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**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**

<b>Wednesday, 11 June 2025</b>		
<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Speakers/Responsible</b>
8:00 - 12:00	Travel from Colombo to Kandy	
12:00 - 14:30	Check-in (if room ready) and lunch	
14:30 - 18:00	University of Peradeniya Campus tour	
	<b>Opening session</b> <b>MC: Host country</b>	
18:30 - 18:50	Housekeeping announcement	Dr Maho Urabe, WOAHRAP
	Welcome Remarks from WOAHR Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific	Dr Hirofumi Kugita, Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, WOAHR RAP, Tokyo (Pre-recorded)
	Welcome remarks from Director General of Department of Animal Production and Health	Dr Hemali Kothalawala, Director General, DAPH/WOAHR 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
18:50 - 19:10	Keynote presentation on the benefits and mandates of VEE & VSB Networks	Dr Tim Parkinson, Resource person
19:10 - 19:30	Introduction of the workshop and participants - Introduction of workshop objectives and programme - Participant introductions & expectations	Dr Pasang Tshering, WOAHR RAP
19:30	Group photo and WOAHR hosted networking dinner	

<b>Thursday, 12 June 2025</b>		
<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Speakers/Responsible</b>
<b>Technical sessions</b>		


### 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 WOAHA guidelines, tools / initiatives to support it	Dr Miftahul Barbaruah, Capacity Building Department, WOAHA 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 2025	Dr Achariya Sailasuta, Chair, ASEAN VSB Network (Pre-recorded)
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Mentimeter® &amp; discussion</b> on VEEs/VSB situations in South Asia and potential benefits of international collaboration/ VEE and VSB Network	WOAHA RRAP
<b>10:30 - 10:50</b>	<b>Morning tea/coffee break</b>	

### 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	Institutional Experience with Curricular Renewal during the OIE Veterinary Education Twinning Program between the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, and Massey University, New Zealand	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	<b>Group work 1</b> (World café style)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring wider impact of VEE twinning</li> <li>Future competency requirement for Day-1 Veterinary graduates</li> <li>The gaps in veterinary education research</li> </ul> Report back	Facilitated by resource persons and WOAHA
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	

### Technical Session 3: Role of VSB & VEE networks in setting standards and accreditation of VEEs

Chair: Dr Anil Kalupahana, Dean, University of Peradeniya




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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 Networking Activities	Dr Khongsak Thiangtum, President of SEAVSA
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 WOA Day-1 Competencies in the Veterinary Curriculum: the AID-1C Model	Dr Armando Hoet, The Ohio State University (remote)
15:20 - 15:40	<b>Afternoon tea/coffee break</b>	
15:40 - 17:00	<b>Group work 2 (World café style)</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The challenges in South Asia to implement VEE accreditation</li> <li>- South Asia's Workforce regulatory challenges for VSBs</li> <li>- The partnerships that can work in South Asia to ensure workforce supply, mobility and competencies</li> </ul> Report back	Facilitated by resource persons and WOA
17:00 - 17:15	Wrap-up of Day 2	Resource persons

Friday, 13 June 2025		
Schedule	Topics	Speakers/Responsible
<b>Technical Session 4: Launch of SAVEE &amp; VSB Network</b> Facilitator: Dr Nitish Debnath		
08:50 - 09:00	Recap of day 2 by a participant	
09:00 - 09:45	<b>Group work 3 (Group discussion)</b>  Reviewing and Revising the TOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Objectives and scope</li> <li>- Governance structure</li> <li>- Key barriers and potential solutions</li> </ul>	Facilitated by WOA and resource persons
09:45 - 10:30	Plenary session – report back by groups and discussion	
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Morning tea/coffee break</b>	



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10:45 - 11:30	<b>Group work 4 (World café style)</b>  Drafting the operational plan of the Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Network membership and sustainability</li> <li>- Operational arrangements</li> <li>- Logistics of establishing the network</li> </ul>	Facilitated by WOA and resource persons
11:30 - 12:00	Plenary session – report back by groups and discussion	
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Facilitated Discussion</b>  Developing the workplan for the priority activities of the Network for the first 2 years (Jul 2025- Jun 2027)	Facilitated by WOA and resource persons
<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
14:00 - 14:45	(cont) Developing the workplan for the priority activities of the Network for the first 2 years (Jul 2025- Jun 2027)	
<b>Closing Session</b> <b>MC: Host country/WOA</b>		
14:45 - 15:00	Summary and Way forward	Network Lead/Chair
15:00 - 15:10	Workshop evaluation	WOAH RRAP
	Handing of certificate of participation (physical participants)	
15:10 - 15:30	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WOA</li> <li>• Resource persons</li> <li>• WOA Delegate</li> <li>• New Network Chair</li> </ul>	
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Afternoon tea/coffee</b>	
16:00	Departure for Colombo and back home	