



AGENDA

DAY ONE – Wednesday, 16 June

- 1000-1020 (EDT) Welcome Remarks and Administrative Business**
Mr. Brendan G. Melley, Director, Center for the Study of WMD, National Defense University
- 1020-1030 (EDT) Welcome Remarks**
Lieutenant General Michael T. Plehn, USAF, President, National Defense University
- 1030-1120 (EDT) Keynote Speaker**
General Richard Clarke, USA, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, *“The Role of the Department of Defense in Countering WMD on the Global Scale” (Confirmed)*
- 1130–1300 (EDT) Countering WMD Strategy, Policy, and Programs**
Mr. John Caves, Distinguished Fellow, Center for the Study of WMD, National Defense University (*Chair*)
Mr. Richard Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, *“Update to the DOD Countering WMD Strategy” (Confirmed)*
RDML Bradley Andros, USN, J-10 Director, U.S. Special Operations Command, *“Countering WMD Operational Considerations for Strategy Development” (Confirmed)*
Ms. Ann Ganzer, Senior Bureau Official for International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State, *“State Approach to Countering WMD” (Confirmed)*
Dr. Hillary Carter, Senior Biodefense Advisor and Acting Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Countering WMD, Department of Homeland Security, *“WMD Terrorism in the Homeland” (Confirmed)*
- 1330-1500 (EDT) Biothreats and Biodefense Strategy Considerations**
Dr. Gerald Epstein, Distinguished Fellow, Center for the Study of WMD, National Defense University (*Chair*)
Dr. Diane DiEuliis, Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of WMD, National Defense University, *“Future Bioweapons Threats in the Post-COVID-19 Era” (Confirmed)*
COL Chris Hoffman, USA, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense, *“The Chemical Biological Defense Program’s Approach to Emerging Biotechnology and Defense against Biothreats” (Confirmed)*

Dr. Chris Hassell, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Senior Advisor to Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services, “Changes in HHS’s Response to Biological Attacks and Other Biothreats in the Wake of COVID-19” (Confirmed)

1500-1600 (EDT) **Program for Emerging Leaders Virtual Happy Hour (By Invitation Only)**

DAY TWO – Thursday, 17 June

1000-1015 (EDT) **Welcome Remarks & Administrative Business**

1015-1115 (EDT) **Invited Speaker**

Ms. Mallory Stewart, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Arms Control, Disarmament, and Nonproliferation, National Security Council Staff, “Reexamining the U.S. Approach to Arms Control” (Confirmed)

1115–1245 (EDT) **Nuclear and Arms Control Policy: What Changes are Coming?**

Mr. Paul Bernstein, Distinguished Fellow, Center for the Study of WMD, National Defense University (Chair)

Ms. Leonor Tomero, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, “Nuclear Policy and the Next Nuclear Posture Review” (Confirmed)

Ms. Alexandra Bell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, “What’s Next After New START Extension?” (Confirmed)

Dr. Anya Fink, Research Analyst, Strategy, Policy, Plans, and Programs Division, CNA, “The View from Moscow” (Confirmed)

1300–1400 (EDT) **Invited Speaker**

Dr. Rhys Williams, Acting Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, “New Challenges for WMD Threat Reduction” (Confirmed)

1410-1510 (EDT) **Invited Speaker**

Dr. Beth Cameron, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Global Health Security and Biodefense, National Security Council Staff, “Biological Threats and the U.S. Biodefense Strategy” (Confirmed)

1510-1530 (EDT) **Closing Remarks**

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