

January 22, 2025

Dear IAPB Nominations Committee:

Re: Seconding Nomination – Elizabeth Kurian

I am writing to second the nomination of Elizabeth Kurian for the position of Board of Trustee at the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness. I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with Elizabeth since 2009, during her tenure as the CEO of Sightsavers India and as a Board of Director of VISION 2020 INDIA.

As seen through my lenses, Elizabeth has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to addressing the unmet needs of marginalized communities throughout her career. Her ability to build effective partnerships and mobilise resources has led to the implementation of numerous successful programmes, significantly improving access to quality eye care services for those in need.

Elizabeth's continued presence on the IAPB Board as a Trustee will ensure that the "voice from the field" is heard and prioritised. Her extensive experience and insights from working directly with affected communities will bring invaluable perspectives to the Board, strengthening IAPB's mission and objectives.

I wholeheartedly endorse Elizabeth Kurian for this esteemed position and am confident that her contributions will further enhance the impact and reach of IAPB.

Sincerely,



Kashinath Bhoosnurmath
President & CEO
Operation Eyesight Universal