

**DAY ONE - WORKSHOP PROGRAM.** Thursday, 25 June 2026

Time	Topics
	<b>Opening</b>
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Congress President
	Caja del Seguro Social Director
	WBMT President
	LABMT President
	PAHO/WHO Representative in Panama
	Representative of the Ministry of Health
	<b>Hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT) and cellular therapies (CT) in the global, regional and national context</b>
9:20 AM – 9:35 AM	<b>WHO - Global Perspective on HCT</b>
9:35 AM – 9:50 AM	<b>PAHO - Regional Perspective on HCT</b>
9:50 AM – 10:05 AM	<b>Panama's health care system including HCT</b>
10:05 AM – 10:20 AM	Coffee Break
<b>Session I</b>	<b>Regional HCT activity &amp; development</b>
10:20 AM – 11:30 AM (70 min)	Colombia
	Costa Rica
	Cuba
	Dominican Republic
	El Salvador
	Guatemala
	Honduras
	Jamaica
	México
	Nicaragua
	Puerto Rico
	Trinidad and Tobago
	11:30 PM – 12:30 PM
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
<b>Session II</b>	<b>Essential requirements for establishing an HCT Program</b>
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	<b>Establishing a sustainable HCT program</b>
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>How I started an HCT program</b>
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	<b>Cooperation to establish an HCT program</b>
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Roundtable discussion: <b>What is essential, what is preferred and what is optimal?</b>
<b>Session III</b>	<b>Getting Started with the Transplant Program and Indications for HCT</b>
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Malignant vs Benign Hematologic Diseases: Where to start?</b>
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>Indications for adult and pediatric HCT</b>
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	Roundtable Discussion: <b>Limitations and Contraindications of HCT</b>

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	Coffee Break
<b>Session IV</b>	<b>Training and Dissemination of Knowledge</b>
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	<b>How to become a transplant physician, staff nurse and technician</b>
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Training of HCT nursing</b>
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Roundtable Discussion: <b>Establishing a curriculum for training in HCT (tools for education, Internet, telemedicine)</b>
<b>Session V</b>	<b>WBMT – ISBT joint session: Transfusion services for HCT centers</b>
5:30 PM – 5:45 PM	<b>Panama transfusion reports: Access to safe and effective blood transfusions including blood component therapy</b>
5:45 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>Guidelines for blood transfusion including guidelines for transfusion in HSCT</b>
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Roundtable Discussion: <b>Blood product screening and alloantibodies in HSCT</b>

**DAY TWO - WORKSHOP PROGRAM.** Friday, 26 June 2025

Time	Topics
<b>Session VI</b>	<b>Donor Selection and Donor Safety</b>
8:30 AM – 8:15 AM	<b>Principles of HLA</b>
8:15 AM – 8:30 AM	<b>Mismatched family donors</b>
8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	<b>Unrelated donors</b>
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	Roundtable Discussion: <b>How to choose the best donor</b>
<b>Session VII</b>	<b>Emerging infectious diseases</b>
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<b>Emerging Viral Infections (Dengue, Zika, Chikungunya, Yellow fever)</b>
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>Chagas disease</b>
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Roundtable Discussion: <b>What specific characteristics should we consider when evaluating infections in tropical regions?</b>
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Coffee Break
<b>Session VIII</b>	<b>Cell Collection and Processing</b>
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Apheresis, techniques, indications, and complications</b>
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>Stem cell storage: Controlled freezing versus cryopreserved (-80C) versus freshly collected stem cells: Which and Why?</b>
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	<b>Minimal requirements for a cell processing lab</b>
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Roundtable Discussion: <b>How to successfully establish a collection and cell processing facility</b>
<b>Session IX</b>	<b>Complications of HCT and laboratory infrastructure</b>
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	<b>Donor-specific antibodies and chimerism evaluation</b>
11:45 AM – 12:00 AM	<b>The role of the immunology lab (cytology, cytogenetics, flow, molecular, MRD)</b>
12:00 AM – 12:30 AM	Discussion:
12:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
<b>Session X</b>	<b>Quality Assurance in HCT Centers</b>
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	<b>Overview and principles of quality systems in HCT centers</b>
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>How to get an HCT program in Low-Middle Income countries accredited</b>
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	<b>Labelling and traceability of cell products: How to implement ISBT 128 from the ground up</b>
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Roundtable Discussion:

	<b>Where do we start? From following standards to successfully obtaining accreditation</b>
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Coffee Break
<b>Session XI</b>	<b>Patient/Donor Registration and Outcome Database</b>
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>Role of registries in HCT</b>
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>The transplant activity survey WBMT/GTR</b>
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	<b>LABMT/GTR Registry</b>
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>HCT activity registry: Andean</b>
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	<b>HCT activity registry: Donasur and Incucaí</b>
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Outcome Registries: CIBMTR</b>
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	<b>Outcome Registries: EBMT</b>
4:45 PM – 5:30 PM	Roundtable Discussion: <b>The importance of data collection and trends at the regional and global levels.</b>
	<b>Closing remarks</b>
5:30 PM – 5:45 PM	Short summary