

## **Caspian Week will present project GSPDX – the Global System Of Preparedness For “Disease X” – at the Horasis US Extraordinary Meeting online forum on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2021**

**Geneva, 17 March 2021.**

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Caspian Week will present the GSPDX project - "The Global System for Preparedness for ‘Disease X’" - at the Horasis US Extraordinary Meeting forum.

“Disease X” is a currently unknown pathogen that could lead to a pandemic. For example, COVID-19 was an unknown pathogen until December 2019 - although, as it turned out later, at this very time there were already more than a dozen of its mutations in Wuhan, and the virus itself was spreading around the world, including the USA and Europe.

The modern health care system – as well as international relations and communications systems – have proved ineffective in coping with such pandemics.

What can and should be done to, hopefully, minimize the possibility of occurrence of the similar pandemics in future, and be as prepared as possible for new potentially dangerous pandemics?

The GSPDX project aims to meet this challenge. The concept of the project, its main tasks, and the plan of the first stage of its implementation will be discussed at a special session of the Horasis US Extraordinary Meeting. The following distinguished speakers will participate in the discussion:

- Matthew Burrows, Atlantic Council, Director, Foresight, Strategy and Risks Initiative
  - José Ramón Calvo, President, Institute of Multidisciplinary Research, Spain
  - Ernesto Kahan, Academic Director, Galilee International Management Institute, Israel
  - Murat Seitnepesov, Founder, GSPDX; Chairman, Caspian Week, Switzerland
- and the discussion will be chaired by
- Matthew Bryza, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council; Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, USA

The implementation of this project requires effective cooperation between international organizations and financial centres, governments, funds, businesses and civil society, as well as international interdisciplinary scientific and technological cooperation.

**It is time for humankind to start solving problems that may arise tomorrow!**

**Caspian Week invites all interested parties to take part in the discussion and the project**