

**MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF
THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND
STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL
(BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND
ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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Item 3 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the Programme of Work

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE MEETING OF EXPERTS

As amended and adopted during the first plenary meeting

Monday, 18 August 2008

Opening session

10:00

<i>Agenda Item 1:</i>	Opening of the Meeting.
<i>Agenda Item 2:</i>	Adoption of the Agenda.
<i>Agenda Item 3:</i>	Adoption of the Programme of Work.
<i>Agenda Item 4:</i>	Adoption of the Rules of Procedure.

Substantive work

<i>Agenda Item 5:</i>	Consideration of national, regional and international measures to improve biosafety and biosecurity, including laboratory safety and security of pathogens and toxins.
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Open session

11:00

Introductory statements.

Open session

15:00

Presentations by intergovernmental organizations.

17:00

(Reserved for informal consultations - NGOs)

Tuesday, 19 August 2008

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of national, regional and international measures to improve biosafety and biosecurity, including laboratory safety and security of pathogens and toxins.

Working session on biosafety and biosecurity concepts

10:00 Presentations from international organisations; discussion.

11:30 Presentations from States Parties; discussion.

Working session on biosafety and biosecurity concepts (continued)

15:00 Expert contributions and discussion, including representatives from scientific and professional organisations.

16:30 Expert contributions and discussion, including representatives from industry.

Wednesday, 20 August 2008

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of national, regional and international measures to improve biosafety and biosecurity, including laboratory safety and security of pathogens and toxins.

Working session on biosafety and biosecurity capacity building

10:00 Presentations from States Parties and international and regional organisations; discussion.

Working session on biosafety and biosecurity risk management

11:30 Expert contributions and discussion, including representatives from international organisations, scientific and professional organisations and academia.

Agenda Item 6: Consideration of oversight, education, awareness raising, and adoption and/or development of codes of conduct with the aim of preventing misuse in the context of advances in bio-science and bio-technology research with the potential of use for purposes prohibited by the Convention.

Working session on the oversight of science

15:00 Presentations from States Parties, international organisations, and scientific and professional organisations; discussion.

Thursday, 21 August 2008

Agenda Item 6: Consideration of oversight, education, awareness raising, and adoption and/or development of codes of conduct with the aim of preventing misuse in the context of advances in bio-science and bio-technology research with the potential of use for purposes prohibited by the Convention.

Working session on education and awareness raising

10:00 Expert contributions and discussion, including representatives from States Parties, international organisations, scientific and professional organisations and academia.

Working session on codes of conduct

15:00 Presentations from States Parties; discussion.

Friday, 22 August 2008

Working session

10:00 Discussion of the draft factual report describing the work of the meeting.

Closing session

15:00

Agenda Item 7: Adoption of factual report describing the work of the meeting.

Agenda Item 8: Closing of the Meeting.
