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

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

Session 1 Context and background

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

Session 2 Interactive discussions

10:15 – 11:30 Working group breakout session A
- Military engagements
- Command and control
- Safety and security of medical personnel

11:30 – 12:45 Working group breakout session B
- 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