

# Transparency Initiatives: Strengthening Cooperation, Capacities and Confidence in Compliance

Side Event of the 2018 Meeting of States Parties to the Biological and Toxin  
Weapons Convention (BTWC) on the recent peer review visit in the NCDC  
Richard Lugar Center in Tiflis, Georgia

**Tuesday, 4 December 2018**  
**13:15 – 14:45, Room XVIII**  
**Building E, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

*A light lunch will be served at 13:00 outside the conference room*

**13:15 Opening remarks**

**Ambassador Peter Beerwerth**, Permanent Representative of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament

**Ambassador Yann Hwang**, Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament

**Ambassador Victor Dolidze**, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

**13:35 Introduction to the peer review exercise at the Richard Lugar Center**

**Prof. Paata Imnadze**, Head of the Lugar Center for Public Health Research

**13:55 Report from the team leader of the visiting expert team**

**Kathryn Tham Bee Lin**, Senior Research Officer, Science and Technology Research Institute for Defence, Ministry of Defense Malaysia

**14:10 Report from the civil society observer**

**Dr. Filippa Lentzos**, Senior Research Fellow, King's College London

**14:25 Outlook on EU support to BTWC, in particular voluntary peer review exercises**

**Dr. Emil Kazakov**, International Relations Officer, European External Action Service

**14:35 Q&A**