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Department:  
Health  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## Thursday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting

### Objectives

- To elevate stroke as a pressing health and development priority across Africa, requiring coordinated national and regional action.
- To share practical policy approaches and country experiences that can strengthen prevention, improve access to care, and support effective implementation within African health systems.
- To encourage leadership and commitment to accelerate progress, strengthen accountability, and sustain action on stroke within national health agendas.

Time	Topic
0900 – 0915	<b>Introduction by WSO President Making stroke a national priority (Problem: Burden of stroke in African region)</b>
0915 – 0925	<b>Integrating stroke care in the rural communities</b>
0925-0950	<b>Patient voices, policy impact: Advancing Stroke Care Through Lived Experience morning opening</b>
0950-1005	<b>From policy to implementation – why stroke systems must be policy driven</b>
1005-1020	<b>Recent advances in acute stroke care</b>
<b>BREAK</b>	
1035-1050	<b>Stroke rehabilitation in the continuum of care: why it matters</b>
1050-1105	<b>Defining partnership models: how coordinated frameworks and partnerships between WHO, governments, and NGOs provide the necessary clinical continuum for implementation</b>
1105-1120	<b>Tele-stroke: a viable option for developing stroke care in remote areas</b>
1120-11:35	<b>How to optimize stroke care using AI</b>
1135-1150	<b>Traditional medicine and stroke</b>
1150-1215	<b>WSO Stroke Center Certification Recognition &amp; Angels Awards &amp; FAST Heroes</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	
1230-1300	<i>Briefing: opening</i>
1300-	<b>Official opening</b>

	1310	
	1310-1325	<b>Address by the Honorable Health Minister, South Africa</b>
	1325-1405	<b>Address by Health Ministers and other dignitaries</b>
	1405-1420	<b>Keynote</b>
	1420-1515	<b>Roundtable: WHO Resolution on stroke</b>
<b>BREAK</b>		
	1530-1645	<b>Ministerial roundtable discussion- Ministerial representatives of participating governments will briefly discuss stroke care in their country</b>
	1645-1815	<b>Presentations from the roundtable discussions</b>
	1815-1830	<b>Panel Q&amp;A</b>
	1830-1845	<b>Call to Action: developing a regional stroke action plan or a regional stroke declaration / white paper to be launched at the UN General Assembly</b>
	1845- - 1850	<b>Concluding remarks</b>

## Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>

### WORKSHOPS

#### Objectives

- Equip participants with actionable tools to implement effective stroke prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation strategies.
- Advance integrated, team-based care across the full stroke pathway.
- Scale up proven interventions and adapt best practices to local realities.
- Strengthen clinical leadership and implementation capacity within health systems.
- Drive measurable improvements in stroke outcomes through quality improvement and data use.

Sessions include 10 mins Q&A

### Workshop 1: Acute Stroke Management

0800-0830	<b>Reducing the burden of stroke through public awareness</b>
9000-0930	<b>Panel discussion all workstreams</b>
0900-0930	<b>Prehospital care and prenotification in rapid evaluation of stroke patients</b>
0930-1000	<b>Nuts and bolts of intravenous thrombolysis (IVT) including IVT in special situations</b>
1000-1030	<b>Optimizing stroke care with establishment of stroke units in LMICs</b>
1030-1100	<b>Intracerebral hemorrhage and its current management</b>

#### BREAK

1115-1145	<b>Establishing stroke Centers of Excellence in Africa: case studies</b>
1145-1215	<b>Saving brains in real time: the power of mechanical thrombectomy</b>
1215-1245	<b>Importance of stroke registries: quality monitoring for continuous improvement RESQ / national stroke registry</b>

#### LUNCH

1245-1405	<b>Acute ischemic stroke in HIV</b>
1505-1425	<b>Stroke mimics in Africa: pitfalls and pearls</b>
1425-1500	<b>Panel discussion with reporting from each workstream</b>

### WORKSHOP 2: STROKE PREVENTION

0800-0830	<b>Reducing the burden of stroke through public awareness</b>
9000-0930	<b>Panel discussion all workstreams</b>
0930-1000	<b>Stroke prevention in underserved populations: the role of hypertension programs</b>

1000-1030	<b>Stroke prevention in Africa: challenges &amp; opportunities</b>
1030-1100	<b>Digital health and innovation in stroke prevention – advancing prevention with technology enabled approaches</b>
<b>BREAK</b>	
1115-1145	<b>Latest guidelines for secondary prevention of stroke</b>
1145-1215	<b>National program of stroke prevention in South Africa</b>
1215-1245	<b>Switching the world's salt supply for cardiovascular prevention</b>
1345-1415	<b>Sickle Cell Disease: an integrated approach to stroke prevention</b>
1415-1500	<b>Panel discussion with reporting from each panel</b>
<b>Workshop 3 Stroke Rehabilitation</b>	
0800-0830	<b>Reducing the burden of stroke through public awareness</b>
9000-0930	<b>Panel discussion all workstreams</b>
0900-0930	<b>Digital tools for stroke rehabilitation in LMICs</b>
0930-1000	<b>Rehabilitation of stroke in-patients</b>
1000-1030	<b>Acute phase stroke rehabilitation- the nurse's role</b>
1030-1100	<b>Task-specific training for lower limb rehabilitation</b>
<b>BREAK</b>	
1115-1145	<b>Post-hospital discharge</b>
1145-1215	<b>Rehabilitation of speech/language/swallow deficits</b>
1215-1245	<b>Task-specific training for upper limb rehabilitation / activities of daily living / cognitive and other non-motor deficits post stroke</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	
1345-1415	<b>Palliative care in stroke in communities: the African perspective</b>
14:15-15:00	<b>Panel discussion with reporting from each work stream</b>