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Improving the capacity of national prevention of blindness coordinators in Africa to achieve VISION 2020

*A course offered at the Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology (KCCO)
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National prevention of blindness coordinators or national VISION 2020 coordinators are in place in virtually every country of Africa. The roles are generally not well-defined and few have received training relevant to their roles and responsibilities. Consequently, there has been a request by a number of national coordinators for training and there has been recognition in the IAPB Regional Business Plan for Africa of the need to build their capacity. The training organized through IAPB will be held at the KCCO from May 3 - 7, 2010.

Capacity building will focus on the following topics:

1. How to develop and nurture partnerships with non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, other governmental bodies, and selected international groups that will lead to effective coordination of activities.
2. How to help lead partners through the process of effective planning (for service delivery, human resource development, monitoring).
3. Basic human resource management strategies (supportive supervision, job descriptions, organigrams)
4. How to assist VISION 2020 "districts" to develop practical implementation plans
5. Leadership development for effective national planning, implementation, and monitoring.
6. How to delegate responsibilities in such a way as to both empower people as well as to strengthen accountability.

The session will be open to National Prevention of Blindness Coordinators from countries of "eastern" Africa (about 12 countries) as a number of the national coordinators from these countries have requested assistance for such a course.

Instructors for this course include: Dr. Daniel Etyaale, Dr. Amir Bedri, Dr. Paul Courtright and Dr. Susan Lewallen.

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