



Announcement of International Launch Conference

“Research in Africa Rising”

The **African Research Universities Alliance** announces its international launch conference as follows:

Theme: “Research in Africa Rising”

Dates: 3-4 April 2017

Venue: Conference Facility, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana

About the Conference: The conference is intended to introduce this new network of African Research Universities to the global community of research stakeholders, including African governments and international development agencies. It will showcase research being undertaken in ARUA member universities. Presentations will cover all the 13 thematic areas that ARUA is currently interested in, and will be done in both plenary and parallel sessions. Thematic areas to be covered are:

<i>Natural Sciences</i>	<i>Social Sciences/Humanities</i>
1. Climate change	1. Mobility and migration
2. Food security	2. Poverty and inequality
3. Non-communicable diseases	3. Unemployment and skills development
4. Materials development and nanotechnology	4. Notions of identity
5. Energy	5. Good governance
6. Water conservation	6. Post-conflict societies
	7. Urbanisation and habitable cities

The conference will be attended by 250 participants, including 160 university leaders, senior and junior researchers as well as 90 representatives from African governments, private sector, civil society and international research funders.

Persons interested in being invited to the conference may send email to aruacommunity@ug.edu.gh before 28th February 2017. Accommodation has been arranged for participants at discounted rates at Fiesta Royale Hotel in Accra.