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## African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

### Action Group 4 Meeting Minutes

22 August 2016

Venue: Skype Conference Call

Time: 15h00 – 16h00 (South African Time)

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Liesl Zuhlke
2. **Attendees:** Liesl Zuhlke (LZ), John Meda (JM), Fidelia Bode-Thomas (FBT), Emmy Okello (EO), George Nel (GN) and Janette Lombard (JL)
3. **Apologise:** Bongani Mayosi (BM)
4. **Introduction of members**
5. **Update of Taskforce activities**
  - a) Review WHO PEN document for potential adaptation or integration
  - b) Kwan A Simplified Echocardiographic Strategy ([http://www.pascar.org/uploads/files/Kwan-A\\_Simplified\\_Echocardiographic\\_Strategy.pdf](http://www.pascar.org/uploads/files/Kwan-A_Simplified_Echocardiographic_Strategy.pdf))
  - c) PIH Document ([http://www.pascar.org/uploads/files/Rwandan\\_model- full.pdf](http://www.pascar.org/uploads/files/Rwandan_model- full.pdf))
  - d) Framework

### 6. **Summary of meeting**

- The Kwan Document is the most user-friendly and adaptable. Focus now on not just what to adapt, but how we need to adapt it.
- At Cairo Meeting in January 2017; should be able to give feedback on:
  - Where are we as Action Group
  - What model to adapt
  - What adaptation we need to adopt it
- Will include WHO AFRO at later stage

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7. Next step, specific tasks

- All members to disseminate how to potentially change/adapt the Kwan Model
- All send suggestions/comments to LZ, to summarise and send around before September meeting
- LZ and JL to look at the Who Pen Documents, one that focus specifically on heart failure. (Will forward correct document to members)
- Focus on adaption faze at next call
- JL will coordinate next meeting in September

8. 14 - 16 January 2017, Egypt Meeting in Cairo (<http://www.pascar.org/taskforces/entry/rheumatic-heart-disease> under NEWS/EVENTS)

9. Any other business – None

10. Closed with thanks

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