Nominee Statement: John Nkurikiye

# Position: IAPB Board Group C Trustee

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| **Nominating IAPB member organisation** |
|   | College of Ophthalmology of Eastern Central and Southern Africa (COECSA) |
| **Represented by:** |
|   | Aaron Magava |
| **Seconded by:** |
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| **Seconding IAPB member organisation:** |
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| **Seconding Statement** |
|   | The College of Ophthalmology of Eastern Central and Southern Africa (COECSA) hereby writes to endorse Dr John Nkurikiye to IAPB Board of Trustees as a nominee. As President of COECSA, Dr Nkurikiye’s plays a leading role in the improvement of the quality of eye care through training, research and advocacy, leadership in eye care, and creation for exchange of ophthalmic skills, knowledge and resources in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa. COECSA works in collaboration with other stakeholders to address the chronic shortage of ophthalmologists in Eastern, Central &Southern Africa as well as improve the quality of eye care services in the region.  Dr Nkurikiye recognises that with COECSA, his role in eye care is critical and would like to participate in the IAPB board to further influence policy in eye care and provide expertise on eye health in Africa. Past successful collaboration with IAPB Africa as witnessed under the East Central & Southern Africa – Health Community that saw the formation of Eye Health Experts’ Committee. Dr Nkurikiye also champions the change in eye health training from the traditional brick and mortar model (Master of Medicine under Universities) to collegiate model and therefore will be a key player in Human Resources for eye Health.  In addition to being COECSA President, Dr Nkurikiye is founder of the Rwanda Ophthalmological Society and currently the Medical Director of Dr Agarwal’s Eye Hospital in Rwanda.  Dr Nkurikiye is an ophthalmologist and cornea and anterior segment specialist. We do hope for a positive consideration for the nomination of Dr John Nkurikiye will be supported on this background. |
| **Nominee Statement** |
|   | Dr Nkurikiye is an ophthalmologist specialising in the anterior segment and founder of the Rwanda Ophthalmological Society. He is currently the Medical Director of Dr Agarwal’s Eye Hospital in Rwanda.  He also is the President of College of Ophthalmology in East, Central and Southern Africa (COECSA) and the current Co-Chair of the East Central and Southern Africa Health Community’s eye health expert committee (ECSA-HC). The eye health expert committee in the ECSA-HC  advises Health Ministers on areas pertaining to Eye Health Care in the region. COECSA works in collaboration with other stakeholders to address the chronic shortage of ophthalmologists in Eastern, Central &Southern Africa as well as improve the quality of eye care services in the region.  As COECSA President, Dr Nkurikiye’s plays a leading role in the improvement of the quality of eye care through training, research and advocacy, leadership in eye care, and creation for exchange of ophthalmic skills, knowledge and resources in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa. During his tenure, he has championed the change in eye health training from the traditional brick and mortar model (Master of Medicine under Universities) to collegiate model.   His role in eye care is critical and would bring value to the IAPB board of Trustees’ goal to influence policy in eye care and provide expertise on eye health in Africa.   |