

BWC WORKSHOP

Reports on BWC-relevant developments by international experts

Council Chamber, Palais des Nations

Day 1 (30 November)

09:40 Refreshments

10:00 Opening Remarks

His Excellency Mr. Amran Mohamed Zin

Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Ambassador Robert A. Wood

Permanent Representative of the United States to the Conference on Disarmament and U.S. Special Representative for Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC) Issues

Session 1: Science and Technology

10:40 Robin FEARS
European Academies Science Advisory Council

Dr. Fears will present a recent workshop on security implications of gene editing technology hosted at the Volkswagen Foundation

11:25 Yin LI
Chinese Academy of Sciences

Dr. Li will present the findings of a joint study with The World Academy of Sciences, Biotechnology: A growing field in the developing world

12:10 Kazunobu KOJIMA
World Health Organization

Dr. Kojima will present updates to the latest edition of the World Health Organization's Laboratory Biosafety Manual

13:00 End of Session 1

Session 2: National Implementation

15:00 Lemalu Lemi TAEFU
Parliament of Samoa

The Honorable Minister Taefu will present Samoa's process of accession and implementation of the BWC

Peter BARCROFT
Parliamentarians for Global Action

Mr. Barcroft will describe PGA's recent work to promote universalization of the BWC

15:45 Kathrina YAMBAO
Public Health Agency of Canada

Ms. Yambao will present Canada's biosafety/biosecurity policy and regulation framework

Shawn KIRK
Ministry of Health, Trinidad and Tobago

Mr. Kirk will present the biosafety/biosecurity policy and regulation framework pilot exercise recently hosted by Trinidad and Tobago

Djibril SANGARE
Association Malienne pour la biosécurité et la biosûreté

Dr. Sangare will present the biosafety/biosecurity policy and regulation framework pilot exercise recently hosted by Mali

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16:45 Ismail CHEKKORI (invited)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Morocco

Mr. Chekkori is invited to present a report of Morocco's recent peer review exercise

Marisol O'Ryan ALONSO
Chilean National Authority, BWC and CWC

Dr. O'Ryan will present Chile's perspectives on and experience with voluntary transparency initiatives

Julia NORDMANN
German Federal Foreign Office

Ms. Nordmann will present Germany's perspective on the concept of voluntary transparency initiatives, based on the exercise held by Germany in 2016

17:40 William Kofi BAFFOE-MENSAH
National Security Council Secretariat Ghana

Mr. Baffoe-Mensah will present outcomes of a recent BWC legislative workshop in Ghana

18:00 End of Session 2

Day 2 (1 December)

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Session 3: Preparedness and Response

10:00 Maurizio BARBESCHI
World Health Organization

Dr. Barbeschi will present updates to WHO preparedness for deliberate biological events

Valeria SANTORI
Implementation Support Unit

Ms. Santori will present the UNODA/BWC-ISU Article VII Project

Mark SMITH
Wilton Park

Dr. Smith will present a recent workshop, Responding to deliberate biological release, hosted at Wilton Park

11:40 Frederik KRISTENSEN
CEPI

Dr. Kristensen will present the new Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations

12:20 SAC Hussein OMAR KHAN
Royal Malaysia Police

Mr. Omar Khan will present a recent series of workshops on national capacity building to respond to and investigate the deliberate release of biological agent

13:00 End of Session 3

Session 4: International Cooperation and Assistance

15:00 Mukesh CHAWLA
World Bank

Dr. Chawla will present pandemic preparedness and health systems strengthening efforts at the World Bank

15:30 Zalini YUNUS
Science & Technology Research Institute for Defence (STRIDE)
Ministry of Defence Malaysia

Dr. Yunus will present national efforts in implementing biorisk management (focusing on biosecurity measures) with the support and assistance from US government (DOS and DOD)

16:00 Francesco MARELLI (invited)
UNICRI

Mr. Marelli is invited to present UNICRI efforts to help countries devise national action plans to mitigate CBRN risks

16:30 Refreshments

17:00 Renne KLINGE
Permanent Mission of Finland, Geneva

DPR Klinge will present Finland's work to further the JEE Alliance

17:30 Joe Leenhouts-Martin
GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance

Mr. Leenhouts-Martin will present GAVI's work to increase equitable access to vaccines

18:00 End of Session 4