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

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*Parliament House*

*Freetown, Sierra Leone*

27-28 March, 2017

### AGENDA

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Theophilie Yombombé**, MP, Chad

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

*Interactive Dialogue*

15:15 *Coffee Break*

15:30 *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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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*