

The Barometer Program

Meet our Leadership Coalition



Ms Jude Stern

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Jude Stern is the Head of Knowledge Management at the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), where she leads the Connecting Knowledge program. Jude holds a Bachelor of Optometry and a Graduate Certificate in public health from the University of New South Wales. Prior to working at IAPB, Jude's work centered on the development of eye care personnel, directing the Brien Holden Vision Institute's Academy education programs. She also worked as a clinical research optometrist and as a private practitioner in Sydney, Australia.

Ms Stern has 20 years' experience in global eye care, and specializes in transforming evidence into accessible formats to create change in eye care policy and practice, innovation and technology to facilitate learning, and working collaboratively to scale up impact in global eye care. She is responsible for the IAPB Vision Atlas, learning programs such as Advocacy to Action, the Global Assembly, and connecting knowledge across academia, non-governmental organizations, professional organizations, advocacy groups, the private sector, and global institutions.

With a special interest in developing leadership skills in the eye health sector, Ms Stern is an advocate for high-quality education and improved public health programs. Accordingly, she is a public health committee member for the World Council of Optometry and a steering committee member for the Research Uptake and Communications project at the Research for Development Impact Network. Further, she is on the editorial board for the *Community Eye Health Journal*.

