Cambridge-Africa Strategic Advisory Group Terms of Reference

Cambridge-Africa is a University-wide Programme that comprises a range of proactive, coordinated, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary initiatives in Cambridge and Africa that help to strengthen research capacity in, and build mutually-beneficial partnerships with, African Universities and Research Institutions.

Purpose

The Cambridge-Africa Strategic Advisory Group (CASAG) shall meet once per term in order to provide a strategic overview of the Cambridge Africa Programme and provide advice to the Cambridge-Africa management team. Specifically CASAG will:

- Report annually to the International Strategy Committee of the University on the activities of the Cambridge-Africa Programme
- Review, contribute to and approve a 5-year strategic plan for the Cambridge-Africa Programme drafted by the Cambridge-Africa management team
- Provide advice on how to operationalise the strategic plan and measure progress against specified objectives
- Act as ambassadors for Cambridge-Africa within and outside of the University
- Bring attention to any key strategic developments or funding opportunities in their subject area or wider sphere that are relevant to the activities of Cambridge-Africa
- Help to identify mutually beneficial collaboration opportunities with African partners
- Provide input to major bids and events led by Cambridge-Africa

Membership

Members of CASAG will be appointed for up to 3 years, with the option of reappointment. Turnover will be staggered to maintain continuity. The group will comprise key stakeholders at the University of Cambridge, including the Cambridge-Africa management team (Academic Director and Programme Manager), academics from a range of disciplines engaged in research with African collaborators and representatives of the Strategic Partnerships Office, Research Operations Office and CUDAR. The chair will be a senior academic, appointed for a single term, of 3 (+2) years consistent with the 5-year strategic plan.