WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING BY ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE (URAP)

Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) is ranked as the 2nd University in Tanzania and 1837th in the World Ranking by Academic Performance in 2015-2016.

As the result of this success SUA has received a certificate of performance signed by URAP Coordinator Prof.Dr.Ural AKBULUT

The URAP ranking system's focus is on academic quality. Since 2009 URAP annually gathers data about 2,500 Higher Education Institution (HEI) with highest number of publications to rank them by their academic performance. The overall score of each HEI is based upon its performance over several indicators which are described below. Once initial processing of the raw data for the 2,500 HEI's is completes, the top 2,000 of them are scored. Therefore, URAP covers approximately 10% of all HEIs in the world, which makes I one of the most comprehensive university ranking systems in the world.

URAP ranking is completely based on objective data obtained from reliable bibliometric sources. The ranking of Top 2000 world universities is based on 6 academic performance indicators. Since URAP is an academic performance based ranking , publications constitute the basis of the ranking methodology.

Both quality and quantity of publications and international research collaboration performance are used as indicators. The indicators, the data sources, and the duration of coverage are summarized in the table below.

Indicator	**Objective**	**Coverage**	**Source**
Article	Current Scientific Productivity	2014	InCites
Citation	Research Impact	2012-2014	InCites
Total Documents	Scientific Productivity	2012-2014	Web of Sci.
Article Impact Total	Research Quality	2012-2014	InCites
Citation Impact Total	Research Quality	2012-2014	InCites
International Collaboration	International Acceptance	2012-2014	InCites

The goal of the URAP Ranking System is not to label world universities as best or worst. Their intention is to help universities identify potential areas of progress with respect to specific academic performance indicators. Similar to other ranking system, the URAP system is neither exhaustive nor definitive, and is open to new ideas and improvements.

The URAP explained that current ranking system will be continuously upgraded based on their ongoing research and the feedback / suggestions of the institution. More detail at: http://www.urapcenter.org/2015/index.php