

Research Group for
Biological Arms Control



Side Event Invitation

Technology, Trade and Transparency – Lessons from other treaty regimes

Lunchtime seminar and workshop
on the occasion of the 2012 Meeting of BWC States Parties.

Date: 12 December 2012, 13.00-15.00 and 15.00-18.00.

Palais des Nations, Room XXIV

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Aim: A workshop to inform BWC States Parties about the potential use of trade data to enhance transparency. States Parties have already asked for more empirical background information on current activities. Trade data is one possible source, especially on the implementation of article X.

Lunchtime session (13.00-15.00): Availability of trade data and its use in other regimes

The first workshop session deals with trade data in general, and will inform delegates about the use of trade data in other regimes and about sources of data.

Afternoon session (15.00-18.00): Towards a trade monitoring for the BWC?

The second workshop session will focus more concretely on: (1) how BWC relevant trade data can be accessed and aggregated; (2) how monitoring systems function at a technical level in other regimes; and (3) what steps could be taken to establish a BWC-related mechanism.

Speakers

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Gunnar Jeremias:	Research Group for Biological Arms Control
Kai Langemak:	Research Group for Biological Arms Control
Markie Muryawan:	UN Statistics Production Unit, representing UN COMTRADE
Rossen Popov:	International Narcotics Control Board Secretariat
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