

**F.No. M-21011/8/2021-TECH**  
**Government of India**  
**Cabinet Secretariat**  
**National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakya Puri,  
New Delhi, dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Invitation to nominate candidates for an online workshop for women in a first responder role to chemical incidents, 23-24 September 2021 – regarding.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the TS Letter No. L/ICA/APB-79/21 dated 05 August 2021, received from Technical Secretariat, Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), seeking nominations on the above mentioned subject.

2. In line with above, nominations of a suitable, qualified and experienced Women Officer(s)/Officials(s) of an appropriate level in your Organization may be sent to this office latest by 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Head of the concerned Department/ Organization may also certify that the applicant is clear from vigilance angle and that no departmental proceeding against the nominee is contemplated. It may also certified that the training Programme would enhance the skills of the implementation of CWC in India.

3. It is further informed that, the 'Revised Guidelines for OPCW sponsored Events' issued and hosted on the website of National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), Delhi must be followed while forwarding the nomination to this office. Further, the nominated person has to submit a tour report and is to make presentation to the National Authority after attending the above programme. The said course is purely technical in nature and is meant for women candidates (having good command of the English language, both written and oral) who are, or will be, working in the capacity of first responders and are aspiring to a related career, with responsibilities in the field of chemical emergency response, including reconnaissance, decontamination, medical treatment, investigation besides sampling responsibilities. Applicants who have already participated in the above programme previously shall not be considered for the course.

4. The candidates who are endorsed by the National Authority (CWC), New Delhi are required to apply not later than 31 August 2021 via the OPCW event management system EVENTUS at <https://apps.opcw.org/eventus/Home/EventDetail/281>


Encl: As above



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**To**

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2. The Joint Secretary (Disaster Management), Hall 'B' 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001
3. The Director (DHRD), Directorate of Human Resource Development, Defence Research & Development Organization, Room No. 253, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110105
4. Joint Secretary (IS-I), Internal Security-I Division, North Block, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi-110001
5. The Director General, Directorate General of NDRF, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi - 110001

  
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The Hague, 05 August 2021

L/ICA/APB-79/21

The Technical Secretariat ("the Secretariat") of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is pleased to invite your National Authority to nominate female candidates to participate in a "**Online workshop for women in a first responder role to chemical incidents**", which is planned to be held from 23-24 September 2021.

This on-line workshop is a capacity-building initiative within the framework of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention to support the OPCW Member States and will raise awareness around challenges to operational issues, including gender and other gender-based considerations in response procedures, as well as careers in the response and emergency management fields, which will strengthen the capacity in responding to incidents involving Chemical Warfare Agents (CWAs) and Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TICs).

The workshop will also facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and provide a forum for discussion among Member States on future cooperation in the regional areas.

Given the purpose of the workshop, candidates will be carefully selected, and priority will be given to first responders, those aspiring to a related career, and other authorities with responsibilities in the field of chemical emergency response, including reconnaissance, decontamination, medical treatment, investigation and sampling responsibilities.

You are kindly requested to provide the list of your nominees no later than 31 August 2021. Your nominees are invited to apply for the event via the OPCW event management system EVENTUS at <https://apps.opcw.org/eventus/Home/EventDetail/281>

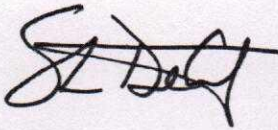
**To all National Authorities of the CWC**

**Cc: Permanent Representations of OPCW Member States**

The endorsement form attached as Annex 1 to this letter shall be completed, signed, stamped by the National Authority, and uploaded during the course registration process.

Additional information about the course may be obtained from the Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Mr Patrick Wengler (email: Patrick.wengler@opcw.org, tel. + 31 70 416 3423) and Mrs Maria Elena Bruno-Pousadela (email: mariaelena.bruno-pousadela@opcw.org, tel. +31 70 416 3217).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. DeCaluwe', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Shawn DeCaluwe  
Special Advisor on Assistance and Protection

Annex 1: Endorsement letter

**Annex 1:**

**Endorsement letter**

**Online workshop for women in a first responder role to chemical incidents**

**ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

This form needs to be signed, duly sealed, and uploaded when an application is submitted  
<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus/Home/EventDetail/281>

**Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Head/Chief Coordinator of the  
National Authority of the State Party of \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf  
of the Government of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby endorse the nomination  
of Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_, holding the  
position/designation of \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
Office/Division/Branch of \_\_\_\_\_, as  
indicated in the attached nomination form for participation in the **“Online workshop for  
women in a first responder role to chemical incidents”**, which will be held from 25-27  
May 2021.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Official seal of the Organisation: