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CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE WORKSHOP

ADVANCES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY:
BENEFITS AND MISUSE
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 2030 AGENDA
Room XIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva
17 June 2019

Programme

Workshop opening

- Moderator: *Ms. Ngoc Phuong van der Blij*, Political Affairs Officer, Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit

I. 15.00 – 15.20   Welcoming remarks

- *H.E. Mr. Adrian Vieriţa,* Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- *Mr. Daniel Feakes,* Chief, Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit
- *Ms. Amélie Delaroche,* Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Yann Hwang, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament, Chairperson of the BWC 2019 MSP
- *Mr. Yury Nikolaichik*, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Chairperson of the 2019 BWC MX2

II. Expert presentations

- Moderator: *Mr. Daniel Feakes*, Chief, Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit

15.20– 16.20   **Panel I: Promoting advances in Biotechnology**

- Introduction to the Sustainable Development Goals – *Mr. Francesco Pisano, Director of the UNOG Library*
- Biohacking and DIYbio: Myths and realities, *Dr. Luc Henry, co-Founder Hackuarium, a community laboratory*
- A report on Technologies to Address Global Catastrophic Biological Risks - *Dr. Crystal Watson, Professor, Johns Hopkins University*
- Discussion

16.20- 16:40   **Coffee break**

16:40 – 17:40   **Panel II: Preventing misuse of Biotechnology**

- Risks from advances in S&T of relevance to the BWC - *Dr. James Revill, Researcher, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research - UNIDIR*
- Technology policy and adaptive management of risks - *Dr. Kenneth Oye, Director of Program and Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology – MIT*
- Discussion

III.   17:40- 18.00 Wrap-up and conclusion

- *Mr. Daniel Feakes*, Chief, Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit