

Epidemiology and evidence behind **VISION 2020** priorities in Africa: a scientific approach to programme planning

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Course Description

Planning and implementing programmes to reduce visual impairment in populations is what VISION 2020 is all about—but anyone who's involved knows that we don't have all the answers. In the last decade, the application of scientific principles has helped expand our knowledge base and provided lots of new evidence that can help us make good decisions in Africa. If you haven't been doing a PhD or keeping up with the huge number of new scientific journals you can be forgiven for missing some of this! The University of Cape Town and KCCO are offering a new course by some leading academics who also work in the "real world" in Africa to help participants catch up on what we now know about the leading causes of visual impairment. The goal of the course is to bring participants up to date on the evidence and improve understanding of how it can be used in planning programmes to reduce visual impairment across Africa.

Target Audience

Programme managers, both new and experienced, fund raisers and others who work for organizations to reduce visual impairment will benefit. National eye coordinators who plan on a large scale and individual ophthalmologists with a strong interest in public health will also gain from this course.

Methods

The course is designed along disease specific lines, focusing on the conditions most important in causing visual impairment and blindness. Interactive lectures will be followed by group exercise and discussions. A UCT/ KCCO certificate will be issued on completion.

Course Fee: \$400*

Venue University of Cape Town,
Groote Schuur Hospital

Faculty Professor Colin Cook
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* Fee does not include travel, accommodation, and meals