



Agenda

Preparing for Pandemics: Lessons Learned for More Effective Responses

Geneva, Switzerland

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19:30 **Formal dinner** XYZ
Address: XYZ

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09:00 - 09:15 **Registration/Coffee**

09:15 – 09:45 **Welcome/Opening session**

Speakers:

- [REDACTED], President of the International Peace Institute
- [REDACTED] Director General World Health Organization
- [REDACTED] President International Committee of the Red Cross

09:45 – 10:30 **Session 1: Challenges of the Past, Present and Future**

How did pandemics (like the Spanish flu and H1N1) affect global health in the past? What are key triggers and catalysts of pandemics? How has technology and globalization affected the outbreak and spread of pandemics and what are scenarios for the future?

Speakers:

- [REDACTED] Researcher German Historical Institute
- [REDACTED] Harvard Historian specializing in Polio

10:30 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45 – 12:30 Session 2: Lessons learned from responding to Ebola and Polio

What are the lessons learned fighting Ebola and Polio. How can the international community better cope with these challenges? What are best practices in management and coordination of multiple stakeholders when it comes to fighting pandemics? How can we improve preparedness and build more resilient coping mechanisms, in particular early warning mechanisms to facilitate early action? How can we improve communication and collaboration within and amongst relevant stakeholders?

Speakers:

- [REDACTED], UN Special Envoy on EBOLA
- [REDACTED], Director, Polio Eradication, Global Polio Eradication Initiative

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:30 Session 3: Actionable Solutions for more effective preparedness

Where are legal and managerial gaps, pressure points and bottle necks that have led to slow and inadequate responses in the past? Which new policies could be tailored to overcome these issues and enhance operational responses? Which institutional capacities are required? Which financial mechanisms need to be put in place? How and where should policies be implemented? A series of recommendations will be proposed.

Speakers:

- [REDACTED] President of the World Bank (*Dr. [REDACTED] is a co-founder of Partners In Health (PIH) and a former director of the HIV/AIDS Department at the World Health Organization (WHO).*)
- [REDACTED] International President of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

15:30 – 17:00 Session 4: Implementing Policy Recommendations

Which of the policy recommendations should be prioritized? Who are the actors that should have the responsibilities to pursue the policy development and follow up on international implementation? This session will endeavor to provide guidance on how the recommendations identified in session 6 can be implemented.

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