Strengthening the UNSGM: From Trusted Laboratories to Trained Experts

Side Event of the 2018 Meeting of States Parties to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) on recent and upcoming activities by Switzerland, Sweden and Germany relating to UNSGM Designated Laboratories and the Roster of Experts

Thursday, 6 December 2018
13:15 – 14:45, Room XVII
Building E, Palais des Nations, Geneva

A light lunch will be served at 13:00 outside the conference room

13:15 Opening remarks
Ambassador Peter Beerwerth, Permanent Representative of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament

13:20 Introduction to the UNSGM and the work of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs’ in coordinating States Parties support to the mechanism.
Ioan Tudor, Chief of UNODA’s Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch

13:35 Report on the activities of Switzerland, Germany and Sweden to strengthen the UNSGM Bio Reference Laboratories
Dr Cédric Invernizzi, Senior CBRN Arms Control Expert, Spiez Laboratory, Federal Office for Civil Protection, Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports, Switzerland
Prof. Dr. med. Roland Grunow, Head of Department, Robert Koch Institute, Germany
Dr. Per Wikström, Scientist at the Swedish Defence Research Agency, FOI, Sweden

14:05 Outlook on the Swedish-German plans to organize a Capstone exercise and provide supplementary training to UNSGM Roster Experts
Dr. Per Wikström, Scientist at the Swedish Defence Research Agency, FOI, Sweden
Dr. Stefan Kloth, Research Associate at the Robert Koch Institute, Germany

14:20 Activities of other States Parties in support of the UNSGM

14:40 Q&A