

**2008 Meeting  
Geneva, 1-5 December 2008**

**Meeting of Experts  
Geneva, 18-22 August 2008**  
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

- Agenda Item 1:*** Opening of the Meeting.  
***Agenda Item 2:*** Adoption of the Agenda.  
***Agenda Item 3:*** Adoption of the Programme of Work.  
***Agenda Item 4:*** Adoption of the Rules of Procedure.

#### Substantive work

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

#### 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**

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**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.

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