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African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 7 Meeting Minutes

28 November 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), Janette Lombard (JL)
3. **Apologise:** Zongezile Makrexeni (ZM)
4. **Summary of meeting**
 - Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPY9BX6>)
 - Send out to Addis Ababa African Delegates
 - Give a turnaround of two weeks, then resend it
 - Send by end of week (1st week of December)
 - Concept note (Costing section)
 - DW: Working on collaboration and understanding with UCT unit, graduates to join and contribute (next year or two)
 - Could probably dovetail with WHO collaboration concept (networking people to engage training)
 - Also a proposed collaboration with WHO's Financing team (budget analysis for NCD's)
 - Met with Melanie Burgen (interested in doing this in 2017)
 - DW should have an update on this at the Cairo meeting
 - Abstract: On the partnership side:
 - **Are there any areas where we can work a bit more intensively on cultivating partnerships?** (To cultivate through strong communication framework partnerships between AU, Ministries of Health, International Agencies, Government etc. in order to insure implantation and the connection of Africa RHD control measures with the immersing global movement)

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- (Jeremiah Mwangi spoke – unclear)
- DW: **What key stakeholders or partnerships need to be in place for support?**
- (Jeremiah Mwangi spoke – unclear)
- DW: **Communication Framework - Moving forward : what does it look like for these different stakeholders to collaborate and communicate effectively and how do we ensure efforts are not complimentary and that they are communicating well?**
 - Think of this for 2017 (Better mechanism to communicating/disseminating, general communication aspects)
 - (Jeremiah Mwangi spoke – unclear)

5. Next step, specific tasks

- JL: Send Survey out
- JM: Help think of better communication mechanism
- All: Think of how we can move forward on cultivating partnerships (before and after Cairo) Need or utility for outline communication framework, how to better communicate better amongst ourselves and stakeholders when the work starts happening

Next meeting Tuesday 3 January 2017 at 15h00 (CAT/ South African Time)

6. Any other business – None

7. Closed with thanks

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