



**IAPB COUNCIL OF MEMBERS MEETING**  
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**AGENDA ITEM 1.2A: EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL REPORT**

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**3 Major achievements in EMR from April to August 2013**

1. New eye health action plan for Qatar

The state of Qatar has developed a new action plan for eye health in the country in line with action plan for 'Universal access to Eye health: A Global action plan 2014-2019'. The plan was developed following an all stakeholders meeting organized by the WHO EMRO and the Qatari Supreme Council of Health in collaboration with IAPB-EMR.

2. Libya develops national eye health action plan

The Libyan Ministry of Health in collaboration with WHO-EMRO and IAPB-EMR had developed a new action plan for eye health in Libya. This is in compliance with the recent World Health Assembly (WHA) resolutions 66.4 requesting countries to domesticate and implement the new Global action plan for eye health: Towards universal eye health 2014-19. The action plan was developed during a planning workshop held on 10-12 June in Tripoli Libya.

3. E.Y.E. (Enhancing Yemen's Eye health) Forum formed

The Prevention of Blindness Union (PBU) and the IAPB-EMR in conjunction with local and international NGOs working or interested in working in Yemen had formed a forum to jointly address the deteriorating eye health situation in Yemen caused by the protracted political and civil uncertainties. The forum called "EYE"(Enhancing Yemen's Eye health) had already developed a resourced action plan for a 3 year intervention in 4 governorates of the country . Partners in this forum include Christofell Blinden Mission (CBM), Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF) , Sight Savers international, Nebras Health Society , AlBasar international

**Challenges**

Ensuring national governments implement the new WHA resolution No. 66.4 of 2013 which request countries to provide more support to eye health by implementing the new Global Action plan- Universal Access to Eye health 2014-19.