

Supplementary file 2: Observation matrixes Round 2

SCIENTIFIC STRENGTH

Assessment criteria	Observation				
Quality of research					
Strong individual research projects	African partner 1		African partner 2		African partner 3
Strong research background of scientists	UK lead	African partner 1		African partner 2	African partner 3
Complementarity of scientists					
Institutions' strong track record of specific research area(s)	UK lead	African partner 1		African partner 2	African partner 3
Excellent quality of proposed PhD research projects	African partner 1		African partner 2		African partner 3
Financial plan					
Other notes					

CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

Assessment criteria	Observation			
Capable institutions, that utilise programme for long-term development	UK lead	African partner 1	African partner 2	African partner 3
Wider training programme for other researchers and technicians	UK lead	African partner 1	African partner 2	African partner 3
Clearly research-active lead members	UK lead	African partner 1	African partner 2	African partner 3
Likelihood that support will lead to institutional change and long-term benefits for African partners				

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Assessment criteria	Observation			
Female lead members	UK lead	African partner 1	African partner 2	African partner 3
African early to mid-career scientists	African partner 1		African partner 2	African partner 3
Multidisciplinary application				
Non-Anglophone researchers	African partner 1		African partner 2	African partner 3
Reviewers-related observations				
Other observations				