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Thank you Eddy and Hongying for the update.
This is great news.

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Hi GVPers

Below is a summary, that Hongying and I put together, of the October 24th /25th GVP meetings in Beijing.

The skinny is: a) State Dept and Embassy science staff are well briefed on and very enthusiastic about GVP and its potential for something positive that China and US could do together. b) General view is that we do not want China to take a leadership role in isolation in fear of their reluctance to share data, c) They are looking for something to discuss when Trump meets with Xi later next months and as such this may be a very opportune time to elevate GVP's profile connected to GHSA, c) Need to get interagency engagement in GVP in addition to USAID (NIH, USDA, Commerce...), d) US China Ambassador, Terry Branstad has Trumps ear and he knows about GVP. e) The present US administration very receptive to anything that smells of commerce (support of GVP by tech companies' good) f) other countries, Australia, Norway... view GVP as a possible way to both contribute to GHSA as well as interface with China.

Eddy

October 24, 2017

Arrival Evening Meeting at Beijing Marriott NW

Attendees:

Nancy Sung, Director of the US National Science Foundation, Head China Office
Miles Toder, Development Counselor, US Embassy
Eddy Rubin, Metabiota
Hongying Li, EcoHealth Alliance

Discussions:

- Very enthusiastic about GVP and its potential for something positive that China and US could do together.
- Do not want China to take a leadership role in isolation as fear of their reluctance to share data

- Looking for something to discuss when Trump meets with Xi later next months. How the world's 2 largest economies could contribute to GHSA
- Need to get interagency engagement in GVP in addition to USAID (NIH, USDA, Commerce...)
- The present US administration very receptive to anything that smells of commerce. Support of GVP by tech companies' good
- The UC China Ambassador has Trump's ear.
- The Belt and Road Initiative has expanded to include GHSA issues
- Need to add to GVP pitch examples: Where PREDICT surveillance-detection-response info lead to changes in public health approaches. Best examples that we can find of specific insights connected to China (We may need to bend things but we do have examples)

US Embassy, Beijing

October 25, 2017

A) Meeting with the staff from other agencies with interest in GHSA and GVP

Attendees:

Russell Harwood, Head of Development Cooperation, Australian Embassy Beijing
 Mads Friberg, Health Counselor, Royal Danish Embassy
 Jan Grythe, Development Counselor, Royal Norwegian Embassy
 Adrienne Fuentes, Health Attaché HHS, US Embassy
 Miles Toder, USAID Development Counselor, US Embassy
 Nancy Sung, Director of the US National Science Foundation China Office
 Sarah Ong, HHS US Embassy
 FDA, US Embassy
 Eddy Rubin, Metabiota
 Hongying Li, EcoHealth Alliance

Discussions:

The US as well as others (Norway, Denmark Australia) should get involved in the GVP because

- It's an opportunity for engagement with China
- There is a concern about data sharing and access if only China takes the lead
- It could have economic/commercial impacts for the US companies in China
- Science is a good way to collaborate with China

Opportunities:

- [Australian Government call for research under the Indo-Pacific Center for Health Security](#)
[Australia's new investment in health security](#)
- **25-27 October 2017 Kampala, Uganda: 4th High Level GHSA Ministerial Meeting**
People are trying to do something difference, wait to see the plan for the next 5 years' GHSA
- **8 November 2017, Beijing/APEC:** Meeting of Presidents Xi and Trump
US Embassy try to get "pandemic disease" related to GHSA into their conversation

agenda, currently working with the China side

- **21 November 2017 Beijing:** CEPI (Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations)/Norwegian representatives visiting China for Global Health & Health dialogue
Agenda TBD, but there is a possibility to mention GVP
- **November 2017, Beijing:** Africa CDC Union meeting with the National Health and Family Health Commission, following the [China-US Social and Culture Dialogue](#) on September 28, 2017
Time and agenda TBD, but there will be a meeting with the National Health and Family Health Commission and/or China CDC (HYL will get the slides translated into Chinese)

Questions:

- Is GVP a scientific project, or incorporating local development?
- What will be the public health impact of GVP? (e.g. public health measurements)
- How GVP will fit into the GHSA?
- How the China National Virome Project fit into the Global Virome Project?
- Ownership of the GVP? (given the multiple stakeholders and partners)
- Where GVP take money from if supported by the US government?

B) Meeting with the Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Jonathan Fritz (Acting Deputy Chief of Staff) Leon Skarshinski Commercial Attaché Export Trade Dept of Commerce Eddy Rubin, Miles Toder,

- The senior leadership at the embassy really understand and are enthusiastic about GVP and its potential for something positive China and US could do together.
- The UC China Ambassador Terry Branstad understands GVP and has Trumps ear.
- Looking for something to discuss when Trump meets with Xi later next months. How the world's 2 largest economies could contribute to GHSA

C) Meeting with Members of Embassy Health Working Group. (An internal embassy group that meets regularly to discuss health related topics. They had heard GVP presented previously

Discussions:

- A discussion of scientific concerns about GVP