

18 September 2024

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Sponsorship of Einas Osman's Travel to an African Researcher Career  
Development Workshop**

Einas Osman has been invited to participate in a workshop focusing on supporting the career development of African health researchers. The workshop is jointly hosted by The United Kingdom Academy of Medical Sciences, The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), and The Network of African Science Academies (NASAC).

The workshop will be held on **13-15 November 2024**, at the Protea Hotel by Marriott Johannesburg Wanderers, Johannesburg, South Africa.

The main objectives of the workshop are as follows:

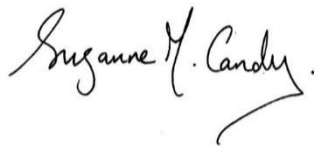
- To equip participants with practical skills in grant writing and presentation to enhance their ability to effectively communicate their research
- Provide a platform for African researchers to connect, share insights, and build collaborative partnerships.

The UK Academy of Medical Sciences will cover costs related to their travel (air and ground), as well as airport transfers. The accommodation (which includes meals) is reserved at the Protea Hotel by Marriott Johannesburg Wanderers, for the duration of the event, which is **13<sup>th</sup>** November to **15<sup>th</sup>** November 2024, plus an additional night before and after the event. The Protea Hotel by Marriott Johannesburg Wanderers can be contacted at +27 (0) 11 770 5500 or by email: [funeka.lemoen@proteahotels.com](mailto:funeka.lemoen@proteahotels.com). The hotel is located at Corner Corlette Drive and Rudd Road, Illovo, 2196, South Africa.

We would be grateful if you could assist with the issuing of the visa.

If there are any queries, kindly contact the International Programmes team at the Academy of Medical Sciences (UK) Lauren Kinnaird at +442031 413255, [lauren.kinnaird@acmedsci.ac.uk](mailto:lauren.kinnaird@acmedsci.ac.uk) / Mahmoud Elsadany, [mahmoud.elsadany@acmedsci.ac.uk](mailto:mahmoud.elsadany@acmedsci.ac.uk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Suzanne M. Candy." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'S' and a trailing flourish at the end.

**Dr Suzanne Candy**

Director of Biomedical Grants & Policy: Academy of Medical Sciences