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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://rhdaaction.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:

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- a) Proposed collaboration #1: Health Economics Unit at UCT
- b) 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

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