The task of the National Coordinator for Counterterrorism is to minimise the risk and fear of terrorist attacks in the Netherlands and to take prior measures to limit the potential of terrorist acts. The NCTb is responsible for the central coordination of counterterrorism efforts and ensures that cooperation between all the parties involved is and remains of a high standard.

The world's largest international police organization, INTERPOL facilitates cross-border police cooperation, and supports and assists all organizations, authorities and services whose mission is to prevent or combat international crime. Public safety and terrorism are among its priority crime areas. www.interpol.int

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Early announcement International exercise Bioshield Global 2010

As a follow-up to INTERPOL’s regional Table Top Exercises and to the global GICNT Exercise Cobalt 2009, the National Coordinator for Counterterrorism (NL) and INTERPOL join forces to organise a global bio-terrorism exercise on 16, 17 and 18 November 2010. Your organisation is cordially invited for this exercise.

Characteristics of the exercise:
• A realistic scenario that can happen tomorrow.
• Involving several countries.
• Involving international organizations.
• Working together across borders.
• Working in a high tech exercise environment.
• Table Top Format.
• Simulation Cell on location.
• Roles available:
  • Players + Trusted Agents.
  • Active Observers.

The exercise is intended for senior policy maker and/or middle management of international intelligence, law enforcement and health community.

Goals:
• Increase awareness of interfacing requirements and mechanisms of international malevolent biological threats.
• Promote greater inter-sectoral understanding.
• Examine the arrangements for international cooperation and information sharing in a biological security event.
• Raise the awareness of global operational cooperative arrangements.
• Strengthen communication and relationships among diverse sectors.
• Enhance inter-sectoral co-ordination and cooperation on a variety of issues such as public information and media relations, resource co-ordination, threat/hazard evaluation, and medical and public health matters.

More information? Send an email to CBRN@nctb.nl

Please let us know if you intend to participate and please do inform colleagues who may be interested.