Title

Addressing the eye health workforce crisis in PALP

Organiser

Sightsavers, OPC, WHO-Afro and IAPB

Objective

With the aim of accelerating progress towards attaining the MDGs, VISION 2020 goal and promoting universal health coverage through an adequate health workforce, WHO-Afro, IAPB, Sightsavers and OPC will convene a side event during the third forum. The purpose is to present and discuss the results of the recent comprehensive HRH situational analysis in Portuguese speaking African Countries. The moderated discussion following the presentations will seek to transform the evidence gathered during the Situational Analysis in a 5 years strategic plan to address the crisis in those countries. This will necessitate an identification and agreement on priority areas of eye health workforce development. The process for developing the Strategic Plan will be open, inclusive consultative and will engaged all relevant stakeholders with a high-level representation possible. This side event supports the Forum objective of universal health coverage.

Outcome

A draft Strategic Plan divided in two major phases, the ‘Strategy’ and the ‘Action Plan’ which includes: the Overall vision, Goals and Objectives, planning framework, Broad roles and responsibilities, training targets, investment requirements, sources for funding and a timetable for action plan. The strategic plan will reflect the situation in Portuguese Speaking African countries and interlinks the functions and roles of governmental line agencies and cross-sectoral coordination.