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IAPB Africa Work plan 2019-2022

27-28 February 2019 Fiesta Royale Hotel, Accra Ghana
Participants from across Africa, representing MOH and WHO staff, members and partners

Objectives of the meeting:
• Draft the 2019-2022 IAPB Africa Strategic Framework
• Re-invigorate collective action and commitment to the implementation of the strategy within IAPB Africa
• Clarify the roles of the IAPB Secretariat and Members in Africa

Result in mind:
• Plan for Africa, made by Africans and drawing on the different perspectives from across the continent
• Focus on what we can best do together as IAPB, so emphasis on collective action rather than individual members
• An emphasis of a future grounded in reality, building on progress achieved so far, addressing needs and remembering past lessons learnt
Sentiments Arising from the Meeting

• Progress on workforce issues was noted as being encouraging.
• The importance of focusing on workforce and finance as main drivers of change
• Governance and leadership is crucial - if we influence at this level everything else is possible. Eye care coordinators play a key role.
• Need to think about the market and innovatively about financing e.g. new models for health insurance, eye care fund as an investment
• IAPB as a possible link between the government and private sectors
• Need for increased sharing and learning
• However, realistically, IAPB Afro is weak in influence and profile and needs increased exposure and greater support from members to function
Thematic Areas

- Governance leadership and Leadership
- Partnership
- Integration
- Connecting Knowledge
Progress in 2019...

Governance, Leadership and Coordination
• Meeting with new WHO AFRO Eye Health Focal Point (consultant)

Partnership
• Meeting with new WHO AFRO Eye Health Focal Point to discuss WHO Afro Plan of work 2019-20
• Organised and participated in ECSA HC Eye health Expert Meeting
• Presented IAPB Workplan at 13th Regional Eye Health Partners Meeting for West Africa
• In consultation with WAHO on a way forward in the eye health in West Africa
• 2nd generation of the Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness (AFAB) situational analysis and action planning
• Areas of collaboration in the Maradi Institute for HReH training in Francophone Africa between AL Bassar Foundation International, CBM and IAPB Africa
Progress in 2019...

**Integration**
- Attended WHO AFRO PEC Training Manual Certification of Master Trainer in Ghana

**Connecting Knowledge**
- French presentation on the IAPB Vision Atlas delivered at the COECSA Scientific Congress
- Key Note Speech on Universal Eye Health Coverage delivered at the Nigeria Optometric Association congress
- Circulated quarterly IAPB Africa Newsletter to 2,500 recipients

World Report on Vision!
IAPB Africa Workplan 2019-2022

• Alignment with the global plan
• Outline of the Workplan
  • Roles in Implementing the workplan
  • Themes and key actions of the workplan
• Q&A
• Group Exercise: how you can your organisation engage in the Workplan?
• Summary
Alignment of the Global and Africa Plans

IAPB Secretariat Plan Priorities

• Global Advocacy
• Strengthening the Network
• Knowledge Connector
• Providing Services

IAPB Africa Workplan Themes

• Governance, Leadership and Coordination
• Integration
• Partnership
• Knowledge
Roles in Implementing the workplan

**Role of the Members**
- Supporting processes at the country and sub-regional level
- Undertaking advocacy at the country and sub-regional level
- Participation in sub-regional health eye health advisory group
- Provision of technical expertise, personnel and funding
- Connecting with relevant stakeholders who can assist with inclusive key activities
- Conduct operational research on key issues, such as inclusion, with documentation of good practices and learnings
- Identify new partnership opportunities/ Foster new partnerships

**Role of IAPB Africa**
- Coordination of processes
- Coordination of engagements and management of relationships with sub-regional health organisations
- Undertaking advocacy at the country and sub-regional level
- Monitoring and the setting of national objectives and collate all the information on country progress reports
- Connecting with relevant stakeholders who can assist with inclusive key activities
- Build awareness among members on key issues, such as inclusion
- Identify new partnership opportunities/ Foster new partnerships
Governance, Leadership and Coordination

- Develop a package of eye health interventions based on recommendations of the WRV
- Launch the WRV at the national level
- Develop leadership roles based on WRV recommendations
- Promote the adoption of inclusive practices in eye health
Partnership

• Maintain partnership with WHO AFRO and regional health organizations

• Develop partnerships with global multilateral organizations to promote eye health
Integration

• Determine potential for integration of Universal Eye Health Care into national policy

• Advocate for change in policy to enable integration of Universal Eye Health Care
Knowledge

• Optimise available communication channels to collate and disseminate information and knowledge

• Develop high quality standardised messaging for dissemination throughout the sector
## Funding the Workplan: 2020

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Questions?
Group Exercise: How members can engage with the IAPB Africa Workplan

1. Where does the workplan resonate with your organisation?
   - Theme

2. How can your organisation engage with the workplan?
   - Identify your role in the key action

Name/ Organisation/ Region(s)
Wrap up