As the lead country for the Real-Time Surveillance Action Package, Georgia is convening an international meeting regarding communicable disease surveillance within the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA). Georgia’s focal point for GHSA and IHR, together with US CDC and Norway, is organizing the event, which is the first of its kind. Furthermore, Georgia is chairing The Biosurveillance Network of the Silk Road (BNSR) – a multi-national partnership - consisting of Human and Animal Health practitioners from different countries and looks forward to sharing this surveillance model with meeting participants.

The theme for the GHSA meeting is “Accelerating progress in the Real-Time Biosurveillance Action Package of GHSA”. The meeting is being held on March 26-28, 2018, in Tbilisi, Georgia, and will bring together GHSA partner countries, contributing countries of Real-Time Surveillance Action Package, and international partner organizations supporting the strengthening of capacities to detect infectious disease threats within the Real-Time Surveillance Action Package and other cross-cutting packages.

Meeting objectives:
2. Exchange best practice and share experiences on
   1. Building capacity to meet compliance with Joint External Evaluations (moving country score up to green).
   2. Implementation of integrated electronic systems
   3. A regional approach for communicable disease surveillance
   4. Community-Based Surveillance as part of Event-Based Surveillance
   5. Use of biosurveillance data for public health action
3. Strengthening integrative and multi-sectoral approaches to disease surveillance systems and collaborating at country and regional level with other Action Packages activities in a crosscutting manner as a sustainable pathway to One Health and health security overall.
4. Sustaining surveillance: financing surveillance as a cost-effective investment

Meeting participants:
- GHSA member Countries
- RTS AP Contributing Countries
- GHSA Contributing organizations: WHO, FAO, OIE.
- GHSA Partners: multilateral and bilateral donors, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, etc.
- Members of Biosurveillance Network of the Silk Road.