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**AGENDA ITEM 2.1f: Regional reports *(for information only)***

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**IAPB SOUTH EAST ASIA REGIONAL REPORT**

**Reporting regional progress in South East Asia against the three objectives of  
'Universal Eye Health: A Global Action Plan 2014-2019'**

**Objective 1 - Evidence generated and used to advocate increased political and  
financial commitment of Member States for eye health**

- Nepal Has conducted Mid-term review of Vision 2020 in 2010 and published the report. The report consists of recommendation for eye care service in Nepal, which are compatible with WHO GAP.
- Nepal also published the book "Epidemiology of Blindness: 2012" the information provided in this publication are still relevant for the country.
- India, Nepal and Bhutan blindness data are also been updated and considered as still relevant, Although there are some RAABs and other customize blindness surveys are underway in different part of India.
- Sri Lanka has completed the blindness survey in 2013 and is in process of data analysis.
- Bangladesh also completed Blindness survey in 2013 and fresh data on blindness is awaited.
- At present RAAB surveys is going on in Indonesia (Java, Sumatra and Bali). Completed in three provinces.
- RAAB survey is presently underway in North Korea.
- The RAAB surveys are in the process of planning in Myanmar and Timor for 2015.
- Two RAAB trainers one each from Nepal and Bhutan has been undergone Trainer's Training in UK this year and it is expected that more RAAB will be taking place in the region in the days to come after their certification.

**Objective 2 - National eye health policies, plans and programmes for enhancing universal eye health developed and/or strengthened and implemented in line with WHO's framework for action for strengthening health systems in order to improve health outcomes**

- WHO/IAPB workshop regional meeting to introduce and review the WHO: GAP 2014– 2019 has been planned for November 2014.
- A workshop on Quality Assurance in Cataract Surgery was conducted in Nepal in December 2013, The workshop has prepared a protocol and endorsed at the meeting of Nepal Ophthalmic Society.
- A meeting was conducted to assess the eye bank standard laid down several years ago and bring them at par with the international standards, This was jointly organize by IAPB, Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI), VISION 2020 India, and the Government of India. The meeting finalized the new Eye Bank Standards for India and submitted to the Ministry of Health, Government of India, for approval.
- A fact finding and advocacy meeting at Bhutan was held in the occasion of world sight day 2013.
- The Apex Body for Eye Health under Ministry of Health and Population of Nepal has completed National Eye Health Policy in Nepal and presently is in the process of getting endorsement by the cabinet.
- A Five country level workshop (Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia and Nepal) for fact findings and to introduce or review the WHO:GAP 2014 - 2019 have been planned for 2014 and commencing from September to December 2014.
- Other five countries India, Myanmar, Thailand, Timor and Maldives have been planned for 2015. DPRK planning is in process not yet confirmed.
- A regional action plan and facts of blindness and its prevention in SEA region is expected to come out after completion of all these workshops and meetings conducted in 2014 and 2015.