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DRAFT AGENDA

August 6th Ministerial Meeting		
09:00 – 09:15	Introduction by WSO President Making Stroke a National Priority (Problem: Burden of stroke in African region)	Prof Jeyaraj Pandian, WSO President, India
09:15 – 09:25	Pragmatic recommendations for reducing the burden of stroke	Prof S. Martins, Brazil
09:25-09:50	Patient Voices, Policy Impact: Advancing Stroke Care Through Lived Experience morning opening	George Scola, South Africa + 1 person with lived experience of stroke
09:50-10:05	From policy to implementation – why stroke systems must be policy driven	Dr T. Khan, South Africa
10:05-10:20	A Network Approach to establish Excellent Stroke Systems of Care	Prof V. Caso, Treasurer WSO, Italy
BREAK		
10:35-10:50	Stroke Rehabilitation in the continuum of care-Why it is important	Regional expert TBC
10:50-11:05	Define Partnership Models: The session will demonstrate how coordinated frameworks and partnerships between WHO, governments, and NGOs provide the necessary clinical continuum for implementation	Prof Jeyaraj D Pandian
11:05-11:20	Tele stroke: a viable option for developing stroke care in remote areas	Prof S. Martins, WSO Past President, Brazil
11:20-11:35	How to optimize stroke care using AI	Dr. L. Kroon, South Africa
11:35-11:50	Traditional medicine and stroke	Regional speaker TBC
11:50-12:05	WSO Stroke Center Certification & Angels Awards	Prof Jeyaraj D Pandian
12:05-13:00	LUNCH	
MINISTERIAL MEETING – OFFICIAL OPENING		
12:30-13:00	SESSION BRIEFING	
13:00-13:25	Welcome to Summit – welcoming commitment	Prof J. Pandian, President and Hon Dr Aaron Motsoaledi

1325-1405	Address by Health Ministers and other dignitaries	including a recorded message from the DG of WHO AFRO
14:05-14:20	Expert perspective	Prof Ntobeko Ntusi, President and CEO, SAMRC
14:20-14:35	Entertainment & photo taking	ALL
14:35-15:15	Roundtable WHO resolution on stroke – from commitment to action	WHO, WSO, rep Ministry of Health of Egypt
15:15-15:30	BREAK	
15:30 – 1645	Ministerial roundtable discussion- Each Ministerial representative of governments will briefly discuss stroke care in their country	Moderated Round Table discussion of countries
16:45-18:15	Presentations from the roundtable discussions	Rapporteurs from each table
18:15-18:30	Panel Q&A	Moderator TBC
18:30-18:45	Call to Action: Developing a regional stroke action plan or a regional stroke declaration / white paper to be launched at the UN General Assembly	All
18:45 – 18:50	Concluding remarks	Prof Jeyaraj Pandian, India
19:30	Dinner with Ministers / Minister reps	Venue to be confirmed

August 7th Workshops		
Workshop 1 - Acute Stroke Management		
09:00 – 09:30	Prehospital care and prenotification in rapid evaluation of stroke patients Q&A (10mins)	Prof Andreas Engelbrecht, South Africa
09:30-10:00	Nuts and bolts of intravenous thrombolysis (IVT) including IVT in special situations with Q&A	Dr Louis Kroon, South Africa
10:00-10:30	Optimizing stroke care with establishment of stroke units in LMICs with Q&A	Dr Ivy Sebastian, India
10:30-11:00	Intracerebral hemorrhage and its current management with Q&A	Prof Craig Anderson, WSO President Elect, Australia
11:00-11:15	BREAK	
11:15 – 11:45	Establishing stroke Centers of Excellence in Africa – case studies, with Q&A	Regional speakers TBC
1145-1215	Saving brains in real time: the power of mechanical thrombectomy	Dr Violiza Inoa, USA

12:15 – 12:45	Importance of stroke registries: Quality monitoring for continuous improvement RESQ / national stroke registry with Q&A	Ms R. Sedani, Czech Republic D. Youkee, UK
12:45 – 13:45	LUNCH	
13:45-14:05	Acute ischemic stroke in HIV	Dr Eitzaz Sadiq, South Africa
14:05-14:25	Stroke mimics in Africa: pitfalls and pears	Dr Naeem Brey, South Africa
14:25-15:00	Panel discussion with reporting from each work steam	Workshop rapporteurs
Workshop 2- Stroke Prevention		
09:00-09:30	Panel discussion	
10:00 – 10:30	Stroke Prevention in Underserved Populations: The Role of Hypertension Programs with Q&A	Dr Jeyaraj Pandian, WSO
10:30-11:00	Stroke prevention in Africa: Challenges & Opportunities with Q & A	WHO rep TBC
10:30 – 11:00	Digital Health and Innovation in Stroke Prevention	Dr P N Sylaja, India
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK	
11:15 – 11:45	Latest guidelines for secondary prevention of stroke	Prof Mandisa Kakaza, South Africa
11:45 – 12:15	National program of stroke prevention in South Africa with Q & A	Prof Pamela Naidoo, South Africa
12:15-12:45	Switching the world's salt supply for cardiovascular prevention with Q & A	Dr Mary Ann Land, Australia
12:45 – 13:45	LUNCH	
13:45-14:15	Sickle cell disease: An Integrated Approach to Stroke Prevention	Fred Sarfo, Ghana
14:25-15:00	Panel discussion with reporting from each work steam	
Workshop 3 Stroke Rehabilitation		
09:00-9:30	Digital tools for stroke rehabilitation in LMICs Q&A (10mins)	Dr Dan Youkee, UK
09:30-10:00	Rehabilitation of stroke in-patients with Q & A	Dr Vinesh Padaycahi, South Africa
10:00-10:30	Acute phase stroke rehabilitation- Nurse's role with Q&A	Rita Melinfonwo, Nigeria
10:30-11:00	Task-specific training for Lower Limb Rehabilitation With Q&A	Siphiwe Chauke, South Africa
11:00-11:15	BREAK	

11:15- 11:45	Post hospital discharge Q&A (10 mins)	George Scola, CEO The Stroke Survivors Foundation, South Africa / + Social worker from Gauteng
11:45- 12:15	Rehabilitation of speech/language/swallow deficits with Q&A	Michael Barnes, South Africa
12:15- 12:45	Task-specific training for Upper Limb Rehabilitation / Activities of Daily Living / Cognitive and other non-motor deficits post stroke with Q&A	Janelle Kitshoff, South Africa
12:45- 13:45	LUNCH	
13:45- 14:15	Palliative care in Stroke: African perspective with Q&A	Regional speaker
14:25- 15:00	Panel discussion with reporting from each work steam	