

The Value of Vision: The Roadmap to Global Summit for Eye Health

19 May 2026, 13:00-14:30

Garden Room T, WHO HQ

Program agenda:

Chair: Qureshi, Director Inclusive Health Initiative, CBM

Time	Activity	Key Focus	Responsible
13:00-13:05 (5 mins)	Chair welcome and opening	Set context: Aligning Geneva to Global Summit	Chair
13:05-13:10 (5 mins)	High level opening remarks	Political importance of eye health; multilateral collaboration; call for engagement in commitments	High-level remarks- HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh
13:10-13:30 (5 mins*4)	Keynote speeches (speaker bios below): 1. Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad, Minister of Health, Malaysia 2. Jamie Hamill, UK Deputy Permanent Representative 3. Dr M A Muhit, State health Minister, Bangladesh 4. Ms Devora Lillia Kestel, Director a.i. Director of Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, World Health Organization	Elevate eye health as political, equity, and systems priority; link to Commonwealth, WHO frameworks, and Summit momentum	
13:30-13:38 (8 mins)	WHO Technical Briefing	New eCSC Data, Cataract quality recommendations, WHO paper on refractive error	Stuart Keel, Technical lead, Vision and Eye Care Programme, WHO HQ
13:38-14:00 (20 mins)	Panel discussion 1. Bob William, Health Secretary, Ministry of Health Cook Island 2. Abigail Steinberg, Executive Director, Eyeglasses Initiative Livelihood Impact Fund 3. Pascal Bijleveld, Chief Executive Officer, AT Scale 4. Kathleen Sherwin, Chief Executive Officer, Orbis International	Advancing the integration of eye health within broader health policies and prioritising eye health within national commitments.	Chair
14:00-14:05 (3mins)	Host country reflection Dr Kamaria De Castro, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, Wellness, Environment and Civil Service Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda	National Commitments at the Global Summit for Eye Health	Chair
14:05-14:10 (2 mins)	Closing remarks	Key takeaways; call to action for country commitments; link Geneva to Global Summit	Peter Holland, Chief Executive Officer, IAPB
14:10-14:20	Tea/Coffee and Networking		