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## Breakfast Side-Event: Ebola, Pandemics, and Biological Weapons

*A Facilitated High-Level Panel Discussion Focused on Preventing  
High-Consequence and Globally Catastrophic Biological Risks of the Future*

**2019 World Health Assembly**

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

InterContinental Hotel, Geneva, Ballroom B

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### **Confirmed Featured Speaker:**



**Dr. Chikwe Ihekweazu**

*Director General of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)*

[NTI | bio](#), the [Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security](#), the [Georgetown University Center for Global Health Science and Security](#), and the [Future of Humanity Institute](#) will co-convene a side event at the 2019 World Health Assembly to discuss preventing high-consequence biological threats of the future. Official invitations will be sent in the coming weeks with additional details and an online RSVP link.

Against a backdrop of an increasingly interconnected yet unstable and disordered world, the risk of a pandemic event with catastrophic consequences is increasing. **This side event will consider three specific scenarios that demonstrate the increasing risk of a high-consequence biological event:**

- Regional instability fueling a disease outbreak, as with the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- Gaps in international architecture and response capacity, particularly for deliberate biological events; and
- Advances in technology that could significantly facilitate the development and use of a high-consequence biological weapon.

Speakers will discuss each scenario and provide their national, regional, and global perspectives, as well as recommendations for ways to prevent and deter catastrophic biological risks of the future.

For any questions, please contact Dr. Beth Cameron, Vice President for Biological Policy and Programs (+1 (202) 296-4810; [cameron@nti.org](mailto:cameron@nti.org)).