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Dear Colleague,

Invitation To The 6th Annual COECSA Congress

On behalf of the College of Ophthalmology of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa (COECSA) and the Ophthalmology Society of Ethiopia (OSE), it is my pleasure to invite you to the 6th Annual Scientific Congress of the College which will be in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia this **August 29-31, 2018**.

Since its inception in 2013, the Annual COECSA Congress has served as a leading forum for exchange of ideas, knowledge and information relating to ophthalmology in the ECSA region. With a strong focus on the unique challenges and emerging opportunities facing eye care, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa region, this year's theme is: "**Stand for Action! Eye Care and Sustainable Development Goals.**"

As in previous years, the arrangement for this will consist of informative discovery, translational, and scientific presentations, breakaway sessions for the various sub-specialty groups as well as parallel sessions for young ophthalmologists and allied eye health professionals. Public lectures by renowned keynote speakers, plenary sessions and poster sessions focusing on topics of current research and practice issues in ophthalmology will round out the program. Networking opportunities for delegates and exhibitors will also be available.

Apart from the rich scientific program, Addis Ababa is a tourism city with a millennial cultural tradition and world-wide recognized characteristics of hospitality and openness to ideas and people. The city is considered, among the major African cities, to be the one with the best quality of life, due to the perfect blend of tradition, history, art and innovation; as such congress organizers have put together a social programme for the attendees to have a chance to explore this city and it's people.

I look forward to meeting you all in Addis Ababa for what promises to be the ophthalmic event of the year!

Sincerely,



Dr. Wonda Alemeyahu

Chair- COECSA Congress 2018