

OPHTHALMOLOGY SOCIETY OF UGANDA
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OSU Executive Committee

Highlights from Our First 100 Days in Office

Dear Colleagues,
Warm greetings to you all.

We extend our sincere appreciation for the trust you placed in us as the newly elected Executive Committee of the Ophthalmology Society of Uganda. As we mark our first 100 days in office, we are pleased to share key milestones and activities that have laid a strong foundation for our three-year tenure.

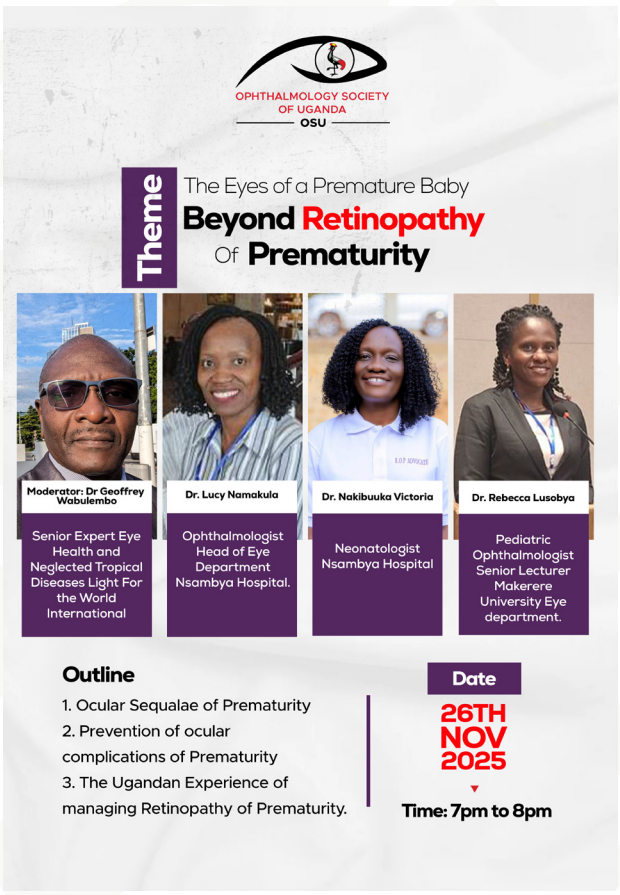


The Executive Committee held a residential strategic planning session during which we developed a comprehensive roadmap to guide OSU activities and priorities over the next three years. This roadmap will steer our work in education, advocacy, partnerships, and capacity building.

OSU Executive Committee during the residential strategic planning session.

Continuous Medical Education (CME)

We are happy to report that monthly CMEs are ongoing, providing continuous professional development opportunities for our members.







Monthly CME posters

Regional and International Representation (COECSA)

- OSU successfully nominated representatives to the COECSA Council: Dr Dan Bwonya and Dr Atukunda Immaculate.
- Subcommittees have been constituted to coordinate preparations for upcoming COECSA activities, each chaired by members of the EXCOM.
- Several meetings—both local and international—are being held weekly to ensure successful COECSA preparations.
- We secured Mengo Hospital as the venue for the COECSA Clinical Examinations.
- An accreditation visit to Mengo Hospital was conducted to assess its readiness as a COECSA training centre, with OSU represented by Dr Ampaire Anne.
- Members of the EXCOM attended the COECSA Council meeting, during which the pending electoral process was concluded. We congratulate Dr Tolesa Kumale, who emerged as the Secretary General of COECSA.



COECSA secretariat and accreditation committee visit to Mengo Hospital for a final assessment of the Hospital, as part of the pre-requisites for starting up COECSA Fellowship.

Advocacy and Policy Engagement

In line with advancing eye care services in Uganda, OSU is actively pushing the corneal transplant agenda. The Executive Committee held a productive meeting with the Commissioner at the Ministry of Health, marking an important step toward this goal



OSU leadership meeting with the Ministry of Health on the corneal transplant agenda.

Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement

We have continued to strengthen relationships with our key partners through courtesy visits and engagements, including:

- S — Mengo Hospital
- O — Sight Savers
- A — Ministry of Health
- P — Dr Arunga's Eye Hospital
- P — Ajanta Pharma
- P — MU Pharma, among others

We pledge to visit partners we have not yet reached and to continue engaging our senior ophthalmologists for mentorship, guidance, and collaboration.



Courtesy visit by OSU Executive Committee to Eye Sante.



Courtesy visit by OSU Executive Committee to Mengo Hospital

Secretariat and Communication



We are pleased to maintain Ms Mildred Niyisabga as our OSU Administrator, ensuring continuity and efficient day -to- day operations.

OSU now has a functional website, and we encourage all members to visit and explore it at: www.osu.ug

OSU Secretariat team

As we move forward, we remain committed to inclusive leadership, transparency, and service to our members and the wider eye health community. We thank you for your continued support and invite your active participation as we build a stronger OSU together.

Yours sincerely,
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