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To the Board IAPB

RE: Letter of Recommendation -Dr Geoffrey Wabulembo

Receive greetings for the new Year!

Light for the World International has brought to my attention that Dr Wabulembo has applied for the position of Africa region chair for the International Agency for Prevention of blindness.

I recall our previous collaborations with Dr Wabulembo from the times of the Ophthalmological Society of East Africa (OSEA) that evolved to become the current College of Ophthalmologists of East Central and Southern Africa (COECSA). He has always been an active member of COECSA and supported us with conducting COECSA fellowship exams as one of the examiners for paediatric ophthalmology for four years. This is viewed as a significant contribution towards human resource development for eye health.

His respect for colleagues in all our interactions has drawn great admiration from many and makes him a unifying figure amongst the great diverse eye health community in the African region.

We have engaged in some projects for purposes of resource mobilization for COECSA and for the eye health sector in the region which convinces me about his leadership suitability for the position he is applying for. He is a strong advocate for governments taking ownership of intervention initiatives in eye health for their citizens.

I have no reservation endorsing him for the position of Africa Chair for IAPB

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Josiah O. Ogalo

**Chief Executive Officer**