

May 9, 2023

Informing Blueprint 2.0: Know the Enemy

OBJECTIVE

Provide the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense with a better understanding of: (1) prevention; (2) deterrence; and (3) attribution of biological threats. This is the fourth Commission meeting to inform our refresh of the *National Blueprint for Biodefense*.

SCHEDULE

10:30 – 11:00 am Opening Remarks

11:00 – 11:30 am Panel One: Using Experience to Shape Future Action

U.S. representative from Michigan from 1987 to 2022, Frederick Upton will share his experiences with Congressional action on biodefense and what still needs to be done to address the biological threat.

The Honorable Frederick Upton (R-MI)

Former Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives

11:30 – 12:40 pm Panel Two: Preventing the Next Catastrophe

An expert and a federal representative will provide their views on the prevention of biological threats.

Robert S. Pope, PhD

Director, Cooperative Threat Reduction, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Department of Defense

Kevin M. Esvelt, PhD

Assistant Professor and Director, Sculpting Evolution Group, Media Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

12:40 – 1:10 pm *Lunch*

1:10 – 2:20 pm Panel Three: Deterrence Strategies for Today and Tomorrow

Experts and federal representatives will provide their views on the deterrence of biological threats.

Paul Dean, JD

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, Department of State

Diane DiEuliis, PhD

Assistant Director and Distinguished Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction, National Defense University; former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; former Assistant Director for Life Sciences and Behavioral and Social Sciences, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President

2:20 – 2:35 pm *Break*

2:35 – 3:45 pm Panel Four: Investigating the Source

Experts and federal representatives will provide their views on the attribution of biological threats.

Douglas Anders, PhD

Chief, Scientific Response and Analysis Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory

Jacob L. Swett, DPhil

Co-founder, altLabs; Visiting Scientist, Biodesign Institute, Arizona State University

Eric Pevzner, PhD

Chief, Epidemiology Workforce Branch and Epidemic Intelligence Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Closing Remarks

4:00 pm *Adjourn*