

Biosecurity education: from concept to implementation

Tuesday 12 August 2025 | 13:15 – 14:45 CEST
Room XXII

(Light refreshments available from 13:00)

WHAT: The Biological Security Research Center (BSRC) at London Metropolitan University (LMU) is organizing a side event during the Sixth Working Group meeting on the Strengthening of the BWC to explore developments in best practices in biosecurity education and stimulate discussion informing further development of an International Biological Security Education Network (IBSEN) as proposed in the BWC Chair's 2025 non-paper rolling text. The side event will highlight the rapid transition of biosecurity education from broad concepts into a dynamic and diverse field of practice, encompassing development of biosecurity education materials and innovative means of implementation.

The event will feature an expert panel followed by a moderated question-and-answer session with the audience.

SPEAKERS

- **Amb. David Riley**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva of the United Kingdom – *Welcome and opening remarks.*
- **Ms. MaryKate Monahan**, Associate Political Affairs Officer, BWC ISU – *Youth for Biosecurity programme.*
- **Ms. Maria Garzon Maceda**, Project Coordinator for the WMD Programme, UNIDIR – *BWCEdu initiative.*
- **Ms. Soatiana Rajatonirina**, Technical Officer, Science Division, WHO – *WHO Academy hosted training course on dual-use research and responsible use of the life sciences.*
- **Prof. Lijun Shang**, Director, Biological Security Research Centre, London Metropolitan University – *Implementing the International Biological Security Education Network (IBSEN).*

The event will be moderated by **Amb. David Riley**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva of the United Kingdom.

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PARTICIPANTS: The event is open to State representatives and experts working on or interested in issues pertaining to the BWC. The event will be accessible only to those already holding UN ground passes.

For any questions, please contact Ms. Kathryn Millett at k.millett@londonmet.ac.uk.