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To the Board,

International Agency for Prevention of Blindness

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I am writing to express my interest in the position of IAPB Africa chair. I am eager to bring my experience and the vision of increased government funding for eye health to this esteemed organization.

Having worked in various capacities within the public hospitals, Universities and not for profit eye health entities for over three decades, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges and opportunities that exist across the African continent.

My journey began with writing a proposal for and establishing an eye care programme in Eastern Uganda. I have had opportunity to serve either as a student, clinician and faculty in Uganda Tanzania, Germany the United States of America, India and Papua New Guinea. This experience has equipped me with a deep understanding of the unique cultural, social, and economic landscapes in which public, private and not for profit organisations operate.

As a passionate advocate for inclusive, quality, and equitable services I believe in the power of collaboration and participatory driven solutions. I am particularly inspired by the International Agency for blindness initiatives over the years and I am dedicated to advancing these goals. Additionally I wish to ensure that the voices of local communities are not only heard but prioritized in decision-making processes.

As Africa Chair, I would prioritize focusing on, enhancing programs, increasing advocacy efforts with the public sector, strengthening partnerships that bring synergy to our treasured endeavours.

Kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,



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