SIDE EVENT

BWC Meeting of States Parties 2019
Geneva | 5 December 2019 | 9:00-10:00 hrs
Room XXIII, Palais des Nations
United Nations Office at Geneva

This side event aims at showcasing the main outcomes of a series of regional workshops conducted in 2017 and 2018 under European Union Council Decision CFSP/2016/51 in support of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC).

Five regional workshops were held in Ukraine, Mexico, Jordan, South Africa and the Philippines, bringing together scientists, academics, industry representatives, public health professionals and BWC experts. Participants shared expertise, exchanged views, and examined the relationship between recent advances in science and technology and the BWC; as well as these advances’ direct impact on specific articles of the BWC. Each of the workshops resulted in the preparation of an outcome paper.

This side event will bring together organizers from each of the workshops, who will discuss and share the major conclusions. In addition, a Johns Hopkins University-led publication synthesizing the results of the workshops will be presented for the first time during the side event.

Join us on Thursday 5 December at 9:00 hrs. in room XXIII of the Palais des Nations to learn more about the workshops, their outcomes, and the main findings of the joint publication led by Johns Hopkins University. A light breakfast and coffee will be served as of 8:45 hrs. outside room XXIII.