



Sixth Annual Summer Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

31 Aug- 4 Sept 2015
The Hague

Update: *Confirmed speaker Katherine Prizeman will speak on The impact of WMD on Public Health*

PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS
Including reflections on the 2013 UN Investigation Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

The public health considerations of chemical and biological weapons cover aspects of both public health and security. In this regard, the experience of the 2013 investigation of the alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic serves as a useful and timely example of how both these aspects of an alleged use, public health and security, may be addressed through a single mechanism - the UN Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical, Biological, and/or Toxin Weapons.

The public health considerations of use of chemical and/or biological weapons - whether natural, accidental or deliberate - are broad and have historically been emphasized by the international community as worthy of serious consideration.

Register for the Summer Programme and learn more about the role of the WHO in public health: www.asser.nl/Disarmament

A short biography:



Katherine Prizeman is an international affairs professional specializing in disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation. She has worked for the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, as well as for a non-governmental organization based in New York offering policy guidance to small-to-medium-sized delegations on international peace and security issues on the agenda of the United Nations.

She is currently a Project Consultant at the World Health Organization in the Global Capacities, Alert and Response Department focusing on WHO preparedness to engage in the epidemiological and public health component of investigations of alleged use of chemical and/or biological agents.