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WHO expands global biomanufacturing workforce network

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated a network of regional training centres for biomanufacturing across all six WHO regions, marking a major step forward in strengthening the global workforce needed to produce vaccines, biotherapeutics and other biological products.

The designation follows a rigorous global selection process conducted through two calls for expressions of interest and forms part of the WHO Biomanufacturing Workforce Training Initiative established in 2023. This flagship effort addresses critical skills gaps across the biomanufacturing value chain, enabling countries to translate technological advances into sustainable local production.

As global efforts continue to expand manufacturing infrastructure and advance technology transfer, WHO is placing equal emphasis on the people and systems required to make these investments sustainable and impactful.

The newly designated regional training centres will operate as part of a coordinated global network, delivering hands-on context-specific training aligned with regional priorities, regulatory environments and languages. By partnering with academia and industry, they will expand access to training, strengthen regional expertise and foster collaboration across countries, supporting the development of a skilled and sustainable workforce.