Universal eye health: a global action plan 2014-2019
Prevention of blindness at WHA

Since 1960s

- World Health Assembly Resolutions WHA22.29, 25.55 and 28.54 on prevention of blindness

1990s

- World Health Assembly Resolutions WHA 47.32 Onchocerciasis control through ivermectin distribution
- WHA 51.11 Global elimination of blinding trachoma
- WHO Alliance for the global elimination of trachoma by the year 2020 (GET 2020) established

1999

- World Health Organization and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness joint Global Initiative "VISION 2020: the Right to Sight" launched at WHO

2003

- World Health Assembly Resolution 56.26 Elimination of avoidable blindness

2006

- World Health Assembly Resolution 59.25 Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment

2009

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Global causes of visual impairment (including blindness), 2010

Data from Pascolini D and Mariotti S, 2011
The draft action plan for prevention and control of avoidable blindness and visual impairment was centered around *universal health coverage* achieved in the area of eye health through the provision of *comprehensive eye care services integrated into the national health system.*
And so, a title for the action plan is...

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With a vision...

A world in which no one is needlessly visually impaired, where those with unavoidable vision loss can achieve their full potential and there is universal access to comprehensive eye care services.
The draft action: based on a logical framework

1 Goal, 1 purpose and 3 objectives, each with:
- Measurable indicators
- Means of verification
- Assumptions that we are making if the objectives are to meet the purpose

12 areas of actions (three for Objective 1; six for Objective 2; three for Objective 3)
- With proposed inputs from Member States
- With proposed inputs from International Partners
- With inputs from the Secretariat
Goal
To reduce avoidable visual impairment as a global public health problem and secure access to rehabilitation services for the visually impaired

Purpose
To improve access to comprehensive eye care services that are integrated into health systems

Target
A reduction in prevalence of avoidable visual impairment by 25% by 2019 from the baseline of 2010.
Objectives

1. Evidence generated and used to advocate for increased political and financial commitment of Member States for eye health
Objectives

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

3. Multisectoral engagement and effective partnerships for improved eye health strengthened