



President Specification

About IAPB

The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) is the overarching alliance for the global eye health sector dedicated to eliminating the global vision crisis. A global network of more than 250 organisations spread across 100+ countries, of the most brilliant and committed non-profits, philanthropists, public and private organisations.

There are 1.1 billion people living with sight loss because they don't have access to eye care services. On behalf its network, IAPB is making the case loudly and repeatedly that eye health is not an optional extra. It is vital to everything, for everyone.

Our income and impact have both increased in recent years. IAPB is a growing and successful international organisation registered in the UK with a dedicated staff team located around the world. In 2026, we are aiming to hold the first ever Global Summit for Eye Health bringing together world leaders, governments, international organisations, civil society, and the private sector to amplify the urgency of addressing avoidable sight loss, galvanise national and global action.

Role Description

The President will be a key external advocate for IAPB, representing and raising the profile of eye health among government, funders, and opinion-leaders. You will be recognised as an inspirational global figure who speaks on behalf of the eye care sector.

You will represent IAPB in international forums and on the global stage to raise awareness of eye health and increase support for our goals among all potential stakeholders.

You will also further develop and leverage key personal relationships with the leaders

among national and multilateral partners such as the UN, WHO, World Bank, national governments, opinion leaders and key corporates.

You will bring strong relational ability and emotional intelligence and will partner with the Chief Executive in articulating the vision of IAPB and the eye health sector publicly and globally.

Experience

- Experience of external representation, making speeches and engaging senior stakeholders at the highest levels globally.
- Experience of operating at a senior strategic leadership level.
- Successful track record of achievement throughout career.
- Significant experience of convening meetings with senior politicians and officials within international organisations.

Knowledge and skills

- Excellent communication and networking skills with an ability to inspire and motivate others.
- Well connected with highly developed and relevant global networks which can be leveraged for the benefit of IAPB and its members.
- A broad interest in global health and/or international development.

Personal qualities

- Gravitas, visionary thinking and an ability to command respect.
- Strategic vision and strong relationship-building abilities.
- Valuing of others and able to represent an organisation of a wide diversity of cultures, professions and personalities.
- Energy and commitment to the vision and values of IAPB.



Time Commitment

The time commitment required of the President is likely to equate to a day to a day and a half per month. This will include:

- Representing IAPB at meetings with the leaders among national and multilateral partners such as the UN, WHO, World Bank, national governments, opinion leaders and key corporates.
- Attending two Trustee meetings and the Council of Members meeting per annum.
- Regular informal conversations with the Chief Executive.