

**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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Adoption of the programme of work

**Revised
Provisional programme of work for the Meeting of Experts**

Submitted by the Chairman

<i>Day</i>	<i>AM (10:00–13:00)</i>	<i>PM (15:00–18:00)</i>
Mon 16/7	<p>Opening formalities (agenda items 1-4)</p> <p>Introductory statements</p> <p>Informal session for NGO statements</p>	<p>Cooperation and assistance, with a particular focus on strengthening cooperation and assistance under Article X (agenda item 5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – reports by States Parties on their implementation of Article X, and reports by the ISU on the operation of the database system to facilitate assistance requests and offers – ways and means to target and mobilize resources, including financial resources, to address gaps and needs for assistance and cooperation, in particular from developed to developing States Parties, and from international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders; – coordination of cooperation with other relevant international and regional organizations, and other relevant stakeholders

<i>Day</i>	<i>AM (10:00–13:00)</i>	<i>PM (15:00–18:00)</i>
Tue 17/7	<p>Review of developments in the field of science and technology related to the Convention (agenda item 6):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – advances in enabling technologies, including high-throughput systems for sequencing, synthesizing and analyzing DNA; bioinformatics and computational tools; and systems biology – new science and technology developments that have potential for uses contrary to the provisions of the Convention – new science and technology developments that have potential benefits for the Convention, including those of special relevance to disease surveillance, diagnosis and mitigation – science- and technology-related developments relevant to the activities of multilateral organizations such as the WHO, OIE, FAO, IPPC and OPCW 	<p>Cooperation and assistance, with a particular focus on strengthening cooperation and assistance under Article X (agenda item 5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – challenges and obstacles to developing international cooperation, assistance and exchange in the biological sciences and technology, including equipment and material, for peaceful purposes to their full potential, and possible means of overcoming these – capacity-building, through international cooperation, in biosafety and biosecurity, and for detecting, reporting, and responding to outbreaks of infectious disease or biological weapons attacks, including in the areas of preparedness, response, and crisis management and mitigation
Wed 18/7	<p>Review of developments in the field of science and technology related to the Convention (agenda item 6):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – any other science and technology developments of relevance to the Convention – possible measures for strengthening national biological risk management, as appropriate, in research and development involving new science and technology developments of relevance to the Convention – voluntary codes of conduct and other measures to encourage responsible conduct by scientists, academia and industry – education and awareness-raising about risks and benefits of life sciences and biotechnology. 	<p>Strengthening national implementation (agenda item 7):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ways and means to enhance national implementation, sharing best practices and experiences, including the voluntary exchange of information among States Parties on their national implementation, enforcement of national legislation, strengthening of national institutions and coordination among national law enforcement institutions

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Thu 19/7	How to enable fuller participation in the CBMs (agenda item 8)	Strengthening national implementation (agenda item 7): <ul style="list-style-type: none">– a range of specific measures for the full and comprehensive implementation of the Convention, especially Articles III and IV– regional and sub-regional cooperation that can assist national implementation of the Convention
Fri 20/7	How to enable fuller participation in the CBMs (agenda item 8)	Adoption of the factual report reflecting the deliberations of the meeting (agenda item 9) Closing of the meeting (agenda item 10)
