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It was an honor to be part of VOSH/International's VOSH in Africa Strategic Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya at the beginning of June. There was an inspiring and energetic group of Optometrists and Optometry students representing 15 VOSH Chapters from 9 countries in Africa.

It was a first in several aspects:

First time VOSH brought together chapters from across a continent to strategize collectively with its affiliated chapters.

First time for Kenyan Optometry to collaborate with Ophthalmology; sharing part of an educational meeting with Keralink.

Potentially the first gathering for Optometrists across Africa, collaborating to share ideas such as scope of practice, equipment and faculty needs and problem solve with each other.

Breaking out into working groups we were able to share and get to know better what the needs are in the Optometry schools across Africa. Now we have specific plans and goals to help with some of the gaps. It was impressive to see how much engaged students and educators and practitioners can accomplish much in a short period of designated time.

It is exciting for me to see optometry's growth and development across Africa and for VOSH to be a part of the process.

I am deeply grateful to our sponsors for helping to make this happen: National Vision, Lions Sight First Hospital, Rotary Club Nairobi Utumishi, Keralink and Plenoptika. Special thank you to Prof Tuwani Rasengane and Maria.

Thank you, Vicki.

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