



IMPLICATIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE OUTBREAK FOR THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

AGENDA

*7 August 2015, 09:00-15:00
Room VIII, Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland*

**Hosted by the BWC Implementation Support Unit and
the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research**

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Breakfast and coffee |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Introduction and opening remarks
Kerstin Vignard, Deputy to the Director, UNIDIR
Daniel Feakes, Chief, BWC Implementation Support Unit |
| <i>Session 1</i> | <i>Context and background</i> |
| 09:45 – 10:15 | Setting the scene: Preliminary findings from a survey of organizations involved in response to the 2014 Ebola outbreak
Rebecca Katz, U.S. Department of State
Ryan Morhard, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Discussion |
| <i>Session 2</i> | <i>Interactive discussions</i> |
| 10:15 – 11:30 | Working group breakout session A <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Military engagements▪ Command and control▪ Safety and security of medical personnel |
| 11:30 – 12:45 | Working group breakout session B <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Interactions with NGO and IO communities▪ Interaction between humanitarian response efforts and investigations of use/alleged use▪ The role of international cooperation and capacity-building efforts |
| 12:45 – 13:15 | Sandwich lunch |

Session 3

Readouts and Conclusions

13:15 – 14:15

Reports from working groups

14:15 – 15:00

Key points from the meeting and discussion on the way forward