

**MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE
DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF
BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN
WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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To the Permanent Representatives in Geneva of the
States Parties and Signatories to the Convention on the Prohibition
of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological
(Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction

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BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION – 2018 MEETINGS OF EXPERTS

Excellency,

As you are aware, the 2018 BWC Meetings of Experts will be held at the Palais des Nations from 7 to 16 August 2018. I would like to inform you of the practical arrangements for the Meetings.

The Meetings are open to all States Parties and Signatories to the BWC. The dates of the Meetings are as follows:

- MX1 - Cooperation and Assistance, with a Particular Focus on Strengthening Cooperation and Assistance under Article X (7-8 August 2018)
- MX2 - Review of Developments in the Field of Science and Technology Related to the Convention (9-10 August 2018)
- MX3 - Strengthening National Implementation (13 August 2018)
- MX4 - Assistance, Response and Preparedness (14-15 August 2018)
- MX5 - Institutional Strengthening of the Convention (16 August 2018)

Formal credentials are **not** required for the Meetings of Experts. States Parties and Signatories are instead requested to register their participation by letter or note verbale addressed to the Implementation Support Unit, listing the details of their delegation as they would like it to appear in the official List of Participants. It is not necessary to send a separate note verbale for each Meeting, one covering participation in all five Meetings will suffice. Please clearly identify the head of delegation. To avoid delays, I would kindly request delegations to register **no later than Friday 20 July 2018**.

Participants already in possession of UNOG badges can proceed directly to the meeting room.

Participants who do not already have UNOG badges need to register online at <https://reg.unog.ch/event/18992/> and follow the process described. Such participants will be

able to collect their badge at the Pass and Identification Unit at the Pregny Gate of the Palais des Nations from 12:00 on Friday 3 August 2018, or from 08:00 on Tuesday 7 August. Participants are advised to come to the Pregny Gate well in advance to allow enough time for security checks.

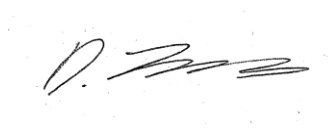
States Parties intending to submit working papers to the Meetings of Experts are encouraged to do so by **15 July 2018** in order that the documents are processed and made available to all participants in good time. Such documents should be submitted in Microsoft Word format to bwc@un.org

Any State wishing to organize a side event during the Meetings of Experts should contact the Implementation Support Unit to discuss the details.

Detailed information on the arrangements for the Meetings of Experts is provided in the attached Aide-Mémoire. Please review this document carefully prior to registration. Further information and official documents for the Meetings of Experts can be obtained on the BWC website, <http://www.unog.ch/bwc/meeting>

Any queries can be directed to Mr. Daniel Feakes, Chief, BWC Implementation Support Unit at tel: 022 917 2230, fax: 022 917 0483, or e-mail: bwc@un.org

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Daniel Feakes
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Attachments:

- 1) Aide-Mémoire for participants from States Parties, Signatory States, Observer States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.