

Provisional List of Participants

International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) Emergency Committee (EC) regarding epidemic of Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus (BVD) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda

First Meeting

19 May 2026, 17:00 to 21:30 CEST (GMT +2, Geneva time)

Virtual (Zoom) / Salle D, WHO/HQ Geneva, Switzerland

Members

| | Expert name | Affiliation |
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| 1. | Prof Lucille Hellen BLUMBERG Chair | Honorary Consultant, Infectious diseases and clinical microbiology at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), of the National Health Laboratory Service, and founding head of the Division of Public Health Surveillance and Response; and Associate Professor, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa |
| 2. | Dr Jean-Marie OKWO-BELE Vice-Chair | Public Health Consultant, national of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Former Director of the Vaccines and Immunization Department, WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland (Retired) |
| 3. | Dr Jake DUNNING Rapporteur | Senior Research Fellow, Pandemic Sciences Institute, University of Oxford; and Consultant Physician in Infectious Diseases, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom |
| 4. | Dr Lucia ALONSO | Advisor to the Director General of Health, Ministry of Public Health, Uruguay; and Adjunct Professor, Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Universidad de la República, Uruguay |
| 5. | Prof Daniel BAUSCH | Professor of Tropical Medicine and Global Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, United Kingdom |
| 6. | Dr Ousmane FAYE | Head, Virology Unit, Institut Pasteur de Dakar, Senegal |
| 7. | Dr Pierre FORMENTY | Former WHO staff expert in viral haemorrhagic fevers (Retired), France |
| 8. | Prof Marion KOOPMANS | Director Pandemic and Disaster Research Centre, Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands |
| 9. | Prof Mahmudur RAHMAN | Former Director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) and the National Influenza Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Dhaka, Bangladesh |
| 10. | Dr Aalisha SAHUKHAN | Head of Health Protection, Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Suva, Fiji |
| 11. | Dr Vyacheslav SMOLENSKIY | Deputy Head, Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing (Rosпотребнадзор), Russian Federation |

Advisors

| No | Expert name | Affiliation |
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| 1. | Dr Bart L. HAAGMANS | Associate Professor, Department of Viroscience, Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands |
| 2. | Sir Peter HORBY | Moh Family Foundation Professor of Emerging Infections and Global Health; Director, Pandemic Sciences Institute; Executive Director, International Severe Acute Respiratory and emerging Infections Consortium (ISARIC), University of Oxford, United Kingdom |
| 3. | Ms Amanda McCLELLAND | Senior Vice President, Prevent Epidemics and Primary Health Care, Resolve to Save Lives, United States of America |
| 4. | Prof Hitoshi OSHITANI | Department of Global Health and Infectious Diseases, Department of Virology, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine, Sendai, Japan |
| 5. | Dr Amadou SALL | Executive Director, Process Development and Manufacturing, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), United Kingdom |