F.No. M-22014/5/2022-TECH Government of India Cabinet Secretariat National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention

1 Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakya Puri New Delhi, Dated 07th September 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Invitation for submitting applications/ Nominations for the OPCW-The Hague Award 2022 - regarding.

Nominations are invited in the prescribed Performa from the eligible individuals and Institutions who have outstanding contributions toward the World free from Chemical Weapons and may apply to OPCW-The Hague Award-2022. The applicant may apply using URL-

2022 OPCW-The Hague Award Nomination Form (office.com)

htpps://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx? id=KPagRZ8qR0qYSUCzhp55emjP86bbJ9ZDvEK6nxeTII9UQjBDNkZRWkVHSkxQWVZWVEpGNT c10UhRNSQIQCN0PWcu

The detailed information available on OPCW website (<u>www.opcw.org/media-centre/opcw-hague-award</u>)

2. The applicants or nominees should have contributed to one or more of the following areas or a related aspect under the Convention. The Award also comprises a new category for young professionals, to ensure its future viability and to serve as an outreach tool to the younger generation. Focus areas include:

- Preventing the re-emergence of chemical weapons
- Supporting national implementation of the Convention
- Promoting chemistry for peaceful purposes
- Preventing the threat of chemical terrorism
- Ensuring preparedness for chemical incidents and emergencies
- Promoting universality and awareness of the Convention
- Supporting victims of chemical weapons
- Eliminating chemical weapons
- Promoting the successful conclusion of the Convention

3. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Vimlesh Kumar Bind Adviser (NACWC) Tel: 011-24675694 Email: vimlesh.bind@gov.in

Τo,

- 1. The Director, Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE), Jhansi Road, Gwalior-474002, Madhya Pradesh
- 2 Director General, Indian Chemical Council (ICC), Sir Vithaldas Chambers, 16 Mumbai Samachar Marg, Mumbai-400001, Maharashtra, Email-iccmumbai@iccmail.in

- 3. The President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), 1, Federation House, Tansen Marg, Todermal Road Area, Mandi House, New Delhi-110001, with a request to place the OM their website.
- 4. The Director General, CSIR & Secretary DSIR, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Anusandhan Bhawan, 2 Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Marg, New Delhi, Delhi 110001
- 5. The Joint Secretary, Department of Science & technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, Block C, Adchini, New Delhi, Delhi 110016
- 6. The Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002
- 7. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology-Gandhinagar, Vishwakarma Government Engineering College Complex, Chandkheda, Visat-Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-382424
- 8. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology-Guwahati, Dr. Brajendra Nath Raychoudhury Road, IIT Guwahati-781039, Assam
- 9. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad, Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram-502205, Telangana
- 10. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Indore, IET-DAVV Campus: IIT INDORE (IITI), M-Block, IET-DAVV Campus, Khandwa Road, Indore-452 017, Madhya Pradesh
- 11. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Jodhpur, Old Residency Road, Ratanada, Jodhpur-342011, Rajasthan
- 12 The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur, Kalyanpur, Kanpur-208016, Uttar Pradesh
- The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur, Kharagpur-721302, WestBengal
 The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, IIT Post, Chennai-600036, Tamil Nadu
- 15. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Mandi, PWD Rest House, Near Bus Stand, Mandi-175001, Himachal Pradesh
- 16. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Patna, Navin Government Polytechnic Campus, Patliputra Colony, Patna-800 013, Bihar
- 17. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Roorkee, Roorkee-247667, Uttarakhand
- The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-(Banaras Hindu University), Varanasi-221005, Uttar Pradesh
- 19. The Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore-560 012, Karnataka
- 20. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology Bhubaneswar, Samantapuri, Rear side of Hotel Swosti Plaza, Bhubaneswar-751013, Orissa
- 21. The Director, Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), Udyog Vihar, Sector-20, Gurugram-122016, Haryana
- 22 Director, National Chemical Laboratory, Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune-411 008, Maharashtra
- 23. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology-Bombay, Powai, Mumbai-400076, Maharashtra
- 24. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology-Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016

Dr. Vimlesh Kumar Bind Adviser (NACWC)



Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

The Hague, 1 July 2022 L/ODG/ERD-34/22

Excellency,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that preparations for the annual OPCW-The Hague Award have begun. A Call for Nominations (attached) has now been issued on the OPCW official website and through our social media channels, and I invite your Government to submit nominations of suitably qualified candidates. In coordination with the Municipality of The Hague, the selection criteria for this year's award have been expanded to facilitate nominations for a wider pool of candidates, including young professionals, working in areas related to the mission of the OPCW and the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Applications should be made online at <u>www.opcw.org/opcw-hague-award</u>. Only proposals received by **1 October 2022** will be considered by the Selection Panel.

The Selection Panel will comprise of myself, the Chair of the Executive Council, the Mayor of The Hague, the President of the International Council of Chemical Associations, and the President of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

The successful recipient(s) will be invited to receive the award at a ceremony during the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Conference of the States Parties, which will be held from 28 November to 2 December 2022 in The Hague.

Should you have any queries about the nomination process, I would ask you to contact the Secretary to the Selection Panel, Ms Yvonne Mensah, Head of the Political Affairs and Protocol Branch at Yvonne.Mensah@opcw.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ambassador Fernando Arias Director-General of the OPCW

Permanent Representatives to the OPCW



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The OPCW – The Hague Award

Deadline – 1 October

The deadline for applications and nominations for the OPCW-The Hague Award is 1 October 2022. All nominations must be submitted online at <u>https://www.opcw.org/opcw-hague-award</u>. An e-mail message confirming receipt of the submission will be sent after the deadline.

Successful applicants and nominees will be informed of the Selection Panel's decision and invited to attend the award ceremony, to take place during the Twenty-Seventh Session of the OPCW Conference of the States Parties to be held from 28 November to 2 December 2022 in The Hague, the Netherlands.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Citizens of OPCW States Parties and not-for-profit, non-governmental organisations registered in any OPCW Member State are eligible to apply or be nominated.

2. Applications can be submitted by eligible individuals/organisations or by a third party, acting as nominator.

3. Nominators may include the following entities:

a) Members of national assemblies and government institutions of Member States (including National Authorities)

- b) Permanent Representations to the OPCW
- c) Members of intergovernmental, international and regional organisations
- d) Academic institutions
- e) Civil society organisations
- f) Past recipients of the Award
- g) Chemical industry associations
- h) Self-nominations (backed by at least two references from the above categories)

5. Young professionals must either be nominated by an eligible nominator, or must have their self-nomination supported by at least two references from the category of eligible nominators.

6. The applicants or nominees should have contributed to one or more of the following areas, or a related aspect under the Convention:



- a) Promoting the successful conclusion of the Convention
- b) Eliminating chemical weapons
- c) Preventing the re-emergence of chemical weapons
- d) Supporting national implementation of the Convention
- e) Promoting chemistry for peaceful purposes
- f) Preventing the threat of chemical terrorism
- g) Ensuring preparedness for chemical incidents and emergencies
- h) Promoting universality and awareness of the Convention
- i) Supporting victims of chemical weapons

7. Current personnel of the OPCW Technical Secretariat and Delegations of Member States to the Organisation are not eligible to apply or be nominated for the Award.

8. Former personnel of the OPCW Technical Secretariat who have completed three years following their separation from the Organisation are eligible. The same three-year rule shall apply to former personnel of Member States' Delegations to the Organisation.

The Selection Panel

A panel composed of the following members (Ex Officio) will select the winner(s) of the Award:

- Director-General of the OPCW (Chair)
- Chairperson of the OPCW Executive Council
- Mayor of The Hague
- President of the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA)
- President of International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)

The Panel reserves the right to select one to three awardees, or none at all.

The Selection Panel will be assisted by a Secretary from the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW. In discharging its duties, the Panel may draw upon the expertise of the Technical Secretariat personnel or external experts, as appropriate.

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Revised Guidelines For OPCW Sponsored Events

. 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.

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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.

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