



**2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF VISION 2020 COMMITTEES-
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CARIBBEAN**

EVALUATION FORM FEEDBACK

Question	General response	Comments
Was adequate information provided prior to meeting?	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent – best I have ever experienced • Not enough info on CCB and V2020 • Meeting material could have been provided 2 weeks in advance to accommodate questions

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Did you use V2020 template?	Yes (16)	
	No – N/A (10)	
Is it user friendly?	Yes (16)	
	No (1)	VI user tried but was unsuccessful
Suggestions for improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-functioning equipment is a big issue – question on preventative maintenance could be included • Closed ended questions do not allow for comments • Can selection windows be used and also place categories for ‘incomplete’, ‘under way’, ‘don’t know’ • For trend analysis it is better to incorporate data for several years in the form • Improve ability to complete form electronically 	

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Was meeting documents folder useful	Yes (26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be made available electronically • Print too small in some cases • It provided tools to do work at country level • Allowed me to follow presentations and read ahead • Electronic version may be more

		practical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be useful to have resume of presentation like ones for group work
	No – N/A (0)	

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Day 1 – which session was most useful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many responses said all Day 1 sessions were useful • Dominica DR specifically mentioned (7) as it gave information on requirements and potential for replication • Status of V2020 in Countries (6) – provided insight into challenges and successes in other countries; also enabled participants to gauge achievements in own country • V2020 Strategic Framework for Caribbean • Group work discussions • Mandeville story – made eye health issues real • V2020 Project presentation – highlighted need for evidence based decisions for way forward

Question	General Comments
Day 2 – which session was most useful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many responses said all Day 2 sessions were useful • Belize Health Information System specifically mentioned (8) as it shows importance of including eye health data in HIS and showed how it can be achieved • Group work sessions (5) gave opportunity to share ideas and get additional information. • Introduction to Advocacy – provided definition and outlined ways to advocate • Examples of successful advocacy • Linking eye health to MDGs – excellent advocacy tool

GROUP WORK - General Comments
<p>All participants said group work instructions were clear and sessions useful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of group work will help advocate to establish a V2020 Committee in my country • Group works session was useful as it allowed me to put forward a proposal for my country • More time could have been allowed to flesh issues out • Group work could have been more focussed, however, it provided an opportunity for useful discussion • Everyone participated which energised the group • Gratifying that all the delegates found the DR project inspired them to establish DR screening in their countries.

- Group strayed from the original topic but what was done was just as useful

LOOKING AHEAD - Suggestions for improvement

- Invite Cubans, NGOs who want to fund research, Caribbean Health Research Council, CARICOM Secretariat, UWI, Caribbean Public Health Agency
- More persons at ministry level, especially Health, should be involved so they feel ownership and cooperate more easily
- Include one person from MOH/V2020 Committee plus one person on the ground in eye care
- Could be some didactic sessions on health services research and, e.g. screening
- Have same participants attend next meeting to ensure continuity and commitment
- Public Relations Officer for Health Information Affairs should be present to send information to media in participating countries
- More time for question and answer sessions
- Country presentations should have a standard format
- Agenda could be less crowded allowing more time for discussion & feedback
- 3 days instead of 2 because of the amount of information
- Better communication with delegates in advance
- Lunch should be provided so individuals would not have to wander in strange territories. Also negates late resumptions and improves time management.
- Improved time management
- Group dinner / social event
- Provide materials at least 2 weeks in advance

LOOKING AHEAD – Other topics / skills development areas

- Advocacy skills
- Cost benefit and cost effectiveness analysis
- Discussion on Port of Spain Declaration 2007 (CARICOM Heads declaration on Non Communicable Diseases)
- How prevention of blindness programmes are being incorporated into primary health care
- How to develop proposals for blindness prevention / eye care
- Research appraisal – research method training – identifying research questions relevant to the Caribbean
- Low Vision aids
- Preventative eye health education and promotion – particularly if looking at a regional approach
- Establishing a national committee and developing a strategic plan of action
- Assessing programme effectiveness
- Glaucoma
- Health system information
- Eye care services in the community and community rehabilitation

- Screening school children

Other Comments / Feedback:

- Make the link between blindness / visual impairment and chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Build a case around it and show that prevention of chronic NCDs will also prevent blindness / visual impairment.
- Congratulations – the region is well on its way to developing comprehensive eye programs in each country to prevent blindness in a reach one reach all format
- This workshop has been an eye opener for me, having been made aware of the prevalence of avoidable blindness in our region. It is very timely and informative and will set the pace for renewed efforts in implementing a successful eye health care program in my country.
- Overall a very interesting workshop. I am now motivated, committed and eager to improve eye health services in St. Kitts – Nevis. The opportunity to network has been provided. Thank you for inviting us to participate.
- Compliments to the organisations for the efforts to bring all countries together and present such motivating stories.
- Great attendance & participation, great learning & networking
- Opening ceremony should have had press present
- Provide a contact list with name, function and email address
- There is greater potential for progress in eye health than there might be for some other areas of health care in many of our countries
- Glaucoma was addressed but we need a more comprehensive approach to its management
- More focus to be placed on the small countries, especially those whose plan, policies and documents have not yet been developed and signed.