

WORKSHOP AGENDA

The State of National Governance Relative to the New International Health Regulations

Ottawa, September 20-21

IDRC Boardroom/Nayudamma Lounge, 14th Floor, 250 Albert St., Ottawa

Evening of September 19

7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception
(Southern Cross Lounge, Radisson Hotel)

Morning of September 20

8:30-8:55 a.m. Continental Breakfast
(IDRC Boardroom)

Setting the Stage

Chair: *Dr. Ron St. John*

9-9:10 a.m. Welcome, description of purpose and goals of meeting
Dr. Kumanan Wilson

9:10-9:25 a.m. Overview of new IHR
Dr. David Fidler

9:25-9:55 a.m. A WHO perspective on:
Legal challenges and frameworks
Mr. Bruce Plotkin
and
Current WHO approaches to Implementation activities
Dr. Stefano Lazzari

9:55-10:00 a.m. Logistics and lead-in to country presentations
Dr. Kumanan K. Wilson

Country presentations: to be delivered by expert senior officials from the national public health agencies in most or all cases with possible supplemental presentations from expert regional or local officials from same country.

Chair: *Dr. Kumanan Wilson*

10:00-10:55 a.m. Presentation from Country 1: USA
• 10-10:20 presentation by national expert
Dr. Anthony Marfin

- 10:20-10:30 Comments and supplementary presentation by regional or local expert
Rebecca Hathaway
- 10:30-10:55 Workshop discussion

10:55-11:10 a.m. REFRESHMENTS BREAK

11:10 a.m.-12:05 p.m. Presentation from Country 2: **Brazil**
Dr. Expedito Luna
(followed by comments, supplementary presentation when applicable, and discussion along same format as with Country 1)

12:05-1:15 p.m. LUNCH

12:35 p.m. Luncheon speaker:
Dr. Allison McGeer
Mt. Sinai Hospital, Toronto

Afternoon of September 20

Chair: *Dr. Ron St. John*

1:15-2:10 p.m. Presentations from Country 3: **Canada**
Dr. Howard Njoo & Dr. Jeffrey Scott

2:10-3:05 p.m. Presentations from Country 4: **China**
Dr. Li, Jian Guo & Dr. Zhang, Jianzhong

3:05-3:20 p.m. REFRESHMENTS BREAK

3:20-4:15 p.m. Presentations from Country 5: **France**
Dr. Stéphane Veyrat

4:15-5:00 p.m. Additional Comments from Regional Perspectives,
followed by Discussion and Preliminary Analysis and
Conclusions from Day 1 Country Presentations
Harvey Lazar

7:00 p.m. Reception and Supper
(Daly's Restaurant, The Westin Ottawa Hotel)

Morning of September 21

8:30-8:55 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(IDRC Boardroom)

Country presentations, cont'd:

Chair: *Dr. David Fidler*

8:55-9:00 a.m. Discussion of misc. issues from first day and any arising logistical matters

9:00-9:55 a.m. Presentations from Country 7: **Australia**
Ms. Cath Halbert & Ms. Lisa McGlynn

9:55-10:50 a.m. Presentations from Country 6: **India**
Dr. Sampath Krishnan

10:50-11:05 a.m. REFRESHMENTS BREAK

11:05 -11:30 Presentations from Country 8: **Russia**
Dr. Yuri Fedorov

11:30 -11:55 M. André Basse (Sénégal): IHR Implementation in the African Context: Possible Obstacles

Afternoon of September 21

12 noon -1:15 p.m. LUNCH

Analysis and Conclusions from Presentations

Chair: *Dr. Harvey Lazar*

1:15-3:15 p.m. Presentation of an overview of federalism and multi-level governance and challenges to IHR
Harvey Lazar

Followed by short presentations (10-12 minutes) from academic/research participants, based on the country presentations, in select topic areas. The focus will be on areas where progress in IHR governance preparation has been greatest and areas where progress has been slow. These presentations are to be followed by feedback from workshop participants.

3:15-3:30 p.m. REFRESHMENTS BREAK

3:30-4:00 p.m. Discussion of key lessons emerging from workshop.

What intergovernmental strategies work best in implementing IHR? For example, what strategies among orders of government best ensure certainty in clarifying “who does what” and in clarifying “who pays for what”? Are there trade-offs between policy efficiency and other goals like democracy (transparency, accountability etc.) and federalism (respect for constitutional provisions)?

4:00-4:30 p.m. Follow-up to workshop: communications strategies and other deliverables/actions

4:30-4:45 p.m. Closing remarks
Dr. K. Wilson & Dr. Ron St. John

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