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Solutions for strengthening the States' capacities under IHR (2005)

22-23 March 2016

Lyon, France

Objective

Encouraging the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

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Co-sponsors

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PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Tuesday 22 March 2016

Assessing and building countries' capacities and cooperation

8:00 - 9:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

9:00 - 10:00 **Welcome speech**

Mr Gérard COLLOMB, President of Lyon Metropolis

Pr Benoît VALLET, Director General for Health, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France

Mr Martin SEYCHELL, Deputy, Director General for Health and Consumers, European Commission

Dr Guénaél RODIER, Director, Division of Communicable Diseases, Health Security and Environment, WHO

10:00 - 10:10 **Introduction of the morning sessions**

Pr Benoît VALLET, Director General for Health, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France

10:10 - 10:45 **Setting the scene**

The International Health Regulations (2005) are the cornerstone of global health security and must be enshrined in a continuous process of health systems strengthening. The IHR (2005) is designed to ensure and improve the capacity of all countries to prevent, detect, assess, notify, report and respond to public health threats. After ten years of implementation, the diversity and increasing frequency of serious events, whether infectious or other, reminds us that the IHR (2005) remains a fundamental element of global health security. This introductory session will provide an overview of the challenges concerning the IHR (2005) and avenues to improve its implementation in a post-Ebola context.

Progress report on the role of the IHR in the Ebola Outbreak and Response

Pr Didier HOUSSIN, Chair, IHR (2005) Review Committee

National and global public health security - Where do we stand?

Dr Bruce AYLWARD, Executive Director *ad interim*, Outbreaks and Health Emergencies - Special Representative of the Director-General for the Ebola Response, WHO

10:45 - 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 13:00 **Session 1**

Assessing countries' core capacities in the context of IHR (2005) and reporting back

Reinforcing the implementation of IHR (2005) implies first of all strengthening countries' core capacities. Moreover, there is a need, Still, there is a need to establish an objective assessment through a framework of mutual accountability, and common to Member States. A clear mechanism of reporting and assessment will enable to have reliable information on countries' capacities in the framework of IHR (2005). This session will present the tools and assessment methodologies (1st part) to measure countries' capacities, as well as national experiences in this regard (2nd part).

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- 11:00 - 12:00 **Part I: Panel discussions – Presentation of tools and methodologies to assess capacities**
Dr Untung SUSENO SUTARJO, Secretary General, Ministry of Health, Indonesia
Dr Päivi SILLANAUKEE, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
Dr Monique ELOIT, Director General, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
Dr Andrea AMMON, Director *ad interim*, European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
Dr Florence FUCHS, Coordinator “support for assessment, development and strengthening acquired capacities under IHR (2005)” – Global Capacities, Alert and Action, WHO Office in Lyon
- 12:00 - 13:00 **Part II: Round table - Countries' experiences on assessments**
Dr Felicity HARVEY, Director General for Public and international Health, Ministry of Health, United Kingdom
Dr Richard JAMES, Chief of surveillance, Division for Prevention and Disease control, Ministry of Health, Guinea- National coordinator for the Ebola response in Guinea
Dr Thanawat TIENSIN, Senior Veterinary Officer, Department of Livestock Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand
Dr Jaouad MAHJOUR, Director of Programme Management, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean

Discussion with participants
- 13:00 - 13:15 **Conclusion of the morning session**
Pr Benoît VALLET, Director General for Health, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France
- 13:15 - 14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30 - 14:40 **Introduction of the afternoon sessions**
Mr John RYAN, Chair of the European Union's Health Security Committee
- 14:40 - 18:15 **Session 2**
Developing cooperation and assistance initiatives between countries
Many countries have yet to acquire the eight core capacities required under the IHR (2005) that are essential to maintaining national and global health security. The most vulnerable countries are often those with the weakest health care systems. That is why it is essential to focus international action towards these countries.
Revising response mechanisms when outbreaks arise is essential, especially the coordination of international initiatives (1st part). At the same time, it is crucial to adopt a long-term approach through prevention and preparedness (2nd part). This session will present the different ongoing initiatives that contribute to strengthening the implementation of IHR (2005).
- 14:40 - 15:30 **Part I: Panel discussions - Initiatives for cooperation and support to outbreak response**
Dr Lars SCHAADÉ, Vice-President, Robert Koch Institute, Germany
Dr Marc OUELLETTE, Scientific Director, Canadian Institutes of Health research (CIHR), Canadian vice chair of the GLOPID-R (Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness)
Ambassador Jimmy KOLKER, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, USA
Dr. Alex Ntale GASASIRA, WHO representative for Liberia
Pr Jean-Paul MOATTI, Chairman and Chief Executive Director, Institute for Research and Development, France

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- 15:30 - 16:45 **Part II: Round table - Cooperation initiatives for crisis prevention and preparedness**
Dr Marianne DONKER, Director of Public Health and Deputy Director General for Health, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, The Netherlands
Dr Nicole LURIE, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services, USA
Dr Jean-Jacques MUYEMBE, Director General, National Institute of Biomedical Research of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
Mr Vjacheslav SMOLENSKY, Deputy Director, Department for Scientific Analysis of Sanitation-and-Epidemiological Welfare of the Population and International Cooperation, The Federal Service for the Oversight of Consumer Protection and Welfare, Russian Federation
Dr Gilles RAGUIN, Director, Health Department, Expertise France
Dr Zsuzsanna JAKAB, Regional director, WHO Regional Office for Europe
Discussion with participants
- 16:45 - 17:00 **Break**
- 17:00 - 18:00 **Part III: Round table - Strengthening diagnostic capacities**
Laboratory services are essential to identify agents involved in major public health threats and especially those that could lead to a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The challenge is to support countries in putting in place laboratory services of high quality, sufficient to provide robust diagnoses within an adequate timeframe.
Dr Ni DAXIN, Deputy Director, Department of Health Emergencies, Centre for Disease Control (CDC), China
Dr John NKENGASONG, Associate Director of Global HIV Laboratories, Centre for Disease Control (CDC), USA
Pr Christian BRECHOT, Director General, Pasteur Institute, France
Dr Giuseppe IPPOLITO, Scientific Director, National Institute for Infectious Diseases Lazzaro Spallanzani, Italy
Mr Alain MERIEUX, President of Mériex Institute and Mériex Foundation, France
Discussion with participants
- 18:00 - 18:15 **Conclusion of the afternoon sessions**
Mr John RYAN, Chair of the European Union's Health Security Committee
- 19:30 **Reception**

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Day 2 - Wednesday 23 March 2016

Health systems strengthening and cross-sector commitment

8:00 - 8:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

8:30 - 9:00 **Opening speeches**

Pr Jean-Louis TOURAINE, Member of Parliament (Rhône Department), Councillor of Lyon City

Dr Bruce AYLWARD, Executive Director *ad interim*, Outbreaks and Health Emergencies - Special representative of the Director-General for the Ebola Response, WHO

9:00 - 10:00

Session 1

Strengthening health systems: Ensuring human resources' skills and training, a prerequisite for improving global health security

The health workforce is essential to health systems and is a key component for strengthening the core capacities under IHR (2005). Development and cooperation policies should contribute to reinforce health systems by focusing primarily on countries' core capacities and on health workforce training. Lack of capacities is a threat to health security and should be addressed at national level and by international organizations. Major donors should engage and contribute to strengthen global health security to prevent the devastating consequences of health crises, including their humanitarian and economic impact.

Dr Precious MATSOSO, Director General for Health, Ministry of Health, South Africa

Dr Edward KELLEY, Director of the Service Delivery and Safety Department, WHO

Ms Laurence BRETON-MOYET, Director of Operations, French Agency for Development (AFD)

Dr Julie HALL, Director of Health, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Mr Christophe LEMIERE, Senior Health Specialist, Health Nutrition and Population Global Practice, World Bank

Mr Pat DRURY, Manager, Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN)

10:00 - 10:15 **Break**

10:15 - 11:30

Session 2

Multisector action for effective IHR implementation

Core capacities of the IHR (2005) are fundamental to face health, biological and infectious threats and more generally natural disasters. It is therefore the responsibility of each country, each government, each international organization, each economic sector and each player, whether public or private, to contribute to global health security.

Mr Goerge Kronnisanyon WERNER, Minister of Education, Liberia

Dr Fang LIU, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)

Dr Monique ELOIT, Director General, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

Dr Berhe TEKOLA, Director, Animal Production and Health Division, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

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Mr Arnaud BERNAERT, Director for Health Systems and International Health, World Economic Forum

Mr Michel REVEYRAND-DE MENTHON, Adviser to the President Director General, in charge of international affairs, Orange, France

Pr Jean-François DELFRAISSY, Director, ANRS and the Institute of Immunology, Inflammation, Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, France - French coordinator for national and international response to Ebola

11:30 - 11:45 **Conclusion of the morning sessions**

Dr Bruce AYLWARD, Executive Director *ad interim*, Outbreaks and Health Emergencies and Special Representative of the Director-General for the Ebola Response, WHO

11:45 - 12:30 **Virtual simulation on crisis management and side events**

Discussion with participants

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 15:30 **Session 3**

International health security governance: A key issue to improve IHR (2005) implementation

A high level national and intersectoral commitment is needed to implement the core capacities required under IHR (2005) and to enable countries to face health, biological or humanitarian crises as well as natural disasters. At international level, adequate implementation of IHR (2005) implies coordination amongst actors and sectors. A clear and efficient steering of IHR implementation is required not only for the sake of global health and population wellbeing but also for peace, security, development and growth.

Introductory Remarks

Ms Marisol TOURAINE, Minister for Social Affairs and Health, France

Dr Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Ms Edith SCHIPPERS, Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport, The Netherlands

Ministerial Discussion

Moderation by **Ms Angélique BERG**, Director General for Health, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, The Netherlands

Dr Awa Marie COLL SECK, Minister of Health and Social Action, Senegal

Dr Naoko YAMAMOTO, Assistant Minister for Global Health, Ministry of Health, Japan

Ms Annette WIDMANN-MAUZ, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health, Germany

Dr Abdourahmane DIALLO, Minister of Health, Guinea

15:30 - 16:15 **Closing speeches**

Dr Margaret CHAN, Director-General, WHO

Mr François HOLLANDE, President, France