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Dear Dr Osman,

Re: Invitation to the African Researcher Career Development Workshop, 13-15 November 2024, South Africa

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), the Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS) United Kingdom, and the Network of African Science Academies (NASAC) are pleased to invite you to the African Researcher Career Development Workshop. Congratulations on your selection! The workshop will take place at the Protea Hotel Marriott Wanderers in **Johannesburg, South Africa, from 13th -15th November 2024.**

The workshop is designed to support health-focused early career researchers (post-docs with up to seven years post-PhD experience) in advancing their careers. Participants will engage in a practical three-day program focused on grant writing, delivered by experienced researchers from across Africa. The workshop will feature complementary sessions on relevant themes, presentations by accomplished senior researchers, and networking opportunities, to facilitate peer interaction and relationship building.

The organisers will cover the following expenses:

- Economy class return flights from your nearest major airport to Johannesburg, arranged by our travel agent. You are requested to arrive in Johannesburg on 12th November and depart from evening of the 15th November or early on 16th November.
- Accommodation at the Protea Marriott Hotel for 3 or 4 nights, depending on your arrival and departure dates, with standard check-in and check-out times.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner for the duration of your stay, including limited soft drinks as specified.
- Airport transfers between OR Tambo airport, Johannesburg and the Protea Hotel

Should you require a visa into South Africa, please approach the South African High Commission in your country. Participants are expected to cover the following themselves:

- Transport to and from the airport in your home country.
- The South African visa fee.
- Any required travel insurance.
- Any necessary travel vaccinations or medications (South Africa requires visitors from some countries to have a yellow fever vaccination and the associated certificate of proof for entry, please check if this applies to your country or any countries you have visited prior to attending the workshop).

These costs will not be reimbursed. If you choose not to purchase insurance or have vaccinations, this is at your own risk.

To reserve your place in the workshop, please confirm your participation by replying to Mr Mahmoud Elsadany at international.programmes@acmedsci.ac.uk **no later than Wednesday, 25 September 2024.** If you do not confirm by this deadline, your place will be offered to the next applicant on the waitlist.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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