



Fifth Meeting of the South Asia Rabies Laboratory Network (SA-RABNET)

Wednesday, 13 May 2026, virtual (MS Teams), 3 PM Japan Time (GMT+9)

(10:30 am Kabul; 11 am Islamabad; 11:30 am Colombo and New Delhi; 11:45 am Kathmandu; 12 pm Dhaka and Thimphu)

Chair: Dr Barun Sharma, Department of Livestock Services, Nepal

Co-Chair: Dr Anushika Wanninayake, Department of Animal Production and Health, Sri Lanka

Final Agenda

Topics	Speaker	Japan Time (+9 GMT)	Duration
Opening remarks	Dr Tomoko Ishibashi , Regional Representative, WOAHP Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific Dr R. Nagaraj , Dean, Veterinary College, KVASU, Bengaluru. Dr Tanvir Ahmad Torophder , Director, SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu.	3 PM	15 min
Adoption of agenda and group photo	Dr Barun Sharma, Chair, SA-RABNET	3:15	5 min
Key outputs from the 4 th SA-RABNET Meeting	Dr Kinzang Dukpa, WOAHP RRAP	3:20	5 min
Members' key updates since the 4 th SA-RABNET and other recent actions/progress on rabies diagnosis, prevention and control activities	All Members in alphabetical order (5 mins each x 7) Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	3:25	35 min
KVASU and WOAHP's updates	- Dr. Sharada, R., KVASU - Dr Kinzang Dukpa, WOAHP	4:00	10 min
Discussion	Chair	4:10	10 min
Health break/ Intermission		4:20	10 min
Technical topic of discussion "Rabies Beyond Borders: Unraveling the Wildlife–Domestic Interface"	Dr Shrikrishna Isloor, KVASU	4:30	15 min
Q&A and Discussion	Chair	4:45	10 min
AOB	Chair	4:55	10 min
Discussion and wrap-up	Chair	5:00	5 min

Note: KVASU – Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (WOAHP Reference Laboratory for Rabies in India); WOAHP RRAP – World Organisation for Animal Health Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific, Tokyo Japan.