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## **ADVANCES IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND BIOCONTAINMENT**

**Venue: Palais des Nations, UN, Geneva, Switzerland**  
**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**  
**Time: 9AM**

### **AGENDA**

- 09:00-09:05 **Welcome and opening remarks**  
*Ambassador Rakesh SOOD, Ph.D., Observer Research Foundation*
- 09:05-09:12 **Recent advances in biological sciences and biosecurity**  
*Prof. Indira NATH, Retired Senior Professor, Department of  
Biotechnology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and  
Emeritus Professor, National Institute of Pathology, New Delhi*
- 09:12-09:19 **Update on biocontainment in India**  
*Dr. S.R. RAO Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science &  
Technology, Government of India*  
**and Release of new guideline: “Regulations and Guidelines on  
Biosafety of Recombinant DNA Research and Biocontainment, 2017”**  
*(on video by Prof. K Vijay RAGHAVAN, Secretary, Department of  
Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India)*
- 09:19-09:26 **Indo-US Dialogue on Biosecurity – History and progress**  
*Tom INGLESBY, MD, Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security,  
Baltimore, USA*
- 09:26-09:32 **Research organizations focused on national biosecurity policy and  
international dialogues and collaborations**  
*Anita CICERO, JD, Deputy Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Health  
Security, Baltimore, USA*
- 09:32-10:00 **General Discussion**
- 10:00 **Refreshments**