The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and the Chinese Academy of Sciences will co-host a side event on “Capacity Building of Biosafety Laboratories” during the Meeting of Experts on Cooperation and Assistance (MX1) of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). Experts from the Chinese Academy of Sciences will share their thoughts on the influence, challenges and solutions of biotechnology development on the capacity building of biosafety laboratories, as well as the international cooperation and good practices in the related fields under the framework of the BWC.

The idea comes from two workshops on biosafety management for developing countries held by Wuhan Institute of Virology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in recent two years. The series of workshops, as the first offer submitted by China to the BWC Assistance and Cooperation Database, is considered as an important component of China’s contribution to the BWC.

**Speakers include:**
- Ambassador Song LI, Ambassador for Disarmament Affairs and Deputy Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Professor Zhiming YUAN, Director of Wuhan National Biosafety Laboratory, Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Professor Yanyi WANG, Director General of Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Professor Hongping WEI, Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the above-mentioned side event and look forward to your insights.

**Venue:** Room XXIII, Palais des Nations  
**Time:** 13:00-15:00, Tuesday, 30 July 2019  
**Snacks** will be offered during the side event  
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