

Expert Group Meeting on strengthening Regional Cooperation in Healthcare Biotechnology and Biomedical Sector

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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

22 March 2022, India Time (+5.30 GMT)

TIME	TITLE	RESOURCE PERSON
11.00 – 11.15	<p>Inaugural Session</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Special Remarks</p>	<p>Dr. Preeti Soni Head, Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT), UNESCAP</p> <p>Prof. Rupa Chanda Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP</p>
11.15 – 11.30	<p>Keynote Presentation Strengthening healthcare biotechnology R&D facilities, enabling resources and good practices, and regional cooperation</p>	<p>Dr. Jean-Louis Excler Head, New Initiatives Program International Vaccine Institute (IVI) Republic of Korea</p>
11.30 – 12.30	<p>Discussion Session 1 Country Needs and availability of resources for strengthening healthcare biotechnology facilities</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>Moderator: Prof. Yogendra Kumar Gupta Principal Advisor, India Strategy Development, Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP), Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi), New Delhi</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Bangladesh - Dr. Md. Salimullah Director General (Additional Charge), National Institute of Biotechnology, (NIB), Dhaka</p> <p>Indonesia - Dr. Iman Hidayat Head of Biological and Environmental Research Organization, National Agency for Research and Innovation (BRIN), Cibinong Science Center, Jakarta</p> <p>Kazakhstan – Mr. Nurlan Aukenov Head of Division of the Department of Science and Human Resources of the Ministry of Healthcare, Nur-Sultan City</p> <p>Nepal – Prof. Dr Krishnadas Manandhar Head of the Department, Department of Biotechnology, Tribhubhan University, Kathmandu</p> <p>Pakistan – Dr. Shahid Baig Chairman Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), Islamabad</p> <p>Mr. Abdul Rashid, Adviser, Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the OIC (COMSTECH)</p> <p>Sri Lanka – Ms. Amali Ranasinghe</p>

		Chief Operating Officer, SL Institute of Biotechnology, Homagama
12.30 – 12.40	BREAK	
12.40 - 13.40	<p>Discussion Session 2 Opportunities and modalities for mechanisms to establish R&D facilities</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr. Jeong Hyop Lee Senior Advisor, Thailand Program Management Unit for Competitiveness, Thailand</p> <p>Speakers: India - Dr Anurag Agrawal Director, Director of CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB), New Delhi</p> <p>Malaysia – Associate Prof. Dr. Mohd Ghows Mohd Azzam, Director of Malaysia Genome and Vaccine Institute, National Institutes of Biotechnology</p> <p>Republic of Korea: – Dr. Heoung-Yeol Kim Director, Korea Research Institute of Bioscience & Biotechnology, Daejeon</p> <p>Dr. Sung-Oh Huh Deputy Director, Korea Drug Development Fund, Seoul</p> <p>Thailand – Dr. Nataporn Chanvarasuth Deputy Executive Director, National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC), Thailand</p>
13.40 -13.50	<p>Summary of discussions and recommendations on viable models of R&D institutes, analytical support, capacity building and regional cooperation</p>	Moderators of Session 1 and 2
13.50 -14.00	Closing Remarks	<p>Dr. Preeti Soni Head, Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology, UNESCAP</p>