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African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 7 Meeting Minutes

26 September 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) and Janette Lombard (JL)
3. **Summary of meeting**
 - Letter to Ministers of Health (Action Group 6 responsible for this action)
 - Survey: DW could not yet draft some questions
 - DW:
 - Current Partnerships already in place - Ministry/Private Sector (PASCAR partner with ministries/Cardiology Societies)
 - Recommend investigate a joint Survey with other Action Groups.
 - JM:
 - What are members doing at national/regional/global level and How?
 - Will send template
 - DW: Grand opportunity we're trying to put together (non-profit grant) Funding in a Multi-spectral way
 - Concept Note: Costing piece (Continue with this regardless of other funding/efforts)
 - Reached out to UCT - Health Economics Unit – for graduate students to work on projects/pieces, to help develop tools (2017)
 - Will work on formal arrangement with Health Economics Unit

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- Separate line of work with WHO - health tool, not for NCD's yet. Possibility WHO will help with developing module (sub-contract with a master student) for NCD health tool
- Chose 5 countries "wisely" (Probably use estimates as we have limited data)
 - Ethiopia/Rwanda/South Africa
 - Estimate this cost in Cube, 7c per child per year
 - What is the level of treatment - Preventing and treating
- DW: Can schedule next meeting for November (skip October)

4. Next step, specific tasks

- JL:
 - Find out from George Nel if Action Group 7 has any role (specific role) in regards to the letter been sent to Country MoH by Action group 6.
 - Find out from other Action Groups if they would be interested in a joint Survey with AG7
- DW:
 - Survey - Draft questions, send around for input
 - Concept Note (2 Proposed collaborations)
 - i. select countries
 - ii. costing plan
 - Will speak with ZM offline on master student to work on project/pieces
- JM:
 - Send template
- Agenda topic for next meeting
 - Funding opportunity update
 - Formal arrangement with Health Economics Unit
 - WHO – NCD Module health tool

5. Any other business – None

6. Closed with thanks

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