Dear President of National Cardiac Society and Colleague in African Cardiology,

Re. New PASCAR Governing Council (Congressional Business Meeting, 9 October 2017 Khartoum, Sudan)

First and foremost, I would like to extend a very warm welcome and congratulations to all the new members of the PASCAR Governing Council. Your willingness to contribute and support PASCAR programs, events and projects is much appreciated and will be a key element in PASCAR’s future success.

I am quite optimistic about the four years ahead and in consolidating PASCAR’s presence across all facets of cardiology in Africa in close cooperation with the world Cardiology community and by partnering with the National Cardiac Societies in Africa. It is an honor to have been elected the new President of PASCAR, and it is an even greater honor to have the Governing Council Members’ trust and support in forerunning the new leadership team.

My sincere gratitude extends to the past members of the PASCAR Governing Council for their hard work and dedication during the previous term in office. Professor Bongani Mayosi’ continued guidance as the immediate past President will be much appreciated as well as the support of Professor Benedict Anisiuba, Professor Samuel Omokhodion, Professor Serigne Ba, Professor Johan Brink, Professor Ana Mocumbi and Dr. Awad Mohammed who have stepped down from the Governing Council. I am certain that they will continue to play a major role through respective task forces.

I have the pleasure of introducing below the newly elected PASCAR Governing Council (term end AGM 2021):

President: Dr. Saad Subahi, Sudan
Secretary General: Professor Elijah Ogola, Kenya
Treasurer: Professor Amam Mbakwem, Nigeria
Immediate Past President: Professor Bongani Mayosi, South Africa
Editor Cardiovascular Journal of Africa: Professor Patrick Commerford, South Africa
West Vice-President: Professor Toure Ali Ibrahim, Niger
South Vice-President: Professor Karen Sliwa, South Africa
Central Vice-President: Professor Anastase Dzudie, Cameroon
East Vice-President: Dr. Harun Otieno, Kenya
West Assistant Secretary General: Professor Mahmoud Sani, Nigeria
South Assistant Secretary General: Professor Mpiko Ntekhe, South Africa
Central Assistant Secretary General: Dr. Marc Nimbauranira, Burundi
East Assistant Secretary General: Dr. Emmy Okello, Uganda
North Assistant Secretary General: Dr. Anas Babiker, Sudan

I encouraged the Governing Council members to get involved to direct task force activities in their respective regions. I am confident that the collaboration between the PASCAR task forces and the National Cardiac Societies is crucial in the progress of Cardiology practice, education and research in Africa. Therefore, I would like to invite you to get involved in the PASCAR activities and projects; and keep us informed of the research and educational programs you are running through your respective societies.

PASCAR Governing Council - Dr Saad Subahi, Sudan, President; Prof Bongani Mayosi, South Africa, Immediate Past President; Prof Elijah Ogola, Kenya, Secretary General; Prof Amam Mbakwem, Nigeria, Treasurer; Prof Patrick Commerford, South Africa, Editor (Cardiovascular Journal of Africa); Prof Toure Ali Ibrahim, Niger, Vice-President West; Prof Karen Sliwa, South Africa, Vice-President South; Dr Anastase Dzudie, Cameroon, Vice-President Central; Dr Harun Otieno, Kenya, Vice-President East; Dr Emmy Okello, Uganda, Assistant Secretary General East; Dr Anas Babiker, Sudan, Assistant Secretary General North; Prof Mpiko Ntekhe, South Africa, Assistant Secretary General South; Prof Mahmoud Sani, Niger, Assistant Secretary General West and Dr Marc Nimburanira, Burundi, Assistant Secretary General Central
I am excited for the journey ahead and working with you to achieve the aims and objectives of PASCAR as set out in the constitution [http://www.pascar.org/content/page/pascar-constitution](http://www.pascar.org/content/page/pascar-constitution). I am sure that the diversity of the new Governing Council and our partnership with the National Societies will ensure that goals are effectively reached and yield outcomes of outstanding quality. I will communicate my own goals and vision as President to you and all our members soon.

Yours sincerely

Dr Saad Subahi

PASCAR President