

**Workshop for OIE National Focal Points for Veterinary Products
Johannesbourg, South Africa, 22 – 26 Nov 2010**

The training gave a global overview of the veterinary medicinal products' framework. The objective of the workshops is to give participants the opportunity to express themselves about their needs and expectations with regard their role and relationships with the OIE and the collaborating centre as focal points on VMPs in the framework of the good governance of veterinary medicinal products.

In order to give focal points the possibility to intervene, focal points will be divided in groups. A chair and a rapporteur will be nominated. Each rapporteur will report in plenary afterwards.

A few questions are suggested below. The same ones will be given to each group. However a free one hour and a half discussion is expected, led by the chair who can decide to approach the subject differently. Representatives from the OIE and from the collaborating centre will be present, but only in order to answer questions when clarification is necessary.

Questions

The training gave an overview of the role and responsibilities of national veterinary services, of regional and international structures for veterinary medicinal products and also on specific activities related to the good governance regarding VMPs.

In that context, focal points may discuss about:

- Which part of the veterinary medicine is regulated in your country?
- Do you know in your country the different partners in charge of VMPs?
- How do you consider your tasks and responsibilities in this area?
- In your opinion what are the prioritized needs for implementation of a veterinary medicinal products policy?
- How to improve the participation of countries in standard setting process and compliance with OIE international standards?
- What are your needs and expectations?