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## **PLENARY SESSION 2**

**FUTURES OF PARTNERSHIPS FOR A SAFER WORLD**



## | BACKGROUND

This plenary is an interactive session that will introduce four core questions, based on the Futures approach, to shape the discourse of partnerships for greater biosecurity in the world. It will begin with an introduction of Futures thinking by Dr. Sohail Inayatullah, UNESCO Chair of Futures Studies and Professor at Tamkang University, Taiwan. Then, the plenary will involve a short discussion on the current state of partnerships or lack of in certain thematic areas, and challenges in forging effective partnerships. It will delve into exploring various futures for partnerships and what effective and inclusive partnerships can achieve to make the world a safer place for all. Attempting to jointly uncover the “unknown unknowns” within a Futures methodology will lead to an innovative approach in organizing an interactive plenary that would hopefully lead to new directions and interesting discussions within the parallel sessions.

## | OBJECTIVES

- To jointly envision possible scenarios for the future of partnerships in EID and AMR.
- To generate excitement in creating effective partnerships for a safer world by imagining alternate futures based on Futures techniques. It is envisioned that the novelty of the technique will add to the richness of PMAC and to bring in cross-disciplinary approaches into a Public Health conference.
- To get participants to think creatively in an out-of-the-box manner on working collaboratively together to build greater biosecurity for all.



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Osman A Dar is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh) and a fellow of the Faculty of Public Health at the Royal College of Physicians (London). At Chatham House, he is director of the Centre on Global Health Security's One Health project, an umbrella term referring to the Centre's work on zoonotic emerging infections, ecological approaches to disease control, antimicrobial resistance, sustainable livestock development and food security. In addition, Osman leads work on health system strengthening by creating partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve the prevention of, preparedness for, and response to public health emergencies. Osman is also a consultant in global public health at Public Health England (PHE) where he is a technical lead on a programme that supports low income countries build core capacities and implement their commitments under the international health regulations through the development of strengthened national public health institutes.