

# Nominee Statement: Geoffrey Wabulembo

**Position: IAPB Africa Regional Chair**

## Nominee Job Title

Medical Director Eye health and Neglected Diseases

## Nominee Organisation

Light For the World

## Nominating IAPB member organisation

Light For the World

## Nominated by

Katri Bertram

## Nominating Statement

Dr Geoffrey Wabulembo a dedicated professional works for Light for the World as senior expert for Eye health and neglected tropical diseases. He is a recognized global eye health expert with extensive experience in clinical paediatric ophthalmology, programme management, human resource development, and strategic interventions in visual impairment and blindness. His commitment to excellence and his deep understanding of eye health have earned him respect in the field. He is an inspirational figure through his work and relationships with colleagues and endeavours to participate in impactful work both locally and globally.

Geoffrey holds a PhD in optometry from the University of KwaZulu Natal, Master of Medicine in ophthalmology from Makerere University, Bachelor of Medicine from Makerere University, Diploma in Community eye health from the University London, and has received fellowship training in paediatric ophthalmology research from the university of California at Los Angeles.

In September 1999, Geoffrey was part of Ugandan delegation during the launch of the joint WHO and IAPB Vision2020 strategy in Beijing. Fully convinced by the tenets of Vision2020, he played a key role in ensuring that the Ugandan Ministry of Health subscribed to it. In 2012 he became the national chief ophthalmologist which position he held for six years. During that time Geoffrey chaired the National committee for prevention of blindness on behalf of the permanent secretary of the Ministry of health



Geoffrey has contributed to human resource development for eye health in the East African region and served as one of the examiners for the College of ophthalmologists of East Central and Southern Africa (COECSA). He was awarded honorary professorship at the prestigious Makerere University. He represents Light for the World at the WHO-SPECS initiative for addressing uncorrected refractive error globally.

Geoffrey is an awardee of the Vision Excellence award by the IAPB and has received scholarship awards from Sight Savers International, Light for the World, CBM and the government of Uganda to whom he owes acknowledgements for all the personal academic and professional achievements.

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### **Seconded IAPB member organisation**

College of Ophthalmologists of East Central and Southern Africa

### **Seconding by**

Mr Josiah Onyango

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