# Ninth Meeting of the South-East Asia Region Immunization Technical Advisory Group (SEAR ITAG)
New Delhi, India, 17-20 July 2018

## Programme

**Day 1, Tuesday, 17 July 2018**

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<td>- South-East Asia Regional Vaccine Action Plan – progress and challenges (30 mins)</td>
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<td><em>Routine immunization systems and services are strengthened (Goal 1 of RVAP)</em></td>
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<td>- Progress and challenges in strengthening immunization systems and services: An overview (20 mins)</td>
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<td>- Communication strategy to support immunization system strengthening: recent developments (20 mins)</td>
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<td>- Health system and immunization strengthening: Gavi perspective (20 mins)</td>
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<td>- Life cycle approach to vaccination (15 mins)</td>
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### Day 2, Wednesday, 18 July 2018

**08:30-10:00  Measles Elimination and Rubella/CRS Control (Goal 2 of RVAP)**

- Progress and challenges in measles elimination and rubella/CRS control in SEAR: An overview (20 mins)  
  **WHO SEARO**
- Mid-term review of SEAR strategic plan for measles elimination and rubella/CRS control – key findings and recommendations (20 mins)  
  **NK Arora**
- Discussion (20 mins)
- Point-of-care testing for measles diagnostics – findings from a recent study in India (15 mins)  
  **WHO India**
- Strengthening surveillance for measles elimination (15 mins)  
  **MoH DPR Korea**

**10:00-10:30  Tea/Coffee Break**

**10:30-11:40  Progress in immunization programme performance in SEAR countries (contd.)**

- Sri Lanka – immunization progress report (20 mins)  
  **NITAG Sri Lanka**
- Nepal – immunization progress report (20 mins)  
  **NITAG Nepal**
- Discussion on Sri Lanka and Nepal (30 mins)

**11:40-12:00  Polio-free status is maintained (Goal 3 of RVAP)**

- Global polio update – key challenges and priorities (15 min)  
  **WHO HQ**
- Progress and challenges in maintaining polio-free status in SEAR: An overview (15 mins)  
  **WHO SEARO**
- Poliovirus containment – progress and challenges in SEAR (15 mins)  
  **WHO SEARO**
- Risk assessment oversight by certification bodies (10 mins)  
  **S Chunsuttiwat, RCCPE chair**
- Discussion (15 mins)

**12:50-13:50  Lunch break**

**13:50-14:30  Managing polio transition - global strategic action plan and implications for SEAR countries (20 mins)**  

**WHO HQ + WHO SEARO**

*Discussion (20 mins)*
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<td>- Planning for Rotavirus vaccine introduction in Nepal (15 mins)</td>
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- DPR Korea – immunization progress report (20 mins)  NITAG, DPR Korea
- Bhutan – immunization progress report (20 mins)  NITAG, Bhutan
- *Discussion on DPR Korea and Bhutan (30 mins)*

15:20-15:45  Tea/Coffee break

15:45-16:45  *Informational sessions:*

- Cholera vaccination (20 mins)  F Quadri, SAGE member
- Typhoid vaccination (20 mins)  WHO HQ
- *Discussion (20 mins)*

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<td><strong>Immunization performance improvement using GRISP pillars: Strengthening maturity index – Group work</strong></td>
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