

Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) in the Veterinary Sector in Asia and beyond

World Veterinary Association Congress 2026
April 23, 2026 9am-12pm
Tokyo International Forum, Hall D1 (capacity 140 seats), Tokyo, Japan

Programme (Provisional as of March 25):

Time		Moderation: Mr Basilio Valdehuesa, Dr Maho Urabe
20 min	Welcome remarks	Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran, WOA Director General (or representative) Dr. Ju Hyung Hur, FAVA President Dr Masako Kurimoto, JVMA Vice President
20 min	Introduction on GEDSI and Animal Health Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentimeter • Q&A 	Dr Konstantinos Eleftheriadis, WOAH Gender Technical Adviser
40 min	GEDSI among veterinarians and veterinary students in Asia – findings from surveys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations • Q&A 	Representatives from FAVA, AAVS, IVSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAVA (Dr Achariya Sailasuta, Director of FAVA Bangkok Office) - AAVS (Dr Noraine Medina, Chair of AAVS VEE Working Group) - IVSA (Ms Bertina Sum, IVSA Asia & Pacific Representative) Moderated by FAVA
10 min	Break	
15 min	Initiatives for Gender Equality in the Veterinary Profession in Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations • Q&A 	Dr Masako Kurimoto, JVMA
45 min	Panel discussion: GEDSI in veterinary sector	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Bambang Pontjo Priosoeryanto, FAVA Secretary General - Dr Peachy Domingo, AAVS GEDSI project consultant

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Bertina Sum, IVSA Asia & Pacific Regional Representative - Dr Shannon Mesenhowski, Gates Foundation & WVA council member - Dr Ronello Abila, PVS Expert - WOAAH Representative <p>Moderated by WOAAH</p>
20 min	<p>Award ceremony for the Comics competition promoting GEDSI in the Veterinary sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief background of the competition - Announcement of the winners - Presentation of the comics by the winner - Photos 	<p>Mr Stéphane Renaudin, WOAAH SRR-SEA</p> <p>Winner of the competition</p> <p>WOAH DG (or WOAAH Regional Representative) – award giving</p>
10 min	<p>Interactive Quiz (Mentimeter) & Prizes</p>	