

## Multimedia Appendix 1: Topic Guide

### Instructions for the researcher

Confirm that the interviewees understand:

- The purpose of the research
- What the focus group entails
- How confidentiality and anonymity will be assured
- That they can stop at any time without explanation

And that:

- They have had the chance to ask questions
- They are content to be recorded and that they have the option to switch off their video if they wish

### Topic areas for the focus group

1. Introductions (including collection of organisation, role, and country information), ground rules and an overview of activities
2. What do you think are the priority areas to advance patient safety globally? In your region?
  - a. Prompt – Brainstorm
3. What patient safety policies that has been released in your region recently and what facilitated their release?
  - a. Prompt - In different subspecialties? Focused on the primary, secondary or tertiary level? Related to COVID-19? Others?
4. What impedes the development patient safety policies at the present time in your region?
  - a. Prompt - Challenges in health sector? Challenges in wider government? Challenges at national, regional, and/or organizational level? Resource challenges? Others?
5. What are good examples of patient safety initiatives taking place at the present time?
  - a. Prompt – What are the current **strengths** of the interventions and/or their implementation? What are the **future opportunities**?
6. What are the challenges with patient safety initiatives taking place at the present time?
  - a. Prompt – What are the current **weaknesses** of the interventions and/or their implementation? What are the major **threats** to improving patient safety?