

Workshop

Use of Open Source Information in Biological Arms Control

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University of Hamburg, Germany

Due to the lack of an agreed verification mechanism in the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) biological arms control poses specific challenges. New approaches are required to inform about compliance relevant activities and promote transparency within and beyond the regime to strengthen the BWC. This workshop will bring together experts in the investigation of open source information applicable for compliance monitoring and proliferation control and will also take a look at lessons learned from other fields of arms control.

Time Schedule

- 09:30** **Arrival of Participants**
- 10:00** **Opening addresses** (German Foreign Office and Prof. G. Kirchner, Director of the Centre for Science and Peace Research)
- 10:15** **Grant Christopher** (KCL, London): Tools for the investigation of open source information
- 11:00** **Marjorie Pericou-Droisy** (CEA, Arpajon): Identification and visualisation of social networks in areas relevant to the proliferation of dual-use items
- 11:45** **Coffee break**
- 12:00** **Guido Renda** (JRC, Ispra): The role of open source information in non-proliferation (*t.b.c.*)
- 12:45** **Raymond Zilinskas** (CNS, Monterey): E-commerce in biological dual-use equipment
- 13:30** **Lunch**
- 14:30** **Catherine Dill** (CNS, Monterey): Analysing biotech industries - a case study
- 15:15** **Caitriona McLeish** (Harvard Sussex Programme): The case of Syria's CW - an investigation with open source tools
- 16:00** **Coffe break**
- 16:15** **Gunnar Jeremias** (University of Hamburg): An integrated approach for OS based monitoring in biological arms control
- 17:00** **Jonathan Forman** (OPCW, Den Haag): Open source information with relevance to the CWC
- 17:45** **Wrap up**
- 18:00** **Workshop closed**

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