Iraq Ministry of Science and Technology - National Monitoring Directorate
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The Iraqi National Monitoring Directorate at the Ministry of Science and Technology organized the first ever national workshop on biological risk management on 20-21 September 2011 in Baghdad. The workshop was attended by more than 30 representatives from various Iraqi ministries including Ministry of Health, Agriculture, Industry Trade, and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, respectively. The workshop aimed to increase the national stakeholders’ awareness and also provide an educational opportunity on issues such as biosafety and biosecurity, and the international efforts aimed at non-proliferation of biological weapons (such as the Biological Weapons Convention and the UN Security Council Resolution 1540). Workshop participants also discussed the implementation of WHO International Health Regulations (IHRs) with regard to public health preparedness and response as well as the cooperation of public health and law enforcement in the investigation of suspicious outbreaks of disease. The Iraqi National Monitoring Directorate at the Ministry of Science and Technology aims to continue such engagement of national stakeholders in order to strengthen national capacities on dealing with biological threats. For more information, please contact the BWC National Focal Point of Iraq at biodep@inmd.org