revolutionary student-led innovations and entrepreneurial solutions
- Inspiring community engagement models and compelling real-world impact stories
- Enlightening case studies of successful university-industry or policy collaborations
- Transformative products, services, or digital platforms that champion higher education, research, and development.

Participants are encouraged to use creative, interactive, or visual formats to enhance engagement and storytelling during the exhibition.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to be part of a dynamic platform that celebrates progress, sparks dialogue, and strengthens collaboration for Africa's transformation!

Ready to Showcase Your Impact?

Submit your Expression of Interest (EOI) by **October 30th, 2025**, via email to:

- ✧ communications@ruforum.org
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Your EOI should include:

- ✧ Name of your institution/organization
- ✧ Contact person and details
- ✧ A brief, compelling description of your proposed exhibition (maximum 250 words)



Once your EOI is received, our organizing team will confirm your participation and provide comprehensive exhibition guidelines, including setup dates, venue access, and technical support.

Exhibition Fees

To ensure the exhibition remains inclusive, representative, and accessible, a participation fee applies. This fee aims to support the costs of hosting a high-quality, engaging space. Full details will be shared with interested exhibitors after submission of their EOI. We welcome all voices and encourage anyone doing work aligned to the theme to apply. Please fill in the exhibition form on the RUFORUM AGM website.

For any inquiries or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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