

World Blind Union



**Letter of Understanding among:**

**The World Blind Union (WBU), the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) and International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB).**

Given that the **Vision Alliance** is an initiative of ICEVI, IAPB and WBU to create greater synergy and collaboration between the three organizations at the global, regional, and national levels for the purpose of improving the programs of each organization as outlined in the Vienna 2009 Communique.

And Given that, the three organizations have agreed to work in the following areas to enhance synergy and collaboration;

- Developing mechanisms to assure a systematic exchange of information between the three organizations.
- Identifying common areas of mutual concern where the three organizations can work together through joint advocacy.
- Creating common platforms where stakeholders such as parents, persons with visual impairment, voluntary organizations, educators, and eye health care providers can work together in planning comprehensive services for persons with visual impairment.

Understanding the benefits to being involved in and supporting each other's organizations and understanding that the current practice is to waive annual membership fees for the Vision Alliance members.

It is agreed that the three organizations: WBU, ICEVI and IAPB will waive annual membership fees on a reciprocal basis for each of the three members of the Vision Alliance.

Agreed : December 7, 2009 ; Bensheim, Germany

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