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Sustainable Blood Systems 2026



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Proposed Agenda | 16th June 2026, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM (IST) | Zoom Webinar

Time Slot (IST)	Topic	Speaker
02:00 PM – 02:05 PM	Opening remarks by the Moderator	Dr. Namal Bandara (Consultant Transfusion Physician, National Blood Center, Sri Lanka)
02:05 PM – 02:10 PM	SEARO regional situation – VNRBD	Dr. Aparna Singh Shah (Regional Advisor -SEARO)
02:10 PM – 02:25 PM	Achieving sustainable voluntary donation among regional countries	Dr. Lakshman Edirisinghe (Director, NBTS, Sri Lanka)
02:25 PM – 02:40 PM	Social mobilization and youth engagement under challenging global ecology	Dr. Mahtab Maghsudlu (Vice President for Research & Education at the IRET, Iran)
02:40 PM – 02:55 PM	Challenges in Building Sustainable Blood Systems	Dr. Shabneez Hussain (Head of BTS at Indus Hospital & Health Network, Pakistan)
02:55 PM – 03:10 PM	Why plasma matters	Dr. Ranjeet Ajmani (Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai; Visiting Fellow – NIH, USA; National Expert – Plasma Fractionation)
03:10 PM – 03:30 PM	Ensuring Quality and Safety in Transfusion Service	Ms. Vee Armstrong (Senior Scientist and Consultant, NRL – Science of Quality, Australia)
03:30 PM – 03:45 PM	Innovation and digital systems in blood services	Dr. Elisabeth Huis in 't Veld (Associate Professor, Research Center of Cognitive Science & AI, Tilburg University, Netherlands)
03:45 PM – 04:00 PM	Way Forward and Next Steps	WHO SEARO / NBTS