

GLOBAL FORUM ON ACCESS TO SAFE BLOOD PRODUCTS FOR PATIENTS IN NEED OF REGULAR TRANSFUSION

13.00 - 13.10

FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2021 | 13:00 - 15:30 CET

OPENING STATEMENTS



PROGRAMME

Panos **ENGLEZOS**,
President, Thalassaemia International Federation

Dr Zsuzsanna **JAKAB**,
Deputy Director-General, World Health Organization

MODERATOR:

Prof. Constantina **POLITIS**,
Scientific Advisor to the Hellenic National Public Health Organisation
(EODY), Ministry of Health, Greece

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INTRODUCTION - BLOOD SAFETY AND AVAILABILITY: THE WORK OF THE WHO OVER THE YEARS ON A RECURRING GLOBAL ISSUE

Dr Yuyun **MARYUNINGSIH**, Team Lead, Blood and other Products of Human
Origin (BTT), World Health Organization

By shedding light onto the challenges of clinical transfusion practice in different settings, the Global Forum on Access to Safe Blood Products for Patients in Need of Regular Transfusion aspires to bring together broader communities of stakeholders that are engaged in activities of the blood sector at national, regional and international levels, creating a platform for policy dialogue and exchange of ideas.

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DRIVING CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AND RESILIENCE FOR BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICES: CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED, BEST PRACTICES

Dr Gilles **FOLLÉA**,
Advisor, Training Department, French Blood Establishment (EFS)

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SAFE BLOOD AND SAFE TRANSFUSIONS

Prof. Erica **WOOD**,
Head, Transfusion Research Unit at Monash University and President, International Society of Blood Transfusion

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BLOOD AVAILABILITY - PROTECTING THE BLOOD SUPPLY DURING INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAKS: GUIDANCE FOR NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICES

Dr Alan **KITCHEN**, Member of WHO Advisory Group for Blood Regulation, Availability and Safety, World Health Organization

14.30 - 14.50

BLOOD SAFETY AND AVAILABILITY AS VIEWED BY TRANSFUSION-DEPENDENT PATIENTS: TIF'S PERSPECTIVE

Dr Androulla **ELEFThERIOU**, Executive Director, Thalassaemia International Federation

14.50 - 15.25

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Prof. Constantina **POLITIS**, Scientific Advisor to the Hellenic National Public Health Organisation (EODY), Ministry of Health, Greece
Dr Gilles **FOLLÉA**, Advisor, Training Department, French Blood Establishment (EFS)

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CONCLUDING REMARKS

Dr Yuyun **MARYUNINGSIH**, Team Lead, Blood and other Products of Human Origin (BTT), World Health Organization

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