



**Draft 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 des Nations, Geneva*

**09:00 - 09:15 Registration/Coffee**

**09:15 – 09:45 Welcome/Opening session**

Opening remarks:

- **Terje Rød-Larsen**, President, International Peace Institute
- **Michael Møller**, Director General, United Nations Office in Geneva

Speakers

- **Elhadj Sy**, Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross (tbc)
- **Margaret Chan**, Director, General World Health Organization

**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?

*Chair: Terje Rød-Larsen, President, International Peace Institute*

Speakers:

- **Christian Bréchet**, President Institute Pasteur
- **Mary Ann Peters**, Chief Executive Officer, The Carter Center
- **Valeska Huber**, Researcher, German Historical Institute

Discussion drawing in particular on national experiences

**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?

*Chair: Pamela Rendi Wagner, Head of section, Austrian Federal Ministry of Health*

Speakers:

- **Asif Yasin Malik**, Lt. General in Pakistan
- **Faisal Shuaib**, Incident Manager of the National Ebola Emergency Operations Center in Nigeria
- **Hamid Jafari**, Director, Polio Eradication, Global Polio Eradication Initiative (tbc)
- **Harvey V. Fineberg**, Professor at Harvard School of Public Health (tbc)
- **Jean-Jacques Muyembe-Tamfum**, Director-General of the National Institute for Biomedical Research, and scientific advisor to the WHO
- **Sakoba Keita**, Guinea's National Ebola Response coordinator (tbc)

Discussion, drawing in particular on national experiences.

## 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.

*Chair: Hardeep Singh Puri, IPI Vice President and ICM Secretary-General*

Speakers:

- **Ilona Kickbusch**, Director of the Global Health Programme, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- **Irene Agyepong**, School of Public Health, University of Ghana
- **Joanne Liu**, International President, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) (tbc)
- **Victor Dzau**, President of the Institute of Medicine
- **Wolfgang Aulitzky**, Director, Open Medical Institute

Discussion involving national and international health, development and financial actors

#### **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? How can these recommendations feed into relevant regional and international processes? This session will endeavor to provide guidance on how the recommendations identified in session 3 can be implemented.

*Chair: Kevin Rudd, Chairman, Independent Commission on Multilateralism*

Speakers:

- **Elhadj Sy**, Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross (tbc)
- **Margaret Chan**, Director General, World Health Organization
- **William Lacy Swing**, Ambassador of the International Organization for Migration

Discussion involving health ministers and senior representatives of relevant intergovernmental organizations