Subregional Workshop to launch South Asia
Veterinary Education Establishments (VEEs) and Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSBs) Network
(SAVEE & VSB Network)
Location: Kandy, Sri Lanka / Zoom (Click to register to join via zoom)
Date: 11-13 June 2025

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Wednesday, 11 June 2025		
Schedule	**Topics**	**Speakers/Responsible**
8:00 - 12:00	Travel from Colombo to Kandy	
12:00 - 13:30	Check-in (if room ready) and lunch	
13:30 - 16:30	University of Peradeniya Campus tour	
	Opening session **MC: Host country**	
17:30 - 17:50	Housekeeping announcement	Dr Maho Urabe, WOAH RRAP
	Welcome Remarks from WOAH Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific	Dr Hirofumi Kugita, Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, WOAH RRAP, Tokyo (Pre-recorded)
	Welcome remarks from Director General of Department of Animal Production and Health	Dr Hemali Kothalawala, Director General, DAPH/WOAH Delegate
	Welcome remarks from Dean of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya	Dr Anil Kalupahana, Dean, University of Peradeniya
	Welcome remarks from Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya	Dr Terrence Madhujith, Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya
	Welcome remarks on behalf of the interim working group on the proposed SAVEE & VSB Network	Dr Vikas Pathak, Chair, SAVEE&VSB Network Interim Working Group, Dean, DUVASU, Mathura
17:50 - 18:10	Keynote presentation on the benefits and mandates of VEE & VSB Networks	Dr Tim Parkinson, Resource person
18:10 - 18:30	Introduction of the workshop and participants - Introduction of workshop objectives and programme - Participant introductions & expectations	Dr Pasang Tshering, WOAH RRAP
18:30	**Group photo and WOAH hosted networking dinner**	

Thursday, 12 June 2025		
Schedule	**Topics**	**Speakers/Responsible**
Technical sessions		

Technical Session 1: Setting the Scene		
Chair: Dr Masood Rabbani, Co-chair of SAVEE & VSB Network Interim Working Group		
9:00 - 9:10	Overview on the progress towards establishing the SAVEE & VSB Network	Dr Vikas Pathak, Chair, SAVEE&VSB Network Interim Working Group, Dean, DUVASU, Mathura
9:10 - 9:30	Concept of workforce development and evolving WOAH guidelines, tools / initiatives to support it	Dr Miftahul Barbaruah, Capacity Building Department, WOAH HQ
9:30 - 9:50	Perspective on veterinary education systems and VSBs in South Asia and how it may benefit from international collaboration	Dr Nitish Debnath, Resource Person
9:50 - 10:00	Achievement and Challenges of AVSBN	Dr Achariya Sailasuta, Chair, ASEAN VSB Network (Pre-recorded)
10:00 - 10:30	**Mentimeter© & discussion** on VEEs/VSB situations in South Asia and potential benefits of international collaboration/ VEE and VSB Network	WOAH RRAP
10:30 - 10:50	**Morning tea/coffee break**	
Technical Session 2: Impact of VEE twinning projects within the SA region		
Chair: Dr Vikas Pathak, Chair of SAVEE & VSB Network Interim Working Group		
10:50 - 11:00	Ensuring results from twinning projects - What can we do differently?	Dr Miftahul Barbaruah
11:00 - 11:15	GADVASU twinning project: Forging a competency-based curriculum for veterinary undergraduate training to improve better veterinary service delivery in India (TBC)	Dr Jatinder Paul Singh Gill, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), India
11:15 - 11:30	Curriculum reform and implementation – Experience sharing by University of Peradeniya (TBC)	Dr Nayana Wijayawardhane, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
11:30 - 11:45	Impact Extent of OIE Vet Education Twinning Project between CVASU and TCSVM	Dr Ahasanul Hoque, Chattogram Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU), Bangladesh
11:45 - 13:00	**Group work 1** (World café style) TOPICS (TBD) Report back	Facilitated by resource persons and WOAH
13:00-14:00	**Lunch break**	
Technical Session 3: Role of VSB & VEE networks in setting standards and accreditation of VEEs		
Chair: Dr Anil Kalupahana, Dean, University of Peradeniya		
14:00 - 14:20	VEE accreditation to improve education quality at national level and for the overseas practice of veterinary graduates	Dr Tim Parkinson
14:20 - 14:35	Southeast Asia Veterinary School Association (SEAVSA) Accreditation Standards and	Dr Khongsak Thiangtum, President of SEAVSA

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	Networking Activities	
14:35 - 14:50	Recent work by the VCI towards development of minimum standards of veterinary education and steps for implementation of these standards (TBC)	Dr Rajendra Bambal, Secretary General, VCI, India
14:50 - 15:05	Role of VSB network in re-certification of veterinary license (including CPD requirements)	Dr Tim Parkinson
15:05 - 15:20	Assessing WOAH Day-1 Competencies in the Veterinary Curriculum: the AID-1C Model	Dr Armando Hoet, The Ohio State University (remote)
15:20 - 15:40	**Afternoon tea/coffee break**	
15:40 - 17:00	**Group work 2 (World café style)** TOPICS (TBD) Report back	Facilitated by resource persons and WOAH
17:00 - 17:15	Wrap-up of Day 2	Resource persons

Friday, 13 June 2025		
Schedule	**Topics**	**Speakers/Responsible**
Technical Session 4: Launch of SAVEE & VSB Network Facilitator: Dr Nitish Debnath		
08:50 - 09:00	Recap of day 2 by a participant	
09:00 - 09:45	**Group work 3 (Group discussion)** Reviewing and Revising the TOR - i) objectives and scope, ii) Governance structure, iii) possible activities	Facilitated by WOAH and resource persons
09:45 - 10:30	Plenary session – report back by groups and discussion	
10:30 - 10:45	**Morning tea/coffee break**	
10:45 - 11:30	**Group work 4 (World café style)** Drafting the operational plan of the Network - i) Network membership and identification of secretariat/host country, election/nomination of Chair and co-chair; ii) functions of the Network (frequency/format of meetings, communication means e.g., website, chat group); iii) Network sustainability (fund/investment sources)	Facilitated by WOAH and resource persons

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11:30 - 12:00	Plenary session – report back by groups and discussion	
12:00 - 13:00	**Facilitated discussion** Identification of the priority Network activities for the next 2 years (Jul 2025-Jun 2027) and development of workplan with timelines for implementation	Facilitated by WOAH and resource persons
13:00 - 14:00	**Lunch break**	
14:00 - 14:45	(cont) Facilitated discussion: Identification of the priority Network activities for the next 2 years (Jul 2025-Jun 2027) and development of workplan with timelines for implementation	
Closing Session MC: Host country/WOAH		
14:45 - 15:00	Summary and Way forward	Network Lead/Chair
15:00 - 15:10	Workshop evaluation Handing of certificate of participation (physical participants)	WOAH RRAP
15:10 - 15:30	Closing remarks • WOAH • Resource persons • WOAH Delegate • New Network Chair	
15:30	**Afternoon tea/coffee**	
16:00	Departure for Colombo and back home	