African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 7 Meeting Minutes

23 August 2016

Venue: Skype Conference Call

Time: 16h00 – 17h00 (South African Time)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – David Watkins
2. Attendees: David Watkins (DW), Jeremiah Mwangi (JM), Zongezile Makrexeni (ZM), Bongani Mayosi BM) and Janette Lombard (JL)
3. Apologise: George Nel (GN)
4. Introduction of members
5. Summary of meeting

- Adding other people to Action Group 7
  - Possibility to engage with New Zealand on their RHD Resolution (http://rhdaction.org/news/call-civil-society-input-rhd-needs-and-priorities)

- Letter that serves as a reminder of the AU Communiqué
  - Action Group 6 drafted/finalising letter to MoH from PASCAR/WHF through PASCAR Office
  - Cardiac Societies do a cover letter (Consider other Medical Societies/Heart Foundation if no Cardiac Societies in Country)

- Survey of PASCAR Members: Current Partnerships already in place (Ministry/Private Sector) Needs assessment Survey (2-3 Questions) (Agenda Topic for September meeting)

- CONCEPT NOTE - 2 year process
  - “Investment case for eradicating rheumatic heart disease in Africa”) on Methods, Dissemination (manuscripts), Timeline, Budget and personnel and considerations, and with two Proposed Collaborations:

PASCAR Governing Council - Prof Bongani Mayosi, South Africa, President; Prof Samuel Omokhodion, Nigeria, Immediate Past Secretary General, Dr Benedict Anisiuba, Nigeria, Secretary General; Prof Karen Sliwa-Hahnle, South Africa, Treasurer; Prof Patrick Commerford, South Africa, Editor (Cardiovascular Journal of Africa); Prof Serigne Ba, Senegal, Vice-President West; Dr Saad Subahi, Sudan, Vice-President North; Prof Ana-Olga Mocumbi, Mozambique, Vice-President South; Prof Elijah Ogola, Kenya, Vice-President East; Dr Anastase Dzudie, Cameroon, Acting Vice-President Central; Dr Harun Otieno, Kenya, Assistant Secretary General East; Dr Awad Mohamed, Sudan, Assistant Secretary General North; Prof Johan Brink, South Africa, Assistant Secretary General South and Prof Toure Ali Ibrahim, Niger, Assistant Secretary General West.

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1. Proposed collaboration #1: Health Economics Unit at UCT
2. Proposed collaboration #2: Health Systems Financing Dept. at WHO-Geneva
   - Master student, positions open (Full time/part time) more people interested, the better.

6. **Next step, specific tasks**
   - **JL:**
     - Tracking contacts/societies that helps us send the letter to MoH in 50 African Countries
     - Show contacts with countries we have so far (to DW)
     - Schedule next meeting 26 September
   - **DW discuss following with BM in Sept while in CT**
     - Survey (Draft questions) before next meeting
     - Concept Note (2 Proposed collaborations – select countries, costing plan)

7. **14 - 16 January 2017, Egypt Meeting in Cairo** (http://www.pascar.org/taskforces/entry/rheumatic-heart-disease under NEWS/EVENTS)
   - Take place of Addis Ababa meeting 2017
   - Deliverables/Milestones (Good response on letter, responses from Survey, regroup with various sites for costing side)

8. **Any other business – None**

9. **Closed with thanks**