

DRAFT Concept Note

Lunch event: Strategic Stockpiling for Supply Chain Resilience: Considerations for Health Emergency Preparedness and Deterrence by Denial

The pandemic and ongoing armed conflicts have exposed the vulnerabilities of the global supply chain for medical countermeasures and materials, making it imperative to improve preparedness and resilience in the event of a health crisis, whether naturally occurring, deliberately caused or accidental. The strategic stockpiling of countermeasures, and consideration of how these resources can be effectively managed and swiftly deployed, is an important component of preparedness.

It is unlikely that the world can rely on a handful of countries to share their national stockpiles with others and international cooperation will be necessary for effective and efficient response in the context of limited supplies. A considered approach to strategic stockpiling is therefore required to ensure all countries can successfully respond.

Join Chatham House and The Global Health Security Fund over lunch for an interactive expert panel discussion on the role of and approaches being taken to strategic stockpiling in preparedness and response, how international cooperation is playing out in this area, and the key considerations for effective efforts.

Date: 19 June 2024

Time: 12:30 to 2:00 pm

Location: Global Health Security Conference, Sydney

Panellists: Bangin Brim, Policy Officer, European Commission, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (HERA)

 Emma Ross, Senior Research Fellow and Health of Health Security, Chatham House

 More panellists TBC

Moderator: Andrew Nerlinger, Executive Director, The Global Health Security Fund