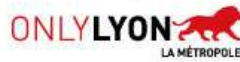




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Day 1 - Tuesday 22 March 2016

Assessing and building countries' capacities and cooperation

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

09:00 - 10:00 **Welcome speech**

Mr Gérard COLLOMB, President of the Lyon Metropolis (to be confirmed)

Pr Benoît VALLET, Director General for Health - France

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

Dr Guénaél RODIER, WHO, Director, Global Capacities, Alert and Response

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

Pr Benoît VALLET, Director General for 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 on Ebola

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

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

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 to reinforce core capacities of countries. 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).

11:00 - 11:45 **Part I: Panel discussions – Presentation of capacities assessment tools and methodologies**

A Representative of Indonesia (to be defined)

Dr Päivi SILLANAUKEE, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland

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

Dr Andrea AMMON, Director *ad interim* of the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

Dr Florence FUCHS, Coordinator “support to IHR (2005) Capacity Assessment, Development and maintenance” – Global capacities, alert and response, WHO Office in Lyon

11:45 - 13:00 **Part II: Round table - Countries’ experiences on assessments**

Dr Nicole LURIE, Deputy Secretary for Preparedness and Response, United States Department of Health

Dr Felicity HARVEY, Director General for Public Health, United Kingdom

Dr Sakoba KEITA, Head of the Division for Prevention and Disease control, Ministry of Health, Guinea, and National Coordinator for the Ebola response in Guinea

A Representative of Thailand (*to be defined*)

Dr Takeshi KASAI, Director for Programme Management, WHO Western Pacific Regional Office (*to be confirmed*)

Dr Ala ALWAN, WHO Regional Director, Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office

Discussion with participants

13:00 - 13:15 **Conclusion of the morning sessions**

Pr Benoît VALLET, Director General for 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 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 outbreaks response**

Dr Lars SCHAADÉ, Vice-President of the Robert Koch Institute (*to be confirmed*)

Dr Marc OUELLETTE, Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health research (CIHR), Canadian vice chair of the GLOPID-R, (*to be confirmed*)

Ambassador Jimmy KOLKER, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

A representative of Doctors without Borders (*to be defined*)

Dr Joseph W. CABORE, Director for Programme Management, WHO Regional Office for Africa

15:30 - 16:45 **Part II: Round table - Cooperation initiatives for crisis prevention and preparedness**

Mrs Angelique BERG, Director General for Health, The Netherlands, National Focal Point IHR

Dr Pablo KURI, Undersecretary for Prevention and Health Promotion, Mexico, and Senior Official in the Global Health Security Initiative (GHSI)

Dr Jean-Jacques MUYEMBE, Director General of the 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

A representative of Expertise France (*to be defined*)

Dr Zsuzsanna JAKAB, WHO Regional Director, European Regional Office

Discussion with participants

16:45 – 17:00 Break

17:00 - 18:15 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 Liang DONGMIN, Director, Chinese Centre for Disease Control (CDC)

Dr John NKENGASONG, Director of Global HIV Laboratories at US CDC

Pr Christian BRECHOT, Director General of Pasteur Institutes

Ambassador Olawale MAIYEGUN, Director for Social Affairs, African Union Commission

Dr Giuseppe IPPOLITO, Scientific Director of the National Institute for Infectious Diseases Lazzaro Spallanzani

Dr Benoît MIRIBEL, Director General, Fondation Mérieux

Discussion with participants

18:15 – 18:30 Conclusion of the afternoon sessions

Mr John RYAN, Chair of the European Union's Health Security Committee

19:30 Reception

Day 2 - Wednesday 23 March 2016

Health systems strengthening and cross-sector commitment

08:00 - 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:15 Opening speech

Mr Andre VALLINI, French Minister of State for Development and Francophonie (*to be confirmed*)

09:15 - 09:25 Introduction of the morning

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

09:25 - 10:30 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 Marie-Paule KIENY, WHO Assistant Director General for Health Systems and Innovation

Dr Tim EVANS, Senior Director, Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice, World Bank (*to be confirmed*)

Dr Precious MATSOSO, Director General of the National Department of Health, South Africa (*to be confirmed*)

Mr El Haj As SY, Secretary-General, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (*to be confirmed*)

A Representative of the French Agency for Development (AFD)

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

10:30 - 12:50 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.

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

Dr Márcio FAVILLA LUCCA DE PAULA, Executive Director for Operational Programmes and Institutional Relations, United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) (*to be confirmed*)

Mr Koji SEKIMIZU, Secretary General, International Maritime Organisation (IMO) (*to be confirmed*)

Dr José GRAZIANO DA SILVA, Director General, Food and Agriculture Organisation, (FAO) (*to be confirmed*)

Ambassador Claude BLANCHEMAISON, Chair, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) (*to be confirmed*)

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

Mr Stéphane RICHARD, CEO of Orange (*to be confirmed*)

Discussion with participants

12:50 - 13:00 Conclusion of the morning sessions

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

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 15:30 **Virtual simulation on crisis management and side events**

Discussion with participants

15:30 - 16:00 **Synthesis of the Presidency**

16:00 – 17:00 **Session 3: Ministerial dialogue**

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.

Introduction by **Ms Angelique BERG**, Director General Department of Health, Netherlands

Ministerial dialogue

Closing speeches

Dr Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Dr Margaret CHAN, WHO, Director General

Ms Marisol TOURAINE, French Minister for Social Affairs and Health