

**Indicative Timetable for the
Second Meeting of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the BWC, 7 – 18 August 2023**

Time/Topic	Monday 7 August international cooperation and assistance	Tuesday 8 August international cooperation and assistance	Wednesday 9 August international cooperation and assistance	Thursday 10 August international cooperation and assistance mechanism	Friday 11 August scientific and technological developments
10:00 – 13:00	<p><i>Opening of the Working Group session by the Chair</i> ***</p> <p><i>Remarks from Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs</i> ***</p> <p><i>Panel session on intl. cooperation and assistance programmes and initiatives of relevance to the BWC (WHO, IAEA)</i> ***</p> <p><i>Presentation by the BWC ISU</i> ***</p> <p><i>Remarks from the facilitators</i> ***</p> <p><i>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</i></p>	<p><i>Panel session on intl. cooperation and assistance programmes and initiatives of relevance to the BWC (INTERPOL, ICGB, TWAS, UNTBLDC),</i> ***</p> <p><i>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</i></p>	<p><i>Panel session on intl. cooperation and assistance programmes and initiatives of relevance to the BWC (WOAH, CEPI, Group of Experts/SCR 1540, OPCW)</i> ***</p> <p><i>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</i></p>	<p><i>Remarks from the Chair</i> ***</p> <p><i>Remarks from the facilitators</i> ***</p> <p><i>Making appropriate recommendations to establish a mechanism open to all States Parties to facilitate and support the full implementation of international cooperation and assistance under Article X</i></p>	<p><i>Remarks from the Chair</i> ***</p> <p><i>Panel session on scientific and technological developments of relevance to the BWC (OPCW, TWAS, WHO, WOAH)</i> ***</p> <p><i>Remarks from the facilitators</i> ***</p> <p><i>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</i></p>

Time/Topic	Monday 7 August international cooperation and assistance	Tuesday 8 August international cooperation and assistance	Wednesday 9 August international cooperation and assistance	Thursday 10 August international cooperation and assistance mechanism	Friday 11 August scientific and technological developments
15:00 – 18:00	Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group	Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group	<p>Panel session on international cooperation and assistance mechanisms of relevance to the BWC (UNODA, UNCTAD, ATT)</p> <p>***</p> <p>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</p>	<p>Making appropriate recommendations to establish a mechanism open to all States Parties to facilitate and support the full implementation of international cooperation and assistance under Article X</p> <p>***</p> <p>Remarks from the facilitators¹</p> <p>***</p> <p>Remarks from the Chair</p>	Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group

¹ Including the facilitators on organizational, institutional and financial arrangements.

Time	Monday 14 August scientific and technological developments	Tuesday 15 August scientific and technological developments	Wednesday 16 August science and technology review mechanism	Thursday 17 August national implementation	Friday 18 August national implementation
Plenary 10:00 – 13:00	Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group	<p>Panel session on scientific and technological developments of relevance to the BWC (GSPI, GESDA)</p> <p>***</p> <p>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</p>	<p>Remarks from the Chair</p> <p>***</p> <p>Remarks from the facilitators</p> <p>***</p> <p>Making appropriate recommendations to establish a mechanism to review and assess scientific and technological developments relevant to the Convention and to provide States Parties with relevant advice.</p>	<p>Remarks from the Chair</p> <p>***</p> <p>Panel session on national implementation – good practices, lessons, interlinkages and challenges faced by States Parties</p> <p>***</p> <p>Presentation by the BWC ISU</p> <p>***</p> <p>Remarks from the facilitators</p> <p>***</p> <p>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</p>	Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group

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Plenary 15:00 – 18:00	<p><i>Panel session on scientific and technological developments of relevance to the BWC (IAEA)</i></p> <p>***</p> <p><i>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</i></p>	<p><i>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</i></p>	<p><i>Making appropriate recommendations to establish a mechanism to review and assess scientific and technological developments relevant to the Convention and to provide States Parties with relevant advice.</i></p> <p>***</p> <p><i>Remarks from the facilitators²</i></p> <p>***</p> <p><i>Remarks from the Chair</i></p>	<p><i>Panel session on national implementation – lessons from other IOs and mechanisms (Group of Experts/SCR 1540, WHO)</i></p> <p>***</p> <p><i>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</i></p>	<p><i>Identifying, examining and developing specific and effective measures, including possible legally-binding measures, and making recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects within the mandate of the Working Group</i></p> <p>***</p> <p><i>Remarks from the facilitators</i></p> <p>***</p> <p><i>Adoption of the procedural report</i></p> <p>***</p> <p><i>Remarks from the Chair</i></p>

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