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African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 6 Meeting Minutes

2 November 2016

Venue: Skype Conference Call

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

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Chris Hugo-Hamman
2. **Attendees:** Chris Hugo Hamman (CHH), Sherri Schwaninger (SS), Jeremiah Mwangi (JM) and Janette Lombard (JL)
3. **Apologies:** Steven Shongwe (technical difficulties), Frank Edwin (in surgery), George Nel (in Washington)
4. **Summary of meeting**
 - **Letter** to be sent by National Medical Societies Representative with PASCAR
 - PASCAR and WHF Logo on both pages
 - PASCAR Governing Council details to not be repeated on 2nd page
 - Cover letter mentions that the attached letter can be modified before sending to MoH
 - Delete table at bottom of page for signatures
 - Only Prof Bongani Mayosi and WHF signature
 - JM will send letter through to Dr Salim Yusuf for signature
 - **Funding**
 - GN on write-up of funding – JL will forward to all members
 - JM will adapt the process, get back in 1 month
 - JM: Found the funding, just about defining what it is. (\$2,000-\$5,000 each for the small grants?!)
 - JM: Funding is for any activities related to meetings with MoH (to help facilitate that process)
 - What kind of assistance they need to help get the conversation going in their country
 - Putting together proposals and highlighting priorities that needs to be taken

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- **Cairo meeting** (14-16 January 2017)
 - CHH and JM received invitations
 - When responding to the invite, they can start with travel and accommodation arrangements
 - JM will make decision early next week
 - 14th-16th Detailed programme – JL will forward to all
 - SS: Novartis provided education grant for the workshops, would like to give an update to Jonathan Spector. PASCAR received the grant contract and will action as needed.
 - Considering Army Hotel in Cairo as venue (politically well connected)

5. Next step, specific tasks

- JM:
 - Send letter through to Dr Salim Yusuf for signature (end of week)
 - Adapt the write-up process for funding (1 December)
- JL:
 - Forward to all:
 - GN write-up of funding (done)
 - Cairo detailed programme (done)
 - Letter to be sent by Monday after receipt of signature and final signoff
 - Send letter before 30 November
 - Schedule next meeting **Thursday -1 December 14h30 CAT**

6. Any other business – None

7. Closed with thanks

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