



Innovation Showcase Submission Guidelines

The Programme Committee, along with the IAPB Technology for Access Member-led Work Group, warmly invites applications for the Innovation Showcase at 2030 IN SIGHT LIVE, Kenya.

Led by IAPB Technology for Access Member-led Work Group, the Innovation Showcase will spotlight solutions that are strengthening health systems, removing barriers to care, and accelerating progress towards [2030 In Sight Strategy](#). The Showcase will feature innovations that have already demonstrated scalable impact in eye health, as well as promising solutions with high potential for adoption.

We welcome applications from individuals and organisations developing, or that have developed, solutions addressing real-world access challenges in eye care.

Objectives of the Innovation Showcase

- Create awareness of technological advancements with proven or potential scalability to improve the access to eye care services.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange between innovators, practitioners, and decision-makers.
- Foster partnerships for technology adoption and implementation.

Application Process

All applications are to be submitted via IAPB website. The application and selection process has been developed aligning with [IAPB Technology for Access framework](#) and broader systems-thinking approach, ensuring that innovations at different stages of development are assessed fairly, and transparently.

Eligibility

- Applications are open to:
 - IAPB member organisations
 - IAPB Valued Suppliers
 - Other organisations and innovators working in eye health
- Please note that only two applications per organisation is allowed.
- If your innovation is selected, at least one representative must register and pay the applicable fee (with early bird offer) to attend 2030 IN SIGHT LIVE in Nairobi. Please note that travel and accommodation costs are not covered.

Application Categories

Applicants can submit their innovations under the following category that best reflects the current development stage of the innovation:

Early-Stage Innovations

Concepts, prototypes, pilots, or early academic and clinical technologies, including those with initial validation but limited real-world deployment.

Later-Stage Innovations

Near-commercial or commercially available innovations, with evidence of real-world implementation, adoption, or scale.

Application Content

Applicants are required to provide structured information of the innovation in the application form on:

- **Technology Readiness Scale**
Select the appropriate "Technology Readiness Scale" of the innovation based on the IAPB Technology for Access guidelines. [Click here for more details.](#)
- **Access Barrier Addressed (Up to 100 words)**
Describe the specific barrier to accessing eye health services that the innovation seeks to address and explain how this barrier was identified (e.g. through data, research, programme experience, or lived experience).
- **Development and Validation Process (Up to 100 words)**
Outline how the innovation was developed, including key considerations related to policy and regulatory requirements, design approach, human resource requirements, partnerships and stakeholder engagement, and long-term economic sustainability.

- **Clinical or Field-Testing Outcomes (Up to 150 words)**

Describe any clinical or field testing conducted, including the implementation setting, outcomes achieved, successes, limitations, and key learning. Early-stage innovations may describe planned or ongoing testing where completed results are not yet available.

- **Value Added Relative to Existing Solutions (Up to 150 words)**

Explain how the innovation differs from or improves upon existing approaches, including how the innovation addresses regional or resource-setting constraints, and integrates with continuum of care.

- **Proof of Scale and Scalability Potential (Up to 150 words)**

Provide evidence of scale achieved or explain how this innovation can scale effectively. This may include, scaling manpower, deskilling diagnostics, improving outcomes or early detection, enabling sustainable business models, or increasing access beyond clinic-based services.

- **Disclosures**

All applicants, whether a for profit organization or a non-profits/ academic institutions or an individual/ researcher, should declare any relevant conflicts of interest or funding sources, if applicable. The applicants should also declare how being selected may benefit your organization, institution, or self, if applicable.

Review and Evaluation Process

Review Process

- All applications will undergo a review process by a review panel comprised of experts with experience in technology development and implementation, research, and/or business scaling.
- All reviewers will declare conflicts of interest prior to the review process.
- A minimum score threshold will be established following the completion of reviews. This threshold will determine the cut-off score based on the overall quality of the applications. Applications that meet or exceed the final threshold will be considered qualified candidates.
- From this pool, the Showcase selections will be curated to ensure a balanced representation of early-stage and late-stage innovations, as well as diversity across technology types and thematic areas.

Evaluation Framework

All applications will be assessed and scored using the [IAPB Technology for Access framework](#), with explicit consideration given to the innovation's stage of development across each of the following categories:

Domain	Category	Reviewer Description Question
Technology Readiness	Efficacy	To what extent is the technology likely to improve eye health outcomes, based on scientific rationale, available evidence, or alignment with established clinical knowledge and guidelines?
	Safety	To what extent does the innovation demonstrate consideration of patient safety, risk mitigation, and prevention of harm during the delivery of care?
Systems Integration	Policy and Regulation	How well does the innovation align with, or demonstrate awareness of, relevant policy, legal, and regulatory requirements in the context(s) where it is intended to be used?
	Human Resources	To what extent does the innovation account for the human resource requirements needed for effective and safe use, including training needs, workload, and skill mix?
	Continuum of Care	How well does the innovation integrate into the broader eye health and health system continuum of care, including referral pathways, and follow-up?
Operating Environment	Local Suitability	To what extent is the innovation appropriate for the local context(s) and population(s) in which it is intended to be implemented?
	Service Accessibility	How effectively does the innovation improve access to eye care services by addressing availability, affordability, geographic reach, or timeliness of care?
	Economic Sustainability	To what extent is the innovation economically viable and sustainable over time, considering the costs of implementation, operation, and potential scale?

Showcase Offers for Selected Innovations:

Selected applicants will be offered:

- A rapid-fire case study presentation on 4 June 2026.
- A dedicated space for live demonstration during the event.
- A feature within the official 2030 IN SIGHT LIVE event app.

The showcase will also compliment ongoing conversations across the Accelerate stream of the programme, connecting innovation to workforce, policy, financing, and systems integration.

Key Dates:

- **Tuesday, 17 March 2026, 23:00 ET**
Applications close on the IAPB website
- **Friday, 17 April 2026**
Successful applicants notified by email.
- **Monday, 27 April 2026**
Deadline for selected applicants to confirm their participation by email to events@iapb.org.
All successful applicants must register for 2030 INSIGHT LIVE, Kenya using the discount code provided.
- **Friday, 15 May 2026**
Final deadline for sharing case study presentation and content for app