



## INFORMATION SHEET

### **OIE Virtual Workshop for Veterinary Education Establishments (VEEs) and Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSBs) in South Asia and Iran**

**[19-20 April 2022, 2 PM – 5 PM Japan time \(GMT+9\)](#)**

#### **Background**

Veterinary education establishments (VEEs) and veterinary statutory bodies (VSBs) play a key role in ensuring the effectiveness of veterinary professionals and delivery of competent Veterinary Services (VS). The OIE has held four Global Conferences on veterinary education since 2009 and has developed sets of recommendations and guidelines on pertinent topics such as [“OIE Competencies of ‘Day 1 Graduates’”](#), [“Veterinary Education Core Curriculum”](#), as well as active programmes including [“Veterinary Education Twinning.”](#)

In the region of Asia and the Pacific, the OIE’s engagement with VEEs varies by sub-region. In the sub-region of Southeast Asia, strong networks among VEEs and VESs already exists. Regional workshops and sub-regional workshops in Southeast Asia have provided a good opportunity for participants to share information and learn from each other as well as to gain a more in-depth understanding of the initiatives and recommendations of the OIE. Participation by South Asian members has been limited to the global conferences on veterinary education and a few regional events. The recommendation from the [2<sup>nd</sup> OIE Regional Workshop for VEEs and VSBs](#) held in Tokyo, Japan, in November 2018, included strengthening VS through OIE standards and guidelines, improving curriculum development, facilitating in-country communication and collaboration among stakeholders, and collecting reliable data to identify and address veterinary workforce demand. Sub-regional meeting for South Asian VEEs and VSBs was suggested as a follow-up activity. In June 2021, [a virtual workshop for VEEs in India](#) was organised and establishment of a standing platform for a sub-regional network of VEEs and VSBs in South Asia was recommended.

#### **Objectives**

*General objective:* to promote shared thinking and actions based on the exchange of visions, experiences, documentation, research and technical cooperation on veterinary education at sub-regional level.

*Specific objectives* and respective sessions in the workshop:

- i. to raise awareness about the OIE’s tools and activities related to veterinary education and to discuss how they can be used to improve VEEs (Workshop session 1);
- ii. to understand the current status and perceptions of VEEs and VSBs in the sub-region (Session 2);
- iii. to share experiences of delivering veterinary education during pandemic (Sessions 1/2);

- iv. to discuss importance of VEEs and VSBs in strengthening veterinary service capacity and to identify opportunities for cooperation and collaboration between VEEs, VSBs and veterinary authorities (Sessions 3/4);
- v. to identify opportunities to enhance cooperation and collaboration between VEEs and VSBs in each country and in the Sub-region towards establishment of national and sub-regional networks (Session 4)

#### **Expected participants**

- Nominated participants from target countries: Afghanistan, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, and Iran, including: VEE Representatives, VSB (or equivalent) Representatives, Veterinary Authority Representatives, Representatives from Veterinary Medical Associations (or equivalent);
- Invited resource persons and speakers;
- Observers from some partner organisations.

#### **Workshop delivery**

The workshop will be undertaken using power point presentations, pre-recorded videos, Mentimeter® session, and Q & A facilitated session. The event will be held on Zoom®. Please ensure to install Zoom® on your computer or smart phone to access the webinar. Please download and create your account at <https://zoom.us/download> if you do not have a Zoom® account.

**Language:** English

#### **Pre-workshop activities**

Each Member country representative is requested to complete a pre-workshop questionnaire. The OIE Delegates have been asked to nominate a participant from their respective country to lead the compilation of the questionnaire and submit to the organiser latest by 6 April 2022.

#### **Post-workshop activities and certificate of attendance**

Participants and observers will be invited to complete a post-workshop evaluation. Certificate of attendance can be provided if requested by the interested participants. The link to the workshop evaluation and to request the certificate will be shared at the end of the workshop but the certificate itself will be provided at later date after the workshop. Only participants who attend the entire two-day session and complete the evaluation will be eligible to receive the certificate of attendance. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to provide inputs to the workshop recommendations.

#### **Acknowledgement**

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