The newly established WHO Network for Biologicals met for its 1st General Meeting at the National Institute of Biologicals in NOIDA from 31st October to 2 November 2017. Participants from national control laboratories, manufacturer associations and other stakeholders of more than twenty countries welcomed new Network members, discussed operational aspects of the Network, the path forward to an effective entity and furthermore learnt from case studies and shared best practices of applied vaccine quality control measures.

The Network’s main objectives are to share quality and technical information related to prequalified products (vaccines or other biological medicinal products), to facilitate recognition of the responsible national regulatory authority/NCL's lot release by recipient countries, and therefore reduce redundant testing, and to promote the development of harmonized common standards and share best practices.

Members and stakeholders will reconvene in 2018 for the 2nd General Meeting of the WHO Network for Biologicals in Rome, Italy.