

CAMBRIDGE AFRICA DAY-2026

Cambridge-Africa Day
Downing College
16th June 2026



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Time	Event	Speaker(s)
09.00–09.30	Registration	
09.30–09.45	Welcome from the Director of Cambridge-Africa	Prof Caroline Trotter
Research in Africa – Young People Leading the Way - Chair: Prof Bhaskar Vira		
09.45–10.30	Keynote 1: Africa's Research Priorities: A Forward Vision for a Young Continent	Prof John Kitayimbwa
10.30–10.45	Being a UN Youth Office Young Leader for the SDGs - Transforming Youth Mental Health in Zimbabwe through Mental Health Literacy	Tanatswa Chikaura
10.45–11.15	Break	
11.15–11.50	Changemaker PhD Scholars present their Research	Abii-Tah Bih Chungong, Parfait Onema Lutundula, Samuel Agyapong
11.50–12.30	Experiences post Cambridge-Africa – a Panel Session moderated by Prof Pauline Rose	Dr Chioma Achi, Dr Maimuna Mohamud Dr Sabastine Eugene Arthur
12.30–13.30	Lunch	
Cambridge-Africa Supporting Research Collaborations - Chair: Prof James Wood		
13.30–13.50	Presentation of the Dr Amit Bhasin Prize	Prof Deborah Prentice
13.50–14.25	Prof Paul Lane - a Career of African Archaeology Collaborations	Prof Paul Lane
14.25–14.35	Bridging Science, Stakeholders, and Communities: Challenges and Opportunities for Global South Researchers in Multi-Risk Environments	Dr Blaise Mafuko Nyandwi
14.35–14.45	Cambridge-Africa ALBORADA Research Fund Collaboration to Build Capacity for the Early Diagnosis of Cervical Cancer in Nigeria	Professor Nusrah Afolabi-Balogun, Dr Sara Pensa
14.45–14.55	Building Cowpea Genetic Resources to Improve Food Security and Climate Resilience in Somalia	Dr Ahmed Warsame
14.55–15.15	Q&A	
15.15–15.45	Break	
Africa Setting Its Agenda - Chair: Dr Devon Curtis		
15.45–16.30	Keynote 2: Reflections on Africa's Development Prospects in a Changing World: Implications for Development Economics in Practice	Prof Kevin Chika Urama
16.30–17.10	Framing the Climate Research Agenda - a Round Table Discussion moderated by Prof Laura Diaz Anadon	Dr Kennedy Mbeva, Alphonse Mollo, Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger
17.10–17.15	Close of the Day	Corinna Alberg