

**Global Partnership BWC - Side Event**  
July 18, 2012

- Good morning and welcome to this side event designed to inform you of the synergies between our efforts here in the BTWC and the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction (or better known as the GP) of which the U.S. has the Presidency in 2012.
- I would like to especially welcome my colleague at the State Department, Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins, who chairs the Global Partnership meetings for the U.S. We are appreciative that she has come to Geneva to speak to you as her travel schedule is extensive. She understands the importance of our work being interlinked. Bonnie is the Coordinator for Weapons of Mass Reduction, but she is so positively and unrelenting engaged in new programs and looking for new partners that I think of her as our Weapons of Mass Construction.
- You will learn much from her about the Biosecurity Working Group which has been especially active under the U.S. Presidency. Amongst the participants of this GP sub-group are the World Health Organization, animal health organization (OIE) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and our own BWC Implementation Support Unit (ISU), among others.
- I would like to also welcome Dr. Piers Millet of the ISU to share his perspective on the interplay between the ISU and GP.
- We are also fortunate to be able to have with us the WHO's Mr. Ludy Suryan-toro, External Relations Officer in the Office of the Assistant Director-General for Health, Security and the Environment.
- Again, welcome, we will be grateful for your comments after the speakers finish their remarks.