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Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention
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New Delhi – 110021, 19th July, 2022

Subject: Call for Nominations for a Basic Training Course on Assistance and Protection Ahrweiler, Germany 12 – 16, September 2022- regarding.

Please find enclosed copy of the Technical Secretariat (TS) Note No. S/2075/2022, dated 5th July, 2022, received from the Implementation Support Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, Technical Secretariat (TS), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), The Hague, The Netherland, seeking nominations from the States Parties of OPCW on the above-mentioned subject.

2. The OPCW and the Government of Germany wish to invite Member States to nominate candidates for an assistance and protection training course, which will be held from 12 to 16 September 2022 in Ahrweiler, Germany. The training Programme is technical in nature and is meant for building the capacity of nation. Given the purpose of the course and its focus on practical skills, nominees should be first responders or other operational professionals who may be called upon to carry out technical duties on the scene of an incident involving chemical weapons. Priority will be given to candidates who have previously successfully completed one of the OPCW's online basic training courses on chemical emergency response. All participants are expected to be physically fit and able to wear individual protective gear for several hours.

3. In-line with the above, nominations of suitable, qualified and experienced officer(s) of appropriate level in your organization may be sent to this office latest by 25th July, 2022 through the National Authority-CWC online portal- OPCW Training Management System (<https://training.nacwc.gov.in/Login.aspx>) with strict adherence to the "Revised Guidelines for OPCW sponsored events" issued and hosted on the National Authority-CWC website. The head of the concerned department/ Organization may also certify that the applicant is clear from vigilance angle and that no departmental proceeding against him is contemplated. Applicant who have already participated in the above programme previously will not be considered for the course. The nominated person has to submit a tour report and presentation to the National Authority-CWC after attending the programme.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: As above



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3. The Joint Secretary (Training) & CVO, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence, South Block, Central Secretariat, Rajpath Marg, New Delhi, Delhi-110011.



S/2075/2022
5 July 2022
ENGLISH only

NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A BASIC TRAINING COURSE
ON ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION
AHRWEILER, GERMANY
12 – 16 SEPTEMBER 2022**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Government of Germany wish to invite Member States to nominate candidates for an assistance and protection training course, which will be held from 12 to 16 September 2022 in Ahrweiler, Germany.
2. This course is related to the offer made by Germany under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), pertaining to assistance and protection against chemical weapons. The aim of the course is to provide training on the following:
 - (a) planning and establishing a support team for the protection of civilian populations against chemical weapons;
 - (b) conducting emergency operations in contaminated areas;
 - (c) responding to incidents involving chemical warfare agents;
 - (d) using individual protective equipment;
 - (e) using monitoring, detection, and decontamination techniques; and
 - (f) taking samples.
3. The course will also offer an overview of the kinds of assistance that the OPCW and Germany can provide upon the request of a State Party and will facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Convention.
4. Given the purpose of the course and its focus on practical skills, nominees should be first responders or other operational professionals who may be called upon to carry out technical duties on the scene of an incident involving chemical weapons. Priority will be given to candidates who have previously successfully completed one of the OPCW’s online basic training courses on chemical emergency response. All participants are expected to be physically fit and able to wear individual protective gear for several hours.



5. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor the attendance of a limited number of participants. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, meals, and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. Accommodation for sponsored participants will be arranged by the Government of Germany. Instruction materials, accommodation, and all meals during the course will be provided. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be provided at a later date. Each nomination should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the nominee's participation.
6. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. In order to coordinate with group travel arrangements within Germany, all participants, regardless of sponsorship, are to arrive in Ahrweiler **no earlier than Sunday, 11 September 2022** and depart **no later than Saturday, 17 September 2022**. Non-sponsored participants will be expected to coordinate their international travel and other logistic arrangements with the Secretariat.
7. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Germany and will be solely responsible for determining whether or not visas are required for their travel.
8. All activities during the course will be conducted in English, and no interpretation services of any kind will be available. All participants are therefore expected to have a good command of English, both written and oral.
9. Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications online through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Applicants must first create an account and then register for the event. Only in exceptional circumstances involving technical difficulties may application documents be obtained from the Assistance and Protection Branch.
10. Each application must be endorsed digitally on the Eventus platform by the nominee's respective National Authority. Only nominations endorsed by the National Authority or Permanent Representation of the candidate's country to the OPCW will be considered. Nominees must include any practical work experience on chemical emergency response in their curricula vitae.
11. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
12. All applications must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 29 July 2022**. Additional information may be obtained from the Assistance and Protection Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Mr Anton Martyniuk, Senior Programme Officer (Tel: +31 (0) 70 416 3423; Email: anton.martyniuk@opcw.org), and Ms Sonja Pecak, Project Assistant (Tel: +31 (0) 70 416 3498; Email: sonja.pecak@opcw.org).

Annex: Provisional Programme for a Basic Training Course on Assistance and Protection

Annex

**BASIC TRAINING COURSE ON ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION
AHRWEILER, GERMANY
12 – 16 SEPTEMBER 2022**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Sunday, 11 September 2022</i>	
	Participants arrive in Ahrweiler, Germany
<i>Monday, 12 September 2022</i>	
09:00 – 10:15	Welcome address
10:15 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalities • Introduction of participants • Introduction of Federal Academy for Civil Protection and Civil Defence • Review of course schedule • Group photo
11:30 – 12:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
12:45 – 14:15	Laws and regulations relating to the Convention
14:15 – 14:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
14:45 – 16:15	Chemical weapons
16:15 – 16:45	Summary of the day
<i>Tuesday, 13 September 2022</i>	
08:00 – 09:30	Basic principles of detection and their usage on-site
09:30 – 11:30	Detection and detection principles: practical training in groups
11:30 – 12:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
12:45 – 13:30	Basic principles of sampling
13:00 – 14:15	C-sampling (includes practical training)
14:15 – 14:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
14:45 – 16:15	Continuation: C-sampling (includes practical training)
16:15 – 16:45	Summary of the day
<i>Wednesday, 14 September 2022</i>	
08:00 – 10:00	Personal protective equipment (PPE)
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Issue of PPE to the participants
11:30 – 12:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
12:45 – 14:15	Practical training with PPE
14:15 – 14:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
14:45 – 16:15	Basic principles of decontamination
16:15 – 16:45	Summary of the day

<i>Thursday, 15 September 2022</i>	
08:00 – 09:30	Presentation: Command and control
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:00 – 11:30	Field exercise introduction
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00 – 16:15	Field exercise
16:15 – 16:45	Field exercise evaluation and summary of the day
Evening	Barbeque at Federal Academy for Civil Protection and Civil Defence
<i>Friday, 16 September 2022</i>	
08:00 – 09:30	Psycho-social effects of exposure to chemical weapons agents and toxic industrial chemicals
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:00 – 10:45	Final discussion and distribution of certificates
10:45 – 11:30	Departure of the participants

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Revised Guidelines For OPCW Sponsored Events

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- Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Technical Secretariat (OPCW-TS) identifies requirements of different States Parties and invites nominations every year for Safety and Security of Chemical Industries, Laboratory Skill Development, Customs, Assistance and Protection against the use of Chemical Weapons and internship for University Students.
- The event calendar for training/workshop/seminar/meeting etc. provided by the OPCW annually is being uploaded on the National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC) website seeking nominations from various stakeholders. The aforesaid training calendar and related Office Memo's (OMs) are uploaded on NACWC's website along with OPCW-TS Note. Several subject specific trainings are also communicated to concerned Central/ State Departments and Private Institutions for seeking nominations.
- The nominations of Central Government Departments/Institutions/Organizations while sending the nominations (in the format provided by TS, OPCW) are requested to adhere to the NACWC stated deadlines. Nominations of Central Government officials should invariably be accompanied with Departmental vigilance clearance certificate. The nominations from Central Government Departments/Institutions/Undertakings should fill the details through OPCW training management system, routing the application through the concerned Ministry. The details to be filled online are stated in Annexure-I.
- The nominations of State Government Institutions/private entities/individuals should be routed through concerned Department/Ministry under the respective State Government filling the details online through OPCW training management system. The details to be filled online are stated in Annexure-II.
- The nominations of Central/State/Private entities/individuals for the OPCW sponsored events on Chemical Emergencies/Disaster Management should be sent through proper channel and routed through concerned Department/Ministry under the respective Central/State Government by filling the details through OPCW training management system. The details to be filled online are stated in Annexure-III.
- For chemical facilities Private entities/individuals for the OPCW sponsored events other than Chemical Emergencies/Disaster Management are required to be filled on line through OPCW training management system. The details to be filled online are stated in Annexure-IV.
- The details of nominations for the OPCW sponsored events can be filled online through OPCW Training Management System (<https://training.nacwc.gov.in>) available on the NACWC web portal (<https://nacwc.nic.in>).

The nomination by NACWC for the concerned training/workshop/seminar/meeting etc. will be purely on the basis of merit i.e. preference will be given to Schedule-2 and 3 chemical facilities as well as candidates working with the National Authority or other Government Agency responsible for implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The Endorsement letter, subsequent to the approval of Chairman, NACWC will be issued to nominee of Central/State/Private Entities. If the OPCW requests that the nominations are to be submitted online then it will be the responsibility of nominated individual(s) to fill the personal and other details on-line on the OPCW website (<http://apps.opcw.org/eventus>) and the nominee(s) should ensure that Performa prescribed in the Format of EVENTUS also is filled by them and the prescribed guidelines are required to be fulfilled by the nominee(s). The OPCW will communicate the invitation to the nominee(s) subject to fulfilling the requirement.

It is expected that the Nominee(s) exhibit excellent conduct while attending the concerned event. After completion of the training/seminar/workshop, a detailed report along with presentation is required to be submitted to the NACWC.

- While proceeding to attend the concerned event organized by the OPCW, the nominee:
 - Should have basic knowledge of the CWC Act, 2000.
 - Make sure about the passport i.e. valid and protect the passport and report it promptly if it is lost, stolen or damaged during the period of a specific program.
 - Must familiarize with the visiting countries.
 - Make sure about the proper visas for the countries the participant is visiting or transiting and check any other entry or exit requirements.
 - Take personal responsibility for travel choices, safety, finances and behavior overseas, including obeying the laws of the visiting country.
 - If get arrested or detained for some reason, insist on Consular access (under the Vienna Convention) to a representative from the nearest Indian Embassy/Consulate.
 - Make sure of proper coordination with the NACWC (contact point JS/JD Tel. No: 24675763/24675691) and the Indian Embassy in the concerned visiting country.
 - Presentation may be given in the specific event by the participant(s) should be in consultation with the NACWC.
 - Should not illuminate irrelevant information which has national concern during the program.
 - Who is outside from the Government Sector should adhere to the instructions given by the representative from the NACWC.
 - From the Government Sector should adhere to the instructions given by the NACWC.
 - Should focus on the subject matter for which the event is being organized.
 - Are expected to implement the lessons learnt from the event attended in his day-to-day working/duties.
 - Should share their lessons/experiences acquired during the event attended with the NACWC and parent institution.
 - Must submit individual tour report to the NACWC within one week period after returning from the program attended.