

## West African Low Vision Workshop in Ghana

The [HM KNUST Low Vision Project](#), led by [Dr. Kwadwo Owusu Akuffo](#), from [Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology \(KNUST\)](#), and [Prof. Dr. rer. biol. hum. Werner Eisenbarth](#), from [Hochschule München \(HM\)](#), is proud to announce the West African Low Vision Workshop 2026 – The Maiden Edition, scheduled for 27th February – 1st March 2026 at the Mastercard Impact Building, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana.

This regional workshop will convene eye care professionals, researchers, students, and stakeholders to foster collaboration and accelerate progress in low vision care across West Africa. The workshop aims to equip participants with the latest theoretical and practical advancements essential to providing a high standard of low vision care for people with visual impairment. The workshop modules will be administered through a multifaceted means comprising an in-person lecture series, interactive discussions, and hands-on practical training. The workshop is funded by the Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung.

Through the HM KNUST Low Vision project, four functional low vision centres have been established in the Ashanti Region, strengthening access to low vision rehabilitation services and advancing capacity building in Ghana.

Low vision remains a public health burden with a greater unmet visual need among patients in developing countries, including Ghana. Although patients with suboptimal vision often resort to eye care facilities, the majority face challenges accessing them due to a lack of Low Vision Assistive Devices, insufficient Examination Equipment, and insufficient training and education for professionals involved in low vision service delivery. Only a third of surveyed optometrists provide low vision care. Only 5 of 16 regions in Ghana have low vision referral centres. Thirteen (13) facilities serve a population of over 34 million Ghanaians.

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The poster is green with white and yellow text. At the top, it features logos for KNUST (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology), HM (Hochschule München - University of Applied Sciences), and Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung. Below the logos, the text reads "WEST AFRICAN LOW VISION WORKSHOP 2026" in large, bold letters, with "THE MAIDEN EDITION" in a yellow box below it. The dates "27<sup>TH</sup> FEB - 1<sup>ST</sup> MAR. 2026" and the location "MASTERCARD IMPACT BUILDING, KNUST" are prominently displayed. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, X, and LinkedIn, along with the text "HM KNUST Low Vision Project" and the email address "hmlowvision@gmail.com".