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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

OPCW CALENDAR FOR JUNE TO DECEMBER 2021

1. The calendar annexed hereto lists events organised by the OPCW in the period from June to December 2021. It includes also the sessions of the policy-making organs and their subsidiary bodies. It does not include consultations of an informal nature or other activities of the Executive Council; these are reflected in the OPCW weekly Journal.
2. In light of the restrictions posed by the current pandemic (COVID-19) and in line with the measures adopted by the OPCW Host Country Government, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) is regularly reviewing the feasibility of the planned events and their delivery formats. This may require further updating of this list as conditions evolve. The Secretariat is committed to resuming the in-person format of delivery as soon as conditions permit, while actively pursuing the provision of capacity-building support through alternative means in the form of remote online sessions.
3. The calendar is also available on the OPCW website, www.opcw.org, and will be updated periodically.

Annex: OPCW Calendar for June to December 2021



Annex

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Date	Title	Reference	Location/modality	Secretariat Contact ¹
JUNE				
1 – 4 June	Fiftieth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-49/1, dated 31 July 2020	Virtual meeting	BFB
2 – 3 June	Twentieth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Eastern Europe	S/1952/2021, dated 23 April 2021	Virtual meeting	IPB
8 – 10 June	Twenty-Second Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean	S/1951/2021*, dated 19 April 2021	Virtual meeting	IPB
8 – 10 June	Workshop on general aspects of chemical safety and security in laboratories	S/1940/2021, dated 25 March 2021	Virtual meeting	ICB
14 – 18 June	Workshop on best practices to develop the Responsible Care® Programme for the chemical industry	—	Virtual meeting	ICB
15 – 17 June	Thirty-Second Session of the Scientific Advisory Board	SAB-30/1, dated 12 November 2020	Virtual meeting	OSP

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Legend for Division and Branch names:

APB: Assistance and Protection Branch
 BFB: Budget and Finance Branch
 ICB: International Cooperation Branch

IPB: Implementation Support Branch
 OSP: Office of Strategy and Policy
 PAB: Public Affairs Branch

PMO: Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs

Date	Title	Reference	Location/modality	Secretariat Contact¹
15 – 17 June	Nineteenth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Africa	S/1947/2021, dated 12 April 2021	Virtual meeting	IPB
21 – 25 June	Virtual course on response to emergencies with Chemical Warfare Agents (CWA) and Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TIC) for States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean	—	Virtual meeting, with technical support from Costa Rica	APB
22 – 24 June	Nineteenth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Asia	S/1950/2021, dated 19 April 2021	Virtual meeting	IPB
29 June	Launching event: Indicative guidelines for chemical safety and security in small and medium-sized enterprises to foster the peaceful uses of chemistry	—	Virtual meeting	ICB
JULY				
1 July	Symposium on women in chemistry	—	Virtual meeting	ICB
6 – 9 July	Ninety-Seventh Session of the Executive Council	EC-94/4, dated 9 July 2020	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands, and online streaming	PMO
13 – 15 July	Online basic training course on decontamination of Chemical Warfare Agents (CWA) and Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TIC) for first responders of States Parties in Africa	—	Virtual meeting	APB
27 – 30 July	Fifty-First Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-49/1, dated 31 July 2020	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	BFB

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SEPTEMBER				
6 September – 8 October	Wuppertal online course – explosion protection and error management in the chemical process industries 2021	—	Virtual meeting	ICB
13 – 17 September	Virtual tabletop exercise on chemical emergency response for States Parties in Asia	—	Virtual meeting, with support from Indonesia	APB
19 September	Open Day	—	Modality to be determined	PAB
22 – 27 September	Two online courses on the enhancement of laboratory skills in collaboration with the Finnish Institute of Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (VERIFIN), Helsinki, Finland	—	Virtual meeting	ICB
27 September – 1 October	The Asser Institute's Twelfth Annual Training Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction	S/1944/2021, dated 12 April 2021	Virtual meeting	PAB
OCTOBER				
4 – 8 October	Swiss exercise		Spiez, Switzerland	APB
5 – 8 October	Ninety-Eighth Session of the Executive Council	EC-94/4, dated 9 July 2020	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands, and online streaming	PMO
11 – 15 October	Basic course on emergency response to chemical incidents for States Parties, members of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)	—	Khartoum, Sudan	APB

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11 – 15 October	International basic course on chemical weapons assistance and protection	—	Ahrweiler, Germany	APB
11 – 22 October	Combined basic and advanced assistance and protection course for Russian speaking first responders	—	Svetlaya Roshcha, Belarus	APB
25 – 29 October	Advance course on emergency response to chemical incidents for States Parties from North Africa and the Sahel region	—	Rabat, Morocco	APB
NOVEMBER				
1 – 5 November	Regional field exercise on assistance and protection for States Parties in Asia	—	Islamabad, Pakistan	APB
8 – 12 November	Virtual course on decontamination of Chemical Warfare Agents (CWAs) and Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TICs) for first responders of States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean	—	Virtual meeting, with support from Argentina	APB
8 – 13 November	Swiss laboratory course	—	Spiez, Switzerland	APB
29 November – 3 December	Twenty-Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties	C-22/5*, dated 1 December 2017	World Forum, The Hague, the Netherlands, and online streaming	PMO

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