



Agenda
Preparing for Pandemics:
Lessons Learned for More Effective Responses

Geneva, Switzerland

11-12 September 2015

11 September 2015, Geneva

19:30 Formal dinner (tbd)

Address: (tbd)

12 September 2015, Palais de Nations, Geneva

09:00 - 09:15 Registration/Coffee

09:15 – 09:45 Welcome/Opening session

Opening remarks:

- **Terje Rød-Larsen**, President of the International Peace Institute
- **Michael Møller**, Acting Head, United Nations Office at Geneva

Speakers

- **Margaret Chan**, Director General World Health Organization
- **Peter Maurer**, President International Committee of the Red Cross
- **Dr. Jim Yong Kim**, President of the World Bank

09:45 – 10:30 Session 1: Challenges of the Past, Present and Future

How did pandemics (like the Spanish flu and H1N1) affect global health in the past? What are key triggers and catalysts of pandemics? How has technology and globalization affected the outbreak and spread of pandemics and what are scenarios for the future?

Speakers:

- **Dr. Valeska Huber**, Researcher German Historical Institute
- **Erez Manela**, Harvard Historian specializing in Polio
- **Martin J. Blaser, MD**; Director of the Human Microbiome Program at NYU

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:30 Session 2: Lessons learned from responding to Ebola and Polio

What are the lessons learned fighting Ebola and Polio. How can the international community better cope with these challenges? What are best practices in management and coordination of multiple stakeholders when it comes to fighting pandemics? How can we prevent crises like these? How can we improve preparedness and build more resilient coping mechanisms, in particular early warning mechanisms to facilitate early action? How can we improve communication and collaboration within and amongst relevant stakeholders?

Speakers:

- **David Nabarro**, UN Special Envoy on Ebola
- **Dr. Hamid Jafari**, Director, Polio Eradication, Global Polio Eradication Initiative
- **TBD**

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:30 Session 3: Actionable Solutions for more effective preparedness

Where are legal and managerial gaps, pressure points and bottle necks that have led to slow and inadequate responses in the past? Which new policies could be tailored to overcome these issues and enhance operational responses? Which institutional capacities are required? Which financial mechanisms need to be put in place? How and where should policies be implemented? A series of recommendations will be proposed.

Speakers:

- **Dr. Jim Yong Kim**, President of the World Bank (*Dr. Kim is a co-founder of Partners In Health (PIH) and a former director of the HIV/AIDS Department at the World Health Organization (WHO).*)
- **Dr. Joanne Liu**, International President of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
- **Tim Allen**, Professor at the Department for International Development with focus on Health Care at LSE

15:30 – 17:00 Session 4: Implementing Policy Recommendations

Which of the policy recommendations should be prioritized? Who are the actors that should have the responsibilities to pursue the policy development and follow up on international implementation? This session will endeavor to provide guidance on how the recommendations identified in session 3 can be implemented.

Speakers:

- **Kevin Rudd**, Chairman of the Independent Commission on Multilateralism
- **Margaret Chan**, Director General World Health Organization
- **Peter Maurer**, President International Committee of the Red Cross
- **Dr Joanne Liu**, International President of Médecins Sans Frontières