

# IMPROVING INFECTIOUS DISEASE TESTING IN THE WHO SOUTHEAST ASIAN AND WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONS

## WEBINAR OVERVIEW

To assure good quality testing, human and animal health laboratories and point of care (PoC) testing sites need to conduct many quality assurance activities and work within a quality management system.


Many countries in the region have implemented some of these activities but few have all the requirements in place, increasing the risk of incorrect results.

NRL Australia has defined a Quality Testing Framework that describes the quality activities that each country should aim to implement to ensure good quality test kits are used correctly by laboratory and PoC testing sites to achieve good quality results. NRL uses this as the basis for their regional capacity building support, which includes training and mentoring that develops strong local expertise.

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Join **NRL, WHO SEARO, WPRO** and partners for a Webinar to discuss how countries in the region can implement quality assurance and quality management practices to improve infectious disease testing.

**WHO**   
**This Webinar is appropriate for:** staff of testing facilities for human and animal health, leaders in Public Health Laboratories, Directors of Ministries of Health, Funders and implementing partners of Public Health Programs

**WHEN**   
 May 16th 2024:  
 11:00-13:00 (IST) - 13:30-15:30 (PST)

**WHERE**   
 Zoom link to follow

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| TIME (IST)    | AGENDA  |
|---------------|---|
| 11:00 - 11:10 | <b>Welcome and Introduction;</b><br>Dr Dhamari Naidoo, WHO  |
| 11:10 - 11:20 | <b>Poll:</b> What are the challenges you face in producing quality test results?  |
| 11:20 - 11:40 | <b>Common testing problems in the Asia Pacific region,</b> Dr Innocent Mupunga , NRL, Australia   |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | <b>Implementing a Quality Testing Framework,</b> Sandy Walker NRL, Australia  |
| 12:00 - 12:20 | <b>Supporting 17 institutes in India to become EQAS providers,</b> Dr. Nivedita Gupta, Scientist G & Head of the Division of Communicable Diseases at Indian Council of Medical Research, Pune, India |
| 12:20 - 13:00 | <b>Group discussion:</b><br>Challenges to implementing quality activities in the SEAWP regions, Expert Panel: ICMR India, NRL, WHO  |

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