

The International Blood Safety Forum 2017
Improving Access to Safe Blood
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Ritz Carlton (Pentagon City) Washington, D.C.
Salon I/II
Friday, March 24, 2017

AGENDA

7:00 – 8:00 am		Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:10 am	John Donnelly	Welcome and Administrative Remarks
Keynote Address		
8:10 – 8:30 am	Zbigniew M. Szczepiorkowski, MD, PhD FCAP (Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Dartmouth University, and President, AABB)	Future prospects for expanding access to affordable safe blood in developing countries, and the potential impact on Sustainable Development Goals for maternal mortality, child mortality, and access to essential medicines.
Part 1. Situation Update		Moderator: Christine Bales (AABB)
8:30 – 8:50 am	Dejana Selenic (CDC)	PEPFAR: Accomplishments and transition plans.
8:50 – 9:10 am	Roberto Garza (PAHO)	Accomplishments toward improving blood safety and access in Latin America.
9:10 – 9:30 am	Open Discussion/ Q&A	
9:30 – 9:50 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
Part 2: Value Proposition Analysis		Moderator: Pete Zacharias (Safe Blood for Africa)
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9:50 – 10:10 am	Imelda Bates (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)	The value of blood in developing countries: lives saved and economic benefits.
10:10 – 10:30 am	Ravi Reddy (SANBS)	Economics of blood from vein to vein – case studies in South Africa.
10:30 – 10:50 am	Christa Gouws (Namibia Blood Transfusion Service)	Blood program costs in Namibia.
10:50-11:10	Discussion/Q&A	

11:10 – 11:30 am	Alexandra Nielsen (Portland State U) and Nathan Nielsen (Tulane U School of Medicine)	Prospects for economies in blood collection and processing and their potential for impact on the cost of blood products in the developing world.
11:30 – 11:50 am	Jim MacPherson (MacPherson Strategies)	Demand trends for the next 10 years: how economic growth and changes in medical practice in low and middle income countries may affect the demand for blood products.
11:50-12:00 pm	Discussion/Q&A	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i> Diplomat (Lobby Level)	

Part 3. Quality Management

Moderator: Ruth Sylvester (ABC)

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1:20 – 1:40 pm	Christine Bales (AABB)	Implementation of QMS/GMP in developing country blood centers: the AFSBT/AABB model.
1:40 – 2:00 pm	Matt Delgado (ICCBBA)	Implementation of ISBT 128 in low-resource countries.
2:00 – 2:20 pm	Daniel Kimani (CDC Kenya)	Improving QMS of blood transfusion services using SLMTA: Experience in Kenya.

Part 4: Knowledge gaps and action plans

2:20 – 3:05 pm	Moderator: Jerry Holmberg (Grifols)	1. Industry Panel: Challenges and opportunities of working in developing countries to make safe blood more accessible and affordable.
3:05 – 3:40 pm	Moderator: Pete Zacharias (Safe Blood for Africa)	2. How to test innovations that can bring accessible, affordable safe blood to the scale required to meet developing country medical needs?
3:40 – 3:55 pm	<i>Tea Break</i>	
3:55 – 4:40 pm	Moderator: Evan Bloch (Johns Hopkins University)	3. Thinking outside the bag: Potential impact of transformative technologies. Potential for low cost pathogen reduction, Point-of-care testing for transfusion in austere environments.

Closing Remarks

4:40 – 5:00 pm	John Pitman (Cerus)	Taking up the challenge of driving scale-up of safe blood.
5:30 – 7:00 pm	No Host Social Plaza D	Please join us for an informal social gathering after the meeting

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PANEL DISCUSSIONS

2:20-3:05 PM: Industry Panel: Challenges and opportunities of working in developing countries to make safe blood more accessible and affordable.

Jerry Holmberg (Moderator)	Grifols
Jeroen van den Bossche	Terumo BCT
Armelle Cooray	Grifols
Lori Gabrek	Helmer Scientific
Murat Merdal	Abbott Transfusion Medicine
Nina Mufti	Cerus Corp.

3:05-3:40 PM: How to test innovations that can bring accessible, affordable safe blood to the scale required to meet developing country medical needs?

Pete Zacharias (Moderator)	Safe Blood for Africa
Brian Custer	Blood Systems Research Institute
Mabel Ekanem	University of Uyo
Christa Gouws	Blood Transfusion Service of Namibia
Daniel Kimani	CDC Kenya
Ravi Reddy	South Africa National Blood Service

3:55-4:40 PM: Thinking outside the bag: Potential impact of transformative technologies. Potential for low cost pathogen reduction, Point-of-care testing, for transfusion in austere environments.

Evan Bloch (Moderator)	Johns Hopkins University
Linda Barnes	Bloodworks Northwest
Marcia Cardoso	Terumo BCT
Nina Mufti	Cerus Corp.