

The role of the World Stroke Organization Stroke Support Organization (SSO) Committee

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Background: The SSO Committee supports the WSO to achieve Priority A3 of the WSO Strategy 2016-2020: Development of SSOs. Its purpose is to work toward establishing, supporting and strengthening a global network of SSOs, particularly in low and middle income countries. The SSO Committee has a global membership, with representation from all WSO geographic regions: Sub Saharan Africa, Middle East/East Mediterranean; Europe; Americas and Asia/Oceania.

The role of SSOs: SSOs are non-governmental organisations that are focused on the needs and issues of people affected by stroke. WSO views SSOs as essential in reducing the negative impact of stroke for survivors and carers. SSOs deliver and engage in a range of activities depending on the need and context.

SSO Development Programme: The SSO Committee oversees the delivery of the SSO Development Programme. The programme is led by the International Development Manager and jointly funded by WSO and the Stroke Association UK. The programme works across the three WSO strategic themes with activities focused on networking, skills development and awareness.



Vision	SSOs contribute to reducing the global burden of stroke		
Outcomes	Increased ability of SSOs to start up, and access and manage resources to sustain themselves	Increased SSO knowledge, skills and confidence in the delivery of stroke support and campaigns	SSOs actively engage in sharing ideas, insight and skills, and campaign and advocate jointly on stroke
SSO Development	Facilitate membership and networking		
	Provide tools and resources		
	Education		
	Promote awareness		
WSO strategic themes	Strengthen global capacity to reduce the impact of stroke	Build awareness and knowledge of stroke	Grow a robust organisation

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