

F. No. M-21012/9/2021-TECH
Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention

1st Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi, dated 21st October 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Invitation for nominations for the Online OPCW Basic Training Course on Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons and Emergency Response to Chemical Incidents from 29 November - 02 December 2021 for Asia - regarding.

Please find enclosed copy of the Invitation Letter vide No. L/ICA/APB-230/2021 dated 01 September 2021, received from the Technical Secretariat (TS), Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), seeking nominations on the above-mentioned subject.

2. In line with above, nominations of suitable, qualified and experienced Officer of an appropriate level along with relevant documents, adhering to the 'Revised Guidelines for OPCW sponsored events' issued by NACWC may please be sent to this office latest by 08th November 2021 through the online portal- OPCW Training Management System (<https://training.nacwc.gov.in/Login.aspx>). The Head of the concerned Department/Organization may also certify that the applicant is clear from vigilance angle and no departmental proceeding against him is contemplated or inquired into. Further, it may please be ensured that nominated individuals have good command of English, both written and oral.
3. It is further informed that, keeping in view purpose of the course, priority will be given to first responders, preferably police officers, disaster-relief & rescue officers, military personnel, and firefighters, mandated to deal with chemical emergency response.
4. Applicants who have already participated in the similar previous programme(s) may not be considered for the course. After attending the course, nominated individuals shall be expected to make a report and a brief presentation to the National Authority.

Enclosure: As above



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2. The Joint Secretary (Disaster Management), Hall 'B' 3rd Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001
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4. Joint Secretary (IS-I), Internal Security-I Division, North Block, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi- 110001
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L/ICA/APB-230/2021

Dear National Authority,

The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Government of Malaysia wish to invite Asian Member States to nominate candidates for an On-line Basic *Training Course on Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons and Emergency Response to Chemical Incidents*, which will be held from 29 November to 02 December 2021.

This virtual Course is a capacity-building initiative within the framework of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention to support the OPCW member states in the region to strengthen their capacity in responding to incidents involving Chemical Warfare Agents (CWAs) and Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TICs), which will directly benefit their civilian populations. The Course will develop over the four days, whereby the first three days will proceed in asynchronous self-study modality, while the last day will take form of a synchronous on-line session.

Participants completing the course will acquire further knowledge of chemical-warfare agents, of individual protective equipment, and of reconnaissance, detection, decontamination equipment and techniques, evidence collection and medical response, as well as a comprehensive overview and step-by-step scenario-based video on chemical incident management.

The Course 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 and international level under Article X.

Given the purpose of the course, candidates will be carefully selected, and priority will be given to first responders with experience in the field of chemical emergency response.

The course will be conducted in English with no interpretation services, thus a good command of English, both written and oral, is a mandatory requirement for the eligibility.

Interested applicants are invited to register their nomination online through EVENTUS – the OPCW event management system **no later than 15 November 2021**. The EVENTUS registration link is accessible via the OPCW website at:

<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus/Home/EventDetail/292>

Please note that all questions marked with an asterisk (*) must be answered in order for the nomination to be received and for the candidate to be considered for this event.

The endorsement form attached as Annex 2 to this letter must be completed, signed and stamped by the National Authority and uploaded during the course registration process.

All participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon successfully completion of the on-line course.

The provisional outline of the course and the endorsement form are included as Annexes to this letter. For additional information, please contact Mr Anton Martyniuk, Senior Program Officer (+31 (0)70 416 3470), reachable also via email anton.martyniuk@opcw.org, and our focal point Ms. Sonja Pecak (sonja.pecak@opcw.org) for any logistical issues or queries.

Annexes:

Annex I: Course outline

Annex II: Endorsement letter

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shawn DeCaluwe', is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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To: National Authorities of the States Parties in Asia
Cc.: Permanent Representations of the States Parties in Asia

Annex I

ON-LINE BASIC COURSE ON CHEMICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR ASIAN STATES PARTIES

29 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2021

Course outline

Organizers:

OPCW Technical Secretariat – Malaysian National Authority for CWC – Fire and Rescue
Department of Malaysia FRDM

Course duration:

Four days (3 days for asynchronous section and 1 day for synchronous – online- section)

*(A) Topics to be delivered in advance through OPCW remote education platform
(Talentsoft) on 29 November – 1 December 2021:*

- Pre-Assessment (multiple choice questions)

Module 1: CWC & Article X

- Chemical Weapons Convention and its Article X on Assistance and Protection
- Implementation of Article X of CWC in Asia
- Implementation of CWC in Malaysia

Module 2: Introduction

- Introduction to CWAs/TICs and their classifications
- Quiz

Module 3: Protection

- Basic principles of protection against CWAs and TICs
- Personal Protective Equipment PPE
- Demo video on donning and doffing of PPE (Level C)
- Quiz

Module 4: Detection

- Basic Principles of detection of CWAs and TICs
- Detection Strategies and equipment
- Demo video on Detection equipment
- Quiz

Module 5: Decontamination

- Basic principles of decontamination and decontaminants
- Mass decontamination
- Demo video on setting up a Decon station and personnel decon methods
- Quiz

Module 6: Reconnaissance

- Conducting reconnaissance in a contaminated environment
- Basics of evidence collection methods and equipment
- Demo video on evidence collection and sampling in a contaminated environment
- Quiz

Module 7: Evidence collection

- Basic of evidence collection methods and tools
- Process of collecting evidence in a contaminated environment

Module 8: Scenario based strategies

- Step by step scenario-based strategies on chemical incident management
- Coordination and integration of all modules 2-7 above on a recreated CWA incident

Post- assessment:

- Final Test of multiple choice questions based on all training modules

(B) Live session - Thursday 2 December 2021

- Opening remarks: representatives of the OPCW, Malaysian National Authority and FRDM
- Update on OPCW capacity building program under Article X
- Summary of the modules and topics covered during the course
- Discussion, Q&A session
- Feedback from course participants
- Closing Remarks – OPCW, NACWC, FRDM

Annex II

Endorsement letter

**ON-LINE BASIC COURSE ON CHEMICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE
FOR ASIAN STATES PARTIES
29 NOVEMBER – 02 DECEMBER 2021**

ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

This form needs to be signed, duly sealed, and uploaded when an application is submitted via the following link:

<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus/Home/EventDetail/292>

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 On-line Basic Training Course on Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons and Emergency Response to Chemical Incidents, which will be held from 29 November to 02 December 2021.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Official seal of the Organisation: