PGA REGIONAL AFRICA WORKSHOP TO PROMOTE RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE BIOLOGICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS CONVENTION (BTWC)

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Freetown, Sierra Leone
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AGENDA

Monday, 27th March, 2017

9:00 Registration
9:25 Call for prayers
9:30 Opening Remarks

- Hon. Mr. Chernor M. Bah, MP, Deputy-Speaker of Parliament, Sierra Leone
- Hon. Ms. Veronica Sesay, MP, PGA Group Vice-Chair, Sierra Leone
- Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai, MP, Minority Leader, Sierra Leone
- Mr. Sunil Saigal, UN Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representative

Mediator: Hon. Mr. Mohamed Lebbie, MP, Deputy-Clerk, Sierra Leone

10:30 Coffee Break & Group Photo

10:45 Descriptions and Objectives of the Workshop

- Mr. Peter Barcroft, Director of Peace & Democracy Programme, PGA
11:00  
*Importance of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC)*

- **Ms. Heather Cameron**, High-Commissioner, Canada *(Video statement)*
- **Mr. Daniel Feakes**, Chief, UNODA/ISU of BWC, Geneva *(Via Skype)*
- **Mr. Gregory F. Maggio**, Political Officer, Embassy of the United States in Sierra Leone

Mediator: **Hon. Ms. Helen Kuyembeh**, MP, Sierra Leone

*Interactive Dialogue*

11:45  
*Position and Perspectives from East Africa on the BTWC*

- **Hon. Dr. Ali Abdi Hassan**, MP, *Somalia*
- **Mr. Daniel Mutunga**, Officer of Parliament, *Kenya*
- **Hon. Mr. Jasson Rweikiza**, MP, PGA Group Chair, *Tanzania*

Mediator: **Hon. Ms. Veronica Sesay**, MP, PGA Group Vice-Chair, *Sierra Leone*

*Interactive Dialogue*

12:45  
*Lunch*

14:00  
*Position and Perspectives from Central Africa on the BTWC*

- **Hon. Mr. Emery Okundji**, MP, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Hon. Ms. Emilie Beatrice Epaye**, MP, PGA Group Chair, *Central African Republic*
- **Hon. Mr. Theophlie Yombombé**, MP, *Chad*

Mediator: **Hon. Mr. Dauda Kallon**, MP *Sierra Leone*

*Interactive Dialogue*

15:15  
*Coffee Break*
Position and Perspectives from West Africa & Southwest Africa on the BTWC

- **Hon. Mr. Abdulrazak Namdas**, MP Nigeria
- **Hon. Dr. Suzy Barbosa**, MP, PGA Group Chair, Guinea Bissau
- **Hon. Mr. Fode Marega**, MP Guinea
- **Sen. Stephen Zargo & Mr. Franklin Siakor**, Liberia
- **Hon. Sebastiaan Karupu**, MP, PGA Group Chair, Namibia

Mediator: **Hon. Mr. Komba E. S. Boyah**, MP Sierra Leone

**Interactive Dialogue**

4:30  
**Conclusion of Day 1 of Workshop**

Tuesday, 28th March, 2017

9:30  
**Perspectives from Government of Sierra Leone**

- **Mr. Josephus J. Kongo**, Focal Point Person  
The EU Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Center of Excellence

**Interactive Dialogue**

10:30  
**Introduction of Draft Freetown Plan of Action for Discussion**

- **Mr. Peter Barcroft**, Director of Peace & Democracy Programme, PGA

**Interactive Dialogue**

11:00  
**Coffee Break**

11:30  
**Review and Adoption of Freetown Plan of Action**

12:30  
**Conclusion of Workshop**

12:45  
**Lunch**