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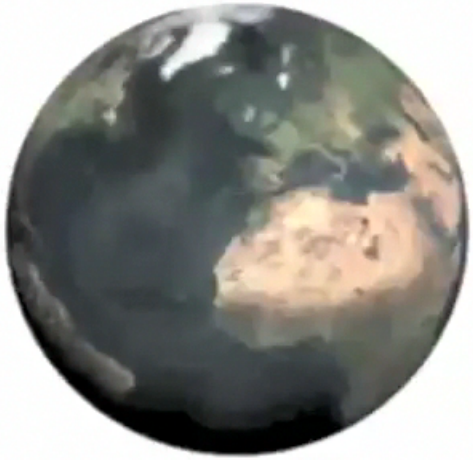

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Year in Review

Law Section

APHA Annual Meeting

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Global Health Security

- Critical Weaknesses in Global Health Security
- Lack of Political Collaboration and Funding for
  - Prevention
  - Detection
  - Response
- Global Health Security Agenda
  - A Forum to Build **Political Will**
  - A Platform to Concentrate **Funding**

1. GHSA – International Cooperation for Global Health Security
2. Law – Law Reform as a Foundation of the GHSA Agenda
3. Domains – Specifying the Legal Domains to Realize GHSA Action Packages

GHSA | Law | Domains

GHSA Launch

Commitment Development Meeting

Global Infectious Diseases Meetings

2014

EBOLA

February 2014

"A plan to … prevent, detect and effectively respond to infectious disease threats, whether naturally occurring or caused by accidental or intentional releases of dangerous pathogens."

Washington DC and Geneva

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Summer 2014 –

1. We stand together with our West Africa partners to end the Ebola epidemic.
2. A biological threat anywhere is a biological threat everywhere, and it is the world's responsibility to respond as one.
3. Infectious disease outbreaks are a national security priority.

Chair of Global Health Security Agenda
White House Event
September 26, 2014

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May 2014

Helsinki, Finland

- Multi-country
- Multi-sectoral
- 9 objectives developed & published as 11 Action Packages

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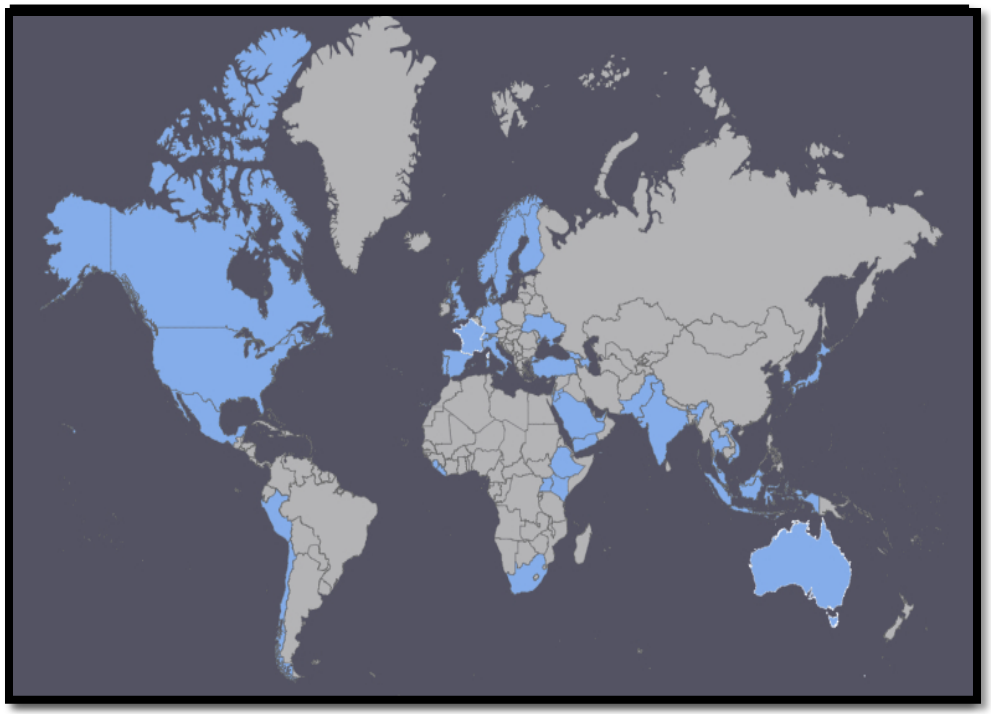
August 2014 – present



- From Jakara to Seoul and Beyond
- To promote and further develop the GHSA
- Expanding Country Participation
- Substantial U.S. commitment
- CDC 5-Year Plan

GHSA Action Packages

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CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Prevent

Antimicrobial Resistance

Zoonotic Diseases

Biosafety/ Biosecurity

Immunization

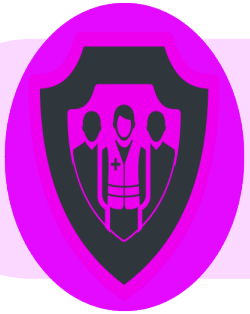
Detect

Laboratory Systems

Surveillance

Reporting

Workforce Development



Respond

Emergency Operations Centers

Law Enforcement

Medical Countermeasures

Law as a Determinant of Global Health Security

- Provides clear, *enforceable* regulations, guidelines, and reporting requirements
- Promotes coordination, communication, and information sharing
- Ensures safety and competency standards are met through certification, accreditation, licensing, etc.

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Law Can:

1. Limit *access* to antibiotics
2. Regulate *professions* contributing to AMR.
3. Manage antibiotic *use.*
4. Enhance *surveillance* and *response*.

Legal Domain Specification

Methods

- Framework Memoranda
  - Legal Approaches
  - Legal Domains
    - Country Examples
  - Legal Tools
  - Legal Implementation
- Literature Review + Country Examples

Respond 3 – Medical Countermeasures & Personnel Deployment

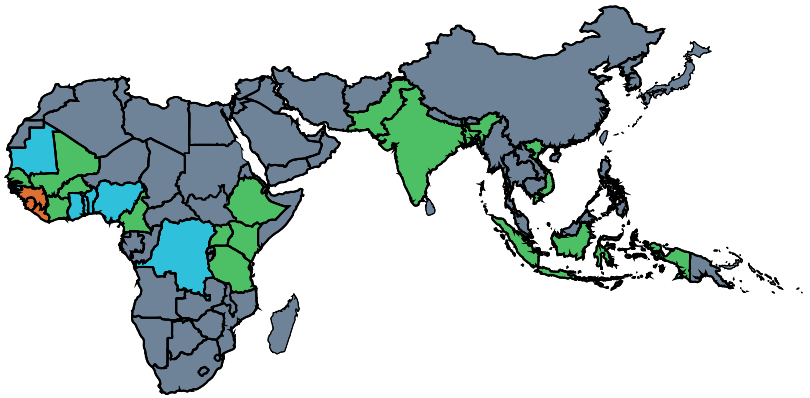
1. Visa Waivers
2. Product Authorization and Tariffs
3. License to Practice
4. Individual Liability

Laying the Foundation for Law Reform

1. Develop Legal Framework for GHSA Legal Domains
2. Construct a Legal Domain Assessment Tool to Evaluate National Legal Landscapes

LawAtlas
The Policy Surveillance Portal

3. Assess the Legal Landscape in the 25 GHSA Target Countries.



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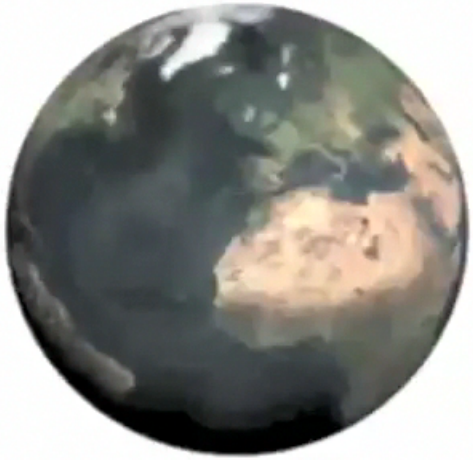

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