

## WHO calls for strengthening regulatory cooperation in SEA Region

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The WHO South-East Asia Regional Office (SEARO) had the 3rd Annual Meeting of South-East Asia Regulatory Network (SEARN) on 24th and 25th April 2019 in Delhi. Regulators from across the region met to develop approaches to working together to increase reliance and referral to promote rapid access to high quality, efficacious and safe products for patients.

Network National Regulatory Authorities is responsible for regulation of medical products, including medicines, vaccines, biological and medical devices and diagnostics for human use in the eleven countries of the South East Asia Region.

"The South-East Asia Regulatory Network's efforts to increase access to quality medical products is crucial to achieving universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals to ensure healthy lives and promote health and well-being for all, at all ages," Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region said.

WHO is committed to supporting SEARN to enhance country cooperation, and in doing so, work towards sharing regulatory resources. These outcomes will be especially useful to countries, she added.