

CUMBRE MUNDIAL PARA LA SALUD OCULAR 2026



**GLOBAL
SUMMIT**
FOR EYE HEALTH

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Hacer que el mundo vea el valor de la visión: argumentos a favor de invertir en salud ocular

Casi **1000 millones de personas** en los países de ingresos bajos y medios viven con una pérdida de visión evitable

Si pudiéramos eliminar la pérdida de visión en los países de ingresos bajos y medios:
447 000 millones de dólares de impulso
en la economía mundial cada año

Misión: «convertir las palabras en papel en acciones para las personas».

Medidas y objetivos de éxito de alto nivel

Objetivos

Impulsar la acción

Movilizar recursos y finanzas

Garantizar un marco de rendición de cuentas

Defender la salud ocular

Medidas de éxito

Representación política de alto nivel

Representación institucional, filantrópica y del sector privado de alto nivel

Promesas y compromisos



La 1.^a Cumbre Mundial sobre salud ocular



Cumbre mundial: resultados esperados

Compromisos tangibles

Recursos financieros

**Principales resultados
políticos e institucionales**

Legado y visibilidad



Antigua y Barbuda

2 de noviembre de 2026



Celebración de una cumbre exitosa: enfoque

Países defensores y promotores a nivel nacional

- Promoción y compromiso a nivel nacional
- Compromisos tempranos y de alto perfil por parte de los países defensores
- Los países defensores deben involucrar a sus vecinos y aliados regionales

Promoción global

- Eventos estratégicos de alto nivel
- Amigos de la Visión: amplia adhesión de países al Pacto para la Salud Ocular (más de 100).
- Iniciativa SPECS 2030 de la OMS

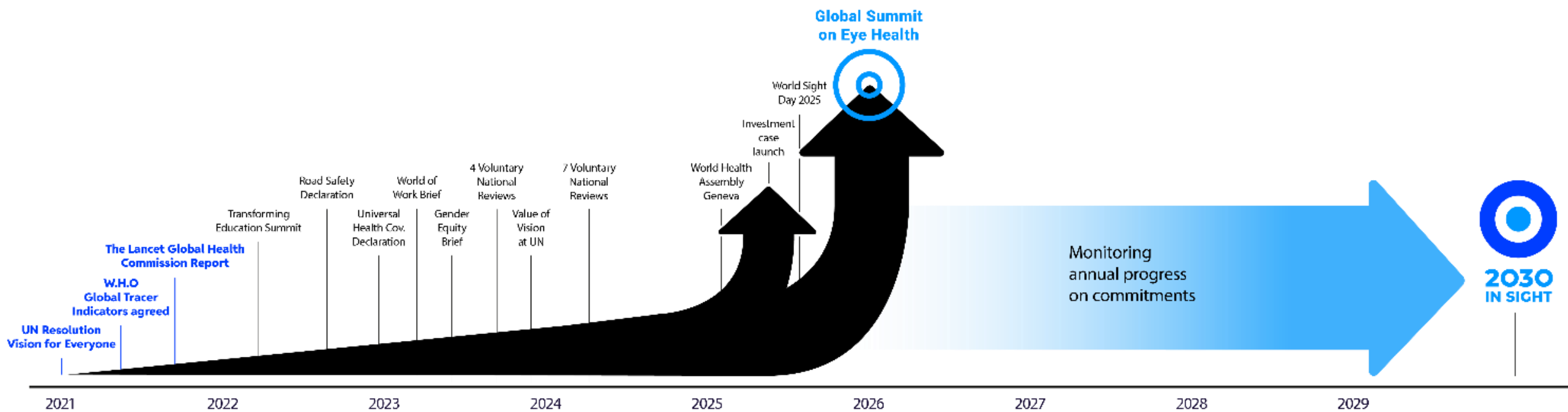
Compromisos sectoriales

- Consultas con los miembros de la IAPB
- Bilaterales con empresas del sector privado y convocatoria de una mesa redonda del sector privado



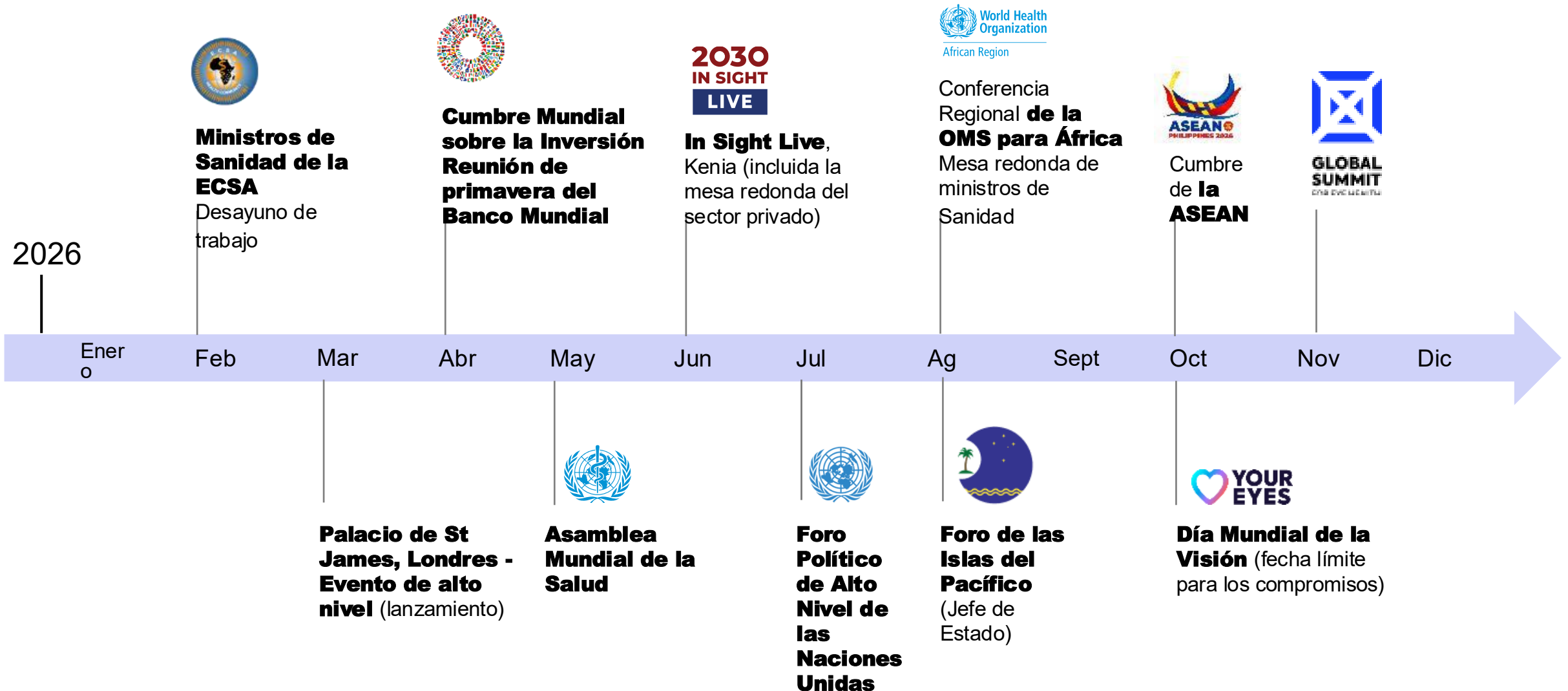
Una década de trabajo

Caroline Casey, presidenta de la IAPB



Organiza una cumbre exitosa

Hoja de ruta hacia el éxito



EJEMPLOS | Garantía



Global Summit for Eye Health Information for Pacific Island Countries



WHY A SUMMIT FOR EYE HEALTH

Five years after the UN Resolution on Vision and five years on from the 2030 Sustainable Development goals, the first ever Global Summit for Eye Health will bring world leaders together to help solve one of the biggest healthcare issues facing the world. The Summit will serve as a political platform to chart a shared roadmap and mobilise resources towards universal access to eye care by 2036.

EYE HEALTH IN THE REGION


Across the Pacific, more than 1.1 million people live with sight loss, including almost 49,866 who are blind. Up to 96% of these cases are preventable or treatable through affordable interventions such as cataract surgery and spectacles. Pacific Island Countries also face some of the world's highest prevalence of people with diabetes and associated diabetic eye disease. Ensuring equitable access, especially for rural, remote, and marginalised populations, remains a pressing challenge.

PACIFIC LEADERSHIP

At the same time, the Pacific continues to demonstrate leadership in how small island states tackle these shared challenges - from addressing workforce distribution and supply chain barriers to managing conditions such as diabetic retinopathy. As we look towards the Global Summit for Eye Health, the region's experience offers valuable lessons in delivering equitable, community-based eye care in small island countries and resource-limited settings.

AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Good eye care is closely linked to educational attainment and access to employment. Unaddressed vision impairment leads to an estimated productivity loss in the Pacific of USD 384 million each year. Addressing this challenge unlocks substantial productivity gains.



The Value of Vision: The case for investing in eye health in the Pacific

Investing **\$3.27 million USD** in eye health in the Pacific over 2026-2030 will deliver **\$69 million USD** in economic benefits, as well as:

- 2,879 learning years
- 5 traffic deaths averted
- 256 traffic injuries averted
- 1,317 cases of depression averted
- 13 deaths averted
- 88 years of life gained

The benefits of investment

Total economic benefits by 2030



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Employment Benefits	Occupational Productivity	Caregiver Productivity	Learning Benefits
\$21.1 million	\$28.2 million	\$8.3 million	\$11.5 million

Economic benefits over time:


- Employment gains for individuals previously limited by sight loss and blindness
- Increased occupational productivity for those with mild or near sight loss actively employed
- Enhanced caregiver productivity freeing family members from caregiving responsibilities related to sight loss and blindness
- Improved educational outcomes for children whose vision is corrected, resulting in long-term increases in lifetime earnings

Making the world see the value of vision

A growing global challenge

Over 2 billion people are living with poor sight and for over 1 billion of these people, this sight loss could have been avoided or treated. This represents a significant and rapidly growing public health challenge – but one that can be effectively addressed given that over 90% of sight loss cases are preventable or treatable through low-cost interventions such as glasses and cataract surgery.



Eswatini (benefits 2026-2030)

US\$673,833 million : US\$9.36 million

Investing \$673,833 million USD in eye health in Eswatini over 2026-2030 will deliver \$9.36 million USD in economic benefits

62
fewer people living with depression

5
extra years of life gained

The Global Summit for Eye Health

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda will host the first ever Global Summit for Eye Health in November 2026 to focus on the value of vision to countries, communities and individuals.

Five years on from the UN Resolution on Vision, the event will be an opportunity to secure a new wave of ambitious commitments and transform a shared vision into action.

Act

- Commit to leadership and action from the highest levels of Government to embed eye health into health systems.
- Accelerate nationally owned eye health plans to deliver change and an integrated approach.
- Implement policy changes to address sight, recognising it as a whole-of-life issue that needs a holistic, whole-of-government approach.

Allocate

Invest resources in eye health, prioritising the return on investment

