

HEALTHY WORLD

Participants identified missing Objectives, offered general comments, and made suggestions for change.

- *Implementation:* Participants voiced concerns about the implementation of the Objectives and felt that they should be accompanied by policy development, they should be integrated services (rather than vertical programs), and CDC should work within existing structures and systems to leverage resources.
- *American-centric:* Participants strongly cautioned that the language in the Strategic Goal: Global Health Protection which states that “Americans at home and abroad will be protected from health threats through a transnational prevention, detection, and response network” sounded American-centric. They stressed that a transnational prevention, detection, and response network protects persons of all nationalities, not just Americans.
- *International Public Health Infrastructure:* They stressed that developing the global public health infrastructure is not altruism, but an essential strategy for protecting lives. For example, better epidemiology and laboratory services in countries where SARS or avian flu emerge means quicker response to contain a potential worldwide epidemic.