

PLENARY LECTURE: REAL WORLD CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE

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Real World Challenges and Opportunities for Global Health Surveillance will be discussed in the context of U.S. National Security. Some of the most challenging environments globally present the greatest opportunities for stability and security. For example, the global threats of narco-terrorism have surfaced as international challenges fostering the emergence of novel infectious disease threats and threatening the stability of international economies, trade, health and security. The recent stand-up of Department of Defense's (DoD's) AFRICOM will highlight the unprecedented challenges of co-locating US troops in regions of Africa previously uninhabited and threats unmitigated by conventional force protection methods. In addition, there is an expanding interest in partnerships with Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to expand US humanitarian missions and build/re-build coalitions and partnerships for peace. These emerging challenges will be wickered together by the ever challenging political, military, cultural, and technical challenges of information sharing and common understanding of infectious disease threats that respect no geographic boundaries or institutions.