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African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 6 Meeting Minutes

27 September 2016

Venue: Skype Conference Call

Time: 16h00 – 17h00 (South African Time)

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Chris Hugo Hamman
2. **Attendees:** Chris Hugo Hamman (CHH), Sherri Schwaninger (SS) and Janette Lombard (JL)
3. **Apologies:** Jeremiah Mwangi (JM), Steven Shongwe (SShongwe), Frank Edwin (FE)
4. **Introduction of Sherri Schwaninger**
 - Currently in Zambia
 - John Musuku in China (ministry of Health trip) – He recently got role as National co-ordinator for Cardiology
5. **Summary of meeting**
 - PASCAR writing letter – need final sign off before sending to MoH of African Countries
 - E.g. John Musuku should send letter to their MoH, reminding their minister their Head of State is signatory to the AU Communiqué - inviting him to launch a national programme for the prevention and control of RHD and ARF in that country
 - Letter could be altered (Comprehensive template)
 - On PASCAR Letterhead with WHF logo and Society logo + address
 - Technical Paper
 - Number of countries who wrote protocol/guidelines for their National prevention programme
 - Reach WHF Document – Quick Tips (great to use as template)
 - We formally asked permission to use this as template. Rosemary Wyber agreed, provided us the Quick Tips word format

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- Draft 2nd letter to all Societies introducing the Quick Tips in usable format & to give acknowledgment if they use it
- Funding (JM)
 - (CHH) Group would benefit from some financial support from WHF & it would be an activity WHF would look upon favourably
 - Through workshops
- 14 - 16 January 2017, Egypt Meeting in Cairo
 - BM will have a discussion on this event (small groups & platform on Agenda)
 - (<http://www.pascar.org/taskforces/entry/rheumatic-heart-disease> under NEWS/EVENTS)

6. Next step, specific tasks

- JL:
 - Put letter on PASCAR Letterhead, with WHF logo on it, send back to CHH
 - Distribute letter to MoH of all African Countries after final sign off
 - Asks GN on the write up of the funding sent to JM
 - Send SS drafted Agenda on the Cairo meeting in January 2017
 - Give feedback to all on discussion of Cairo meeting (BM, LZ, ME, DW)
- JM:
 - Provide WHF Logo to JL
 - Provide more information on possible funding from WHF (we're waiting for further instruction on funding)
- CHH:
 - Resend JL the "Word Format" of the Quick Tips
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7. Any other business – None

8. Closed with thanks

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