

WOAH Regional Workshop for Avian Disease Prevention and Control in Asia and the Pacific 2026
Harbin, China P.R
24 to 26 August 2026

AGENDA

Day 1: 24 August 2026		
Schedule	Topics	Speaker/Facilitator
08:30-09:00	Registration	
Opening session		Dr Sam Castro WOAH RRAP
09:00-09:20	Opening Remarks	Professor Zhigao Bu Director, Harbin Veterinary Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (HVRI, CAAS)
	Welcome Remarks	Dr Tomoko Ishibashi, Regional Representative, WOA Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific (WOAH RRAP)
9:20-09:30	Group photo	
09:30-09:45	Introduction and objectives of the workshop	Dr Sam Castro WOAH RRAP
09:45-10:10	Self-introduction	
10:10-10:30	Coffee break	
Session 1: Global and Regional Updates Moderator: Dr Elva Borja		
10:30-10:50	Global updates on WOA-listed avian diseases and disease reporting performance of Members	Dr Gounalan Pavade WOAH HQ
10:50-11:05	Regional updates on avian disease-related activities	Dr Sam Castro WOAH RRAP
11:05 -11:25	Updates on implementation of the Global strategy for the prevention and control of HPAI (2024-2033)	Dr Gounalan Pavade WOAH HQ
11:25-11:45	OFFLU avian influenza technical activity updates (including AIM project)	Dr Frank Wong ACDP, Australia
11:45-11:50	Prioritizing diseases for which vaccines could reduce global antibiotic use in chickens: Findings of the WOA PROEVA expert group	Dr Naila Siddique, NRLPD Pakistan
11:50-12:00	Q and A Session	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	

Session 2: Surveillance, Prevention and Control for Avian Diseases in Asia Pacific Moderator: Dr Chyna Yong Suit-B		
13.00 - 13:50	Topic 1: Progress in Implementation of Sub-Regional Action Points from 2025 • East Asia Avian Disease Network • South Asia Avian Disease Network • ASEAN • Pacific – SPC	Prof Dr Norikazu Isoda, HU, Japan Dr Sundaram Nagarajan, ICAR-NIHSAD, India Dr Mohd Shafarin, ACCAHZ Dr Elva Borja, WOAHRAP
13:50 – 14:00	Q and A Session	
14:00 – 14:15	Mentimeter – Member challenges and priorities; sub-regional and regional questions	WOAH RAP
14:15-14:30	Topic 2: Updates on Surveillance, Prevention and Control and Vaccination Guidelines • Publication of WOAHRAP guidelines for the implementation of avian influenza surveillance in smallholder poultry systems (10) • Development of WOAHRAP guidelines for surveillance in HPAI vaccinated poultry populations (5)	Dr Gounalan Pavade WOAHRAP HQ
14:30 –14:50	Case Studies on Surveillance, Prevention and Control • Case 1 - Papua New Guinea • Case 2 – Cambodia	Dr Daniel Kelly Dr Bunsong Ung
14:50 – 15:15	Coffee break	
15:15 – 15:25	• Case 4 - Surveillance in HPAI vaccinated Poultry Populations (Bangladesh)	Dr Shakawayet Hossain
15:25 – 16:05	Topic 3: Avian Influenza Activities and challenges in National Avian Disease laboratories • Pakistan • Indonesia • Malaysia • Myanmar	Dr Hamid Irshad Dr Lestari Tari Dr Sarah Dadang Abdullah Dr Myint Myint Khin
16:05 – 16:15	Q and A Session	
17:30-19:30	Reception Dinner hosted by WOAHRAP	All
Close of the first day		

Day 2: 25 August 2026		
Schedule	Topics	Speakers/Responsible
9:00 – 9:10	Day 1 Recap	Member
Session 3: Updates on Laboratory Diagnostics and Research Moderator: Dr Naree Ketusing		
9:10 – 10:00	Presentation of activities by WOAHP Reference Laboratories (RLs) for HPAI and LPAI - Australia - Korea - Japan - China P.R - India	Dr Frank Wong, ACDP, Australia Dr Eun-Kyoung Lee, APQA, ROK Prof Dr Norikazu Isoda, HU, Japan Dr Hualan Chen, NAIRL, China Dr Sundaram Nagarajan, ICAR-NIHSAD, India
10:00 – 10:15	Q and A	
10:15 – 10:45	Presentation of activities by WOAHP Reference Laboratories for other Avian Diseases - Presentation on Newcastle Disease (CAHEC) - Presentation on Salmonellosis and Newcastle Disease (APQA) - Presentation on Gumboro (HVRI)	Dr Hualei Liu, CAHEC, China P.R Dr Jin Hyun Kim, APQA, ROK Dr Yulong Gao, HVRI, China P.R
10:40 – 10:50	Q and A	
10:50 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 12:00	Poster Walk	WOAHP RLs and Participants
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	
Session 4: Integrating One Health in avian disease surveillance, prevention and control Moderator: Dr Sam Castro		
13:00 – 13:15	Updates on avian influenza One Health activities	Dr Naree Ketusing WOAHP SRR SEA
13:15 – 13:45	Case Studies on One Health - Australia – HPAI outbreak in wild birds - Republic of Korea – One Health surveillance	Dr Frank Wong, ACDP, Australia Dr Kihong Kim, MAFRA, ROK
13:45 – 14:00	Mentimeter Session	
(cont) Session 2: Surveillance, Prevention and Control for Avian Diseases in Asia Pacific		
14:00 – 14:10	Topic 2: Updates on Surveillance, Prevention and Control and Vaccination Guidelines Case 1 - Papua New Guinea	Dr Daniel Kelly
14:20 – 14:45	Coffee Break	

Session 5: Laboratory Expert Networking Moderator: Dr Norikazu Isoda, Hokkaido University		
14:45 – 16:00	Networking and Information Sharing • Avian Influenza • Other Avian Diseases • Regional Collaborative Efforts on Control of Avian Diseases	
16:00-16:10	Topic 2: Updates on Surveillance, Prevention and Control and Vaccination Guidelines • Case 3 - Surveillance in HPAI vaccinated Poultry Populations (France)	Dr Beatrice Grasland, ANSES, France
17:30-19:30	Reception Dinner hosted by HVRI	All
Close of the second day		

Day 3: 26 August 2026		
Schedule	Topics	Speakers
9:00 – 9:10	Day 2 Recap	Member
Session 6: Progress on Global Strategy Implementation and Recommendations and Way Forward Moderator: Dr Gounalan Pavade		
9:10 – 10:00	Progress in the implementation of the Global strategy for the prevention and control of HPAI (2024-2033) and recommendations and plan of action for 2026 – 2027 <i>Group work: 4 groups by sub-regions</i> • Surveillance & risk assessment • Preparedness and response • Vaccination • Biosecurity • Zoning/Compartmentalization • Public-Private Partnerships (PPP): initiating conversation and strengthening collaboration • One Health: coordination, collaboration, communication and capacity building with other sectors	WOAH
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 – 11:30	Presentation of Group Outputs Presentation of draft Regional and Sub-regional Action Plans for 2026 - 2027	WOAH RRAP; Representatives of the four sub-regions
Closing Session		
11:30-11:45	Workshop Evaluation	WOAH RRAP
11:45 12:00	Closing Remarks • Professor Chengjun Li, Deputy Director, HVRI, CAAS • Dr Naree Ketusing, WOAHSRR SEA	
12:00-13:00	Lunch break	

13:00	End of the Workshop	
13:00-16:00	Visit to HVRI	HVRI