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# **IAPB Africa Update**

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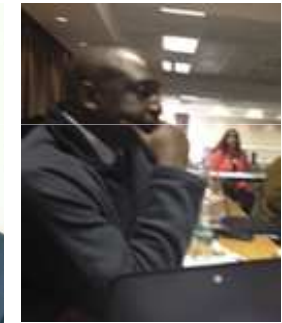
## Complexity of Working in Africa

- Sub-Saharan Africa's population is: **874,841,049.00**
- Predominantly rural (70%)
- SSA 46 different countries
- 5 distinct sub-regions
- SSA 11% of the world population
- SSA 25% share of the world disease burden
- 2% of the world health workforce
- Africa has 73% more blind and visually impaired

## Our Team

### Chair & Co-Chairs:

- Chair: Kovin Naidoo
- Southern Africa: Aaron Magava
- Central Africa: Joseph Oye
- English West Africa: Maria Hagan
- French West Africa: Senanu Quacoe
- East Africa: Amir Bedri



### Executive Office:

- Executive Director : Daniel Etya'ale
- Programme Coordinator: Halli Manolakos
- HR Coordinator: Stephanie Mekinda
- Administrator: Neebha Budhoo



## General Updates

### Regional Consultation:

- Regional Consultation, agreed on approach for 2012/3 for IAPB Africa
- **Key Agreements:** IAPB Africa to focus on establishing the Africa Task Teams
- IAPB to ensure progress in eye health in a coordinated fashion

### Two new staff members hired:

- IAPB Africa's Programme Coordinator
- HR Coordinator



## General Updates: WHO AFRO Collaboration

- Signing of an MOU
- Visit to WHO – AFRO HQ
- Finalization of the consultation process on PEC.
- Finalization of MOU AFRO
- AFRO Eye Health Post opened for candidates to apply, currently awaiting feedback for progress and next steps



## VISION 2020 Workshops

### WHY VISION 2020 WORKSHOPS?

Workshops are designed to support government and partners in:

- Planning & Implementation
- Discuss common challenges,
- Lessons learnt,
- Develop strategies,
- Achieve buy-in

### TODAY:

IAPB Africa is in the process of doing a evaluation to strengthen initiative



## NGO Consortiums – Setting the Example: MECC

### The Mozambique Eye Care Coalition (MECC) –

- MECC has ensured regular harmonization of activities
- MECC serve as key communication agent
- Successful partnership
- Financial support has tripled since the formalization of MECC (2008 and 2012)
- Supporting MOH develop updated VISION 2020 plan for MOZ



## Support To Partners:

### Desso Evaluation:

- **Aim of Evaluation:** Assess progress by DESSO programme and identify any systemic change from the implementation of the programme,
- The final report will soon be available

### Eritrea Evaluation: National VISION 2020 Plan

- **Evaluation for:** Fred Hollows Foundation
- **Aim of Evaluation:** look at the Eritrean National Programme for the Prevention of Blindness (ENPPB), and redefine the nature and scope of FHF support

### Results Based Financing – Burundi and Rwanda:

- **Evaluation For:** IAPB and the World Bank
- **Aim of Evaluation :** explore how the Results-Based Financing package is currently operating how it could work for eye health programmes



## Support To Partners :

### Africa Glaucoma vision loss control workshop

- A workshop on the Public Health Control of Glaucoma Africa was held 17-18 April 2012.
- Joint Initiative PBU in collaboration with IAPB Africa.
- A resolution towards control of visual loss from was released.
- Actionable activities developed
- The report of the workshop with the resolution and actionable can be accessed at [www.pbunion.org](http://www.pbunion.org)



## Task Team Updates

### Task Team Approach:

- Vast priorities within for IAPB Africa and small team,
- Complement/support work done by the office
- Ensure progress around core areas for Eye Health
- **What are the Core Task Teams?**
  1. HRD now named: HReH
  2. PEC/PHC (mobilizing efforts around already existing work on PHC/PEC)
  3. Research
  4. Advocacy and Communications & PR
  5. HMIS



# IAPB Task Team Updates



**HR**



## Task Team Updated : Activities to Date

<b>Specific Task Team</b>	<b>Activities to Date</b>
<b>HReH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subcommittee task team met in May to plan AEHWF workshop</li><li>• 6 priority areas have been identified for HReH in Africa including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Training institutions,</li><li>• Francophone and Lusophone countries,</li><li>• Mid level eye care personnel,</li><li>• Community/ primary eye care (integrated to PHC),</li><li>• Sub specialties (specific to eye health),</li><li>• Optometry &amp; refractive services</li></ul></li></ul>



## Task Team Updated : What Next?

Specific Task Team	Activities for 2012/3
<b>HReH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presently planning in action for the larger consortium meeting, 21-23 November, 2012</li><li>• Steering committee to drive process forward</li><li>• Set up of sub-committees to develop strategies and work plans for the 6 priority areas</li><li>• Complete the 5-10 year HReH strategy based on the outcomes from the AEHWF workshop</li><li>• Roll out strategy</li><li>• Investigate funding to achieve the objectives of the workplan</li></ul>



**PEC**



## At the WHO PEC Expert meeting in Nairobi

- Standards of care, algorithms, and protocols for primary eye care were developed and agreed.
- Initial review based on expert's consensus
- It was also agreed that further work will be done to develop a *training package, a monitoring and evaluation framework and other supporting structures.*
- WHO will select member states to test PHC toolkit and validate prior to finalization and dissemination.
- Once finalized, member states will include this WHO AFRO PEC package into their respective national health systems.



## Task Team Updated : Activities to Date

Specific Task Team	Activities to Date
PEC/PHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalization of the consultation process for PEC/PHC working group</li><li>• Results included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A consensus on PEC agenda for the sub-region,</li><li>• As part NCD Strategy</li><li>• Definition for PEC has been finalized</li><li>• Principles of Primary care for eye health agreed upon</li><li>• PEC/PHC policy indicators agreed upon</li><li>• Development of Toolkit is ongoing – due to limited resources</li></ul></li></ul>



## Task Team Updated : What Next?

Specific Task Team	Activities for 2012/3
PEC/PHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a 5 year strategy for the PEC workgroup</li><li>• Toolkit follow up<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Find resources to completed the toolkit</li><li>• Pilot implementation of toolkit</li><li>• WHO to hold expert workgroup to ensure best evidence and expert advice is incorporated</li><li>• Print materials for roll out (funds are an issue here)</li></ul></li></ul>

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# Research



## Task Team Updated : Activities to Date

<b>Specific Task Team</b>	<b>Activities to Date</b>
<b>Research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Task force committee selected</li><li>• First meeting takes place task team to develop a strategy for research in Eye Health through SSA</li><li>• Terms of Reference Agreed Upon, TOR includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Task team to hold preliminary Research task team needs analysis to determine components for the TOR</li></ul></li></ul>



## Task Team Updated : What Next?

Specific Task Team	Activities for 2012/3
<p><b>Research</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appoint chair</li> <li>• Appoint other members to the task team including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MEACO, EACO, WHO-AFRO, others</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hold African wide consultation to determine what a key strategy</li> <li>• Outcomes of the workshop to include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core list of research needs determined</li> <li>• Areas for integration into advocacy task team identified</li> <li>• Outline of strategy developed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Preliminary Meeting Date: November, 2012</li> </ul>

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# IAPB Advocacy & Communication



## Task Team Updated : Activities to Date

Specific Task Team	Activities to Date
<b>Advocacy and Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Task Teams merged (Advocacy &amp; Communications/PR)</li><li>• Chair of the task team appointed: Lene Øverland</li><li>• TOR includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review current IAPB Advocacy strategy and align</li><li>• Create a concise and strategic advocacy approach;</li><li>• Develop a clear and concise communication and collaboration strategy</li></ul></li><li>• Key activity<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collaborate with an seek advice from UN Agencies such as UN Human Rights work in the development of the Advocacy Action Plan.</li></ul></li></ul>



## Task Team Updated : What Next?

<b>Specific Task Team</b>	<b>Activities for 2012/3</b>
<b>Advocacy and Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work Plan developed to include the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review current IAPB Advocacy strategy and align</li><li>• Create a concise and strategic advocacy approach;</li><li>• Develop a clear and concise communication and collaboration strategy</li></ul></li></ul>



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**HMIS**



## Task Team Updated : Activities to Date

<b>Specific Task Team</b>	<b>Activities to Follow</b>
<b>HMIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners to appoint members for the task team</li><li>• Hold first task team meeting</li><li>• Task team to agree on a terms of reference for the task team</li><li>• Ideas for Terms of Reference:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indicators for Eye Health in Africa</li><li>• IAPB Data base development and completion</li><li>• Integration of Eye Health into the PHC model</li></ul></li></ul>



## Partners Support to IAPB Africa Office

Many thanks to all those partners who are currently helping to support IAPB Africa Office and the IAPB Africa task teams and VISION 2020 workshops. Without your generous support IAPB Africa would be unable to carry out its essential tasks!



## Discussion Points :

1. Review current strategy and make suggestions and recommendations to IAPB
2. Task Team approach – do you see anything missing?
3. How to should we sustaining IAPB Africa