

# COECSA 2026 Congress

## Participation Agenda

ROP Programme · Pre-Congress Workshop & Congress Session

# 13th

ANNUAL COECSA  
CONGRESS · 2026

### CONGRESS

13th Annual COECSA  
Congress

### VENUE

Serena Hotel,  
Kampala, Uganda

### DATES

1st - 4th  
December 2026

### PREPARED BY

Eyesha · Sight Health Action

This agenda outlines **Eyesha's** programme at the 13th Annual COECSA Congress in Kampala, Uganda, comprising a **hands-on pre-congress training workshop** (1st of December 2026) and a **dedicated congress session** on Day 1 (2nd of December 2026), in support of Eyesha's **Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)** initiative across the region. Supported by the **Children's Eye Foundation of aapos**.

### PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP

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## Pre-Congress Workshop

Tuesday, 1st of December 2026 · Afternoon Session · Serena  
Hotel, Kampala

Pre-Congress  
Workshop

12:30-1pm

## Introduction to Workshop

1:00 – 2:30  
pm

90 min · Parallel

### GROUP A

## Hands-On: Indirect Ophthalmoscopy

Practical training on the use of the indirect ophthalmoscope for ROP screening and examination. Participants work in small sub-groups under direct expert supervision.

### GROUP B

## Telemedicine: Retinal Camera Training

Hands-on training on retinal imaging using the wide-field camera for tele-ROP screening. Covers image acquisition, quality assessment, and remote reporting workflows.

2:30 – 3:00  
pm

30 min

## Refreshment Break

⇒ Groups swap at 3:00 pm. Group A transitions to the telemedicine camera station; Group B moves to the indirect ophthalmoscope station. All participants receive full exposure to both training streams by the end of the workshop.

## PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP

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AUGUST

# Pre-Congress Workshop

Tuesday, 1st of December 2026 · Afternoon Session · Serena Hotel, Kampala

**Pre-Congress Workshop**

|                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>3:00 – 4:30 pm</b><br>90 min · Parallel | <b>GROUP A ⇄ SWAP</b><br><br><b>Telemedicine: Retinal Camera Training</b><br>Group A now undertakes the telemedicine camera training stream, covering wide-field retinal imaging, image acquisition, and tele-ROP reporting protocols.                        | <b>GROUP B ⇄ SWAP</b><br><br><b>Hands-On: Indirect Ophthalmoscopy</b><br>Group B now undertakes the indirect ophthalmoscope practical training, including fundus examination technique and ROP staging under expert guidance. |
| <b>4:30 – 5:00 pm</b><br>30 min            | <b>Workshop Recap &amp; Closing Discussion</b><br>Facilitated debrief bringing both groups together. Key learning points reviewed, questions addressed, and next steps discussed. Participants share observations and reflections from both training streams. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

| EXPECTED ATTENDANCE              | Countries represented      | Handson Training                             | FORMAT                                                 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>30+</b><br>Total participants | <b>5</b><br>Regional reach | <b>3 hrs</b><br>Across two parallel sessions | <b>2</b><br><b>Groups</b><br>Rotating parallel streams |

## CONGRESS SESSION

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## Scientific Session II — Paediatric Ophthalmology

CONGRESS DAY 1

Wednesday, 2nd of December 2026 · 10:30 am – 12:30 pm EAT  
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## Retinopathy of Prematurity & Other Neonatal Ocular Conditions

10:30 am – 12:30 pm EAT · 2 Hours · 7 Country Presentations + 3 Global Expert Talks

**SESSION CHAIRS:** Dr Aesha Malik & Rebecca Lusoby

| TIME                                                       | SPEAKER                                                                      | AFFILIATION / COUNTRY                                                                                                            | TOPIC                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:30 – 10:35                                              | Welcome & Session Introduction — Chairs: Aesha Malik & Rebecca Claire Lusoby |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                    |
| PART I — Expert / External Presentations (10 MINUTES EACH) |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                    |
| 10:35 – 10:45                                              | <div>Dr Aesha Malik</div> <div>Invited Speaker</div>                         | Consultant Paediatric Ophthalmologist and Clinical Assistant Professor London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine            | Telemedicine and ROP: Expanding Screening in Low-Resource Settings |
| 10:45 – 10:55                                              | <div>Dr Obaid Kousha</div> <div>Invited Speaker</div>                        | Consultant Vitreoretinal Surgeon, Dundee Hospital and Honorary Clinical Lecturer St Andrews University, Scotland, United Kingdom | Treatment Approaches in Retinopathy of Prematurity                 |

| 10:55 – 11:05                                           | <b>Dr Grace Prakalapakorn</b><br><i>Invited Speaker</i>                  | Duke University, USA  | <b>Eye Conditions in Neonates: Beyond ROP</b> |
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| <b>PART II — COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS (6 MINUTES EACH)</b> |                                                                          |                       |                                               |
| 11:05 – 11:11                                           | <b>Dr Erima Denis</b>                                                    | Masaka — Uganda       | <b>ROP Programme Update: Masaka</b>           |
| 11:11 – 11:17                                           | <b>Dr Proscovia Arachnovia</b>                                           | Mbale — Uganda        | <b>ROP Programme Update: Mbale</b>            |
| 11:17 – 11:23                                           | <b>Dr Rebecca Claire Lusoby</b>                                          | Kawempe — Uganda      | <b>ROP Programme Update: Kawempe</b>          |
| TIME                                                    | SPEAKER                                                                  | AFFILIATION / COUNTRY | TOPIC                                         |
| 11:23 – 11:29                                           | <b>Dr Oscar Onyango</b>                                                  | Kenyatta - Kenya      | <b>ROP Programme Update: Kenya</b>            |
| 11:29 – 11:35                                           | <b>Dr Yusta Mtogo</b>                                                    | Tanzania              | <b>ROP Programme Update: Tanzania</b>         |
| 11:35 – 11:41                                           | <b>Dr Simbarashe Muvambwi</b>                                            | Zimbabwe              | <b>ROP Programme Update: Zimbabwe</b>         |
| 11:41 – 11:47                                           | <b>Dr Dupe Ademola-Popoola</b>                                           | Nigeria               | <b>ROP Programme Update: Nigeria</b>          |
| <b>PART III — PANEL DISCUSSION</b>                      |                                                                          |                       |                                               |
| 11:47 – 12:25                                           | <i>Open panel discussion with all speakers — moderated by the chairs</i> |                       |                                               |
| 12:25 – 12:30                                           | <i>Closing Remarks — Chairs</i>                                          |                       |                                               |

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# Opening ceremony — Launch of National Retinopathy of Prematurity Guidelines

Thursday, 3rd of December 2026 · 8 am – 10am EAT

· CONGRESS DAY 2



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