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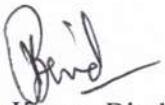
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Call for nominations to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) – regarding.

India is signatory to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). The OPCW with its headquarters at The Hague, The Netherlands is the implementing body for the CWC. The SAB is a subsidiary body of the Technical Secretariat (TS), OPCW, established in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and enables the Director General, OPCW to render specialized advice in matters of Science & Technology to various organs of the OPCW and to the State Parties.

2. The Technical Secretariat's (TS-OPCW) vide note no. S/2123/2023 dated 17 January 2023 has sought nominations from the State Parties (Copy enclosed along with annexures 1 & 2).
3. Eligibility requirement as mentioned in OPCW, TS Note state that "eminent persons who serve in research institutions, universities, scientific industries, and/or defence and military organisations will be selected on the basis of their expertise in one or more of the particular scientific fields relevant to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention"; Paragraph 4 of the TOR further stipulates that "[p]reference shall be given to persons who are knowledgeable about the relevant scientific and technological developments, and who are familiar with the implementation of the Convention. Efforts shall be made to maintain a balance between the areas of research, development and applications".
4. The State Parties have also been advised that nominees should be proposed on the basis of their qualifications and experience, taking into account their publication record, scientific, academic or professional activities, distinctions, and international and scientific advisory experience. The State Parties have also been encouraged to nominate candidates whose areas of expertise reach across traditional disciplinary boundaries.
5. Accordingly, NACWC calls for nominations from Indian Nationals, fulfilling the requirements stated above and as also mentioned in the enclosed Note by the Technical Secretariat. The candidates are requested to apply in the attached format along with updated Curriculum Vitae with a Statement by the nominee as how he/she intends to have a substantive impact on the work of SAB.
6. The applications may please be sent to office of NACWC latest by 30th June 2023. The Head of the concerned Department/ Organization may also certify that the applicant is clear from vigilance angle and no departmental proceeding(s) is pending or contemplated against him/her.

Encl: 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.
3. The Joint Secretary (IS-I), Internal Security-I Division, North Block, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi – 110001.
4. The Director General, Directorate General of NDRF, 6th floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001.
5. The Joint Secretary (D&ISA), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi – 110001
6. The Director General, Indian Chemical Council (ICC), Sir Vithaldas Chambers, 6th Floor, 16, Mumbai Samachar Marg, Mumbai – 400 001, Maharashtra.
7. The Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Ansari Nagar, Block C 1, post box no. 4911, Ansari Nagar East, New Delhi – 110029.
8. The Joint Secretary (Administration), Department of Atomic Energy, Anushakti Bhavan, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Marg, Mumbai – 400001, Maharashtra.
9. The Deputy Director General, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, 344, A-Wing, 3rd floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
10. The Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, A-wing, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
11. The Director General (Life Sciences), Defence Research & Development Organisation, Room No. 338, DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 011.
12. The Director General, CSIR & Secretary DSIR, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Anusandhan Bhawan, 2 Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.
13. The Director, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), CV Raman Rd, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560012.
14. The Joint Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, Block C, Adchini, New Delhi – 110016.
15. The Director, National Physical Laboratory, Dr. KS Krishnan Marg, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012.
16. The Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Bhawan, Raisina Road, Opposite Rail Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
17. The Joint Secretary, AYUSH Bhawan, B Block, GPO Complex, INA Colony, New Delhi – 110023.
18. The Joint Secretary (Admin), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi – 110003.
19. The Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110002.
20. The Joint Secretary (Admin), Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, 6th-8th Floor, Block-2, CGO Complex, Lodhi road, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi – 110003.
21. The Director, tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Homi Bhabha Road, Colaba, Mumbai – 400005.
22. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Gandhinagar, Vishwakarma Government Engineering College Complex, Chandkheda, Visat-Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad, Gujarat – 382424.

23. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Guwahati, Surjyamukhi Road, North, Amingaon, Guwahati, Assam – 781039.
24. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Hyderabad, IITH Road, Near NH-65, Sangareddy, Kandi, Telangana - 502285.
25. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Indore, Khandwa Rd, Simrol, Madhya Pradesh - 453552.
26. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Jodhpur, NH 62, Surpura Bypass Rd, Karwar, Rajasthan – 342030.
27. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Kanpur, Kalyanpur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh – 208016.
28. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Kharagpur, Kharagpur, West Bengal – 721302.
29. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Madras, Indian Institute Of Technology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600036.
30. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Mandi, Parashar Road, Tehsil Sadar, Near Kataula, Kamand, Himachal Pradesh – 175005.
31. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Patna, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, Bihta, Patna, Bihar – 801103.
32. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Roorkee, Roorkee - Haridwar Highway, Roorkee, Uttarakhand – 247667.
33. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - (Banaras Hindu University (BHU)) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh – 221005.
34. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Bhubaneswar, Argul - Jatni Rd, Kansapada, Odisha – 752050.
35. The Director, Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE), Jhansi Road, Gwalior-474 002, Old Campus: Tansen Rd., Gwalior - 474 002.
36. The Director, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Uppal Rd, IICT Colony, Tarnaka, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500007.
37. The Director, National Chemical Laboratory, Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune, Maharashtra - 411 008.
38. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay, Main Gate Rd, IIT Area, Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400076.
39. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Delhi, IIT Delhi Main Rd, IIT Campus, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, Delhi – 110016.
40. All Concerned



S/2123/2023

17 January 2023

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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to inform States Parties that five members of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) will end their term of office on the Board in 2023. These Board members are listed in Annex 1 to this Note.
2. In light of the above, the Secretariat invites States Parties to nominate experts for consideration for selection to the SAB. In its continued quest for gender equality, the Secretariat requests that, should any given State Party wish to put forward two nominations, one of the two nominated candidates be female. The final appointments will be made by the Director-General after an internal selection process. The terms of reference (TOR) of the SAB, which are annexed to a decision of the Conference of the States Parties at its Second Session (C-II/DEC.10/Rev.1, dated 2 December 2004), stipulate in paragraph 6 that “[t]he term of office of members of the Board shall be three years. A Board member may serve for two consecutive terms”.
3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the aforementioned TOR, nominees to be proposed should be eminent persons who serve in research institutions, universities, scientific industries, and/or defence and military organisations, who will be selected on the basis of their expertise in one or more of the particular scientific fields relevant to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”). The Secretariat encourages States Parties and their National Authorities to further disseminate this call to the appropriate industrial, academic, and government entities so that interested qualified candidates can be better identified. Paragraph 4 of the TOR further stipulates that “[p]reference shall be given to persons who are knowledgeable about the relevant scientific and technological developments, and who are familiar with the implementation of the Convention. Efforts shall be made to maintain a balance between the areas of research, development and applications”. Nominees should be proposed on the basis of their qualifications and experience, with States Parties taking into account their publication record, scientific, academic or professional activities, distinctions, and international and scientific advisory experience.
4. When selecting candidates for nomination, States Parties are encouraged to take into consideration that transdisciplinary (“convergent”) scientific practices are a driver for innovation and rapid technological evolution. Candidates whose areas of expertise reach across traditional disciplinary boundaries are particularly well suited to serve on the Board.



5. In light of the expertise held by those leaving the SAB in 2023, the considerations mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and the need for technical expert advice on issues that have both immediate and long-term implications for the implementation of the Convention, States Parties may wish, this year in particular, to nominate candidates with expertise in chemical industry, biotoxins, automated and/or artificial intelligence, molecular design and synthesis, central nervous system-acting chemicals, the fate of toxic chemicals, forensic science, additive manufacturing, and big data/informatics and analytics. The Board's upcoming report to the Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention will serve as a resource for the breadth of issues the SAB has recently considered.
6. Nominees should be ready to make substantive contributions at SAB meetings, during the intersessional periods, and at other relevant science and technology events. All nominees are requested to submit a written statement describing how they intend to have a substantial impact on the work of the SAB and the OPCW. The OPCW provides simultaneous interpretation in all six of the OPCW official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish) during official SAB sessions.
7. The Secretariat requests States Parties to submit nominations via email to the Secretary to the SAB (peter.hotchkiss@opcw.org) using the attached nomination form (Annex 2), **by 31 August 2023**. The form should be accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the nominee and by the written statement in English (up to 500 words) mentioned in paragraph 6 above. All nominations must be endorsed by either a State Party's Permanent Representation in The Hague or its National Authority, or both.

Annexes:

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| Annex 1: | List of Scientific Advisory Board Members Whose Second Term of Office is Due to Finish in 2023 |
| Annex 2 (English only): | Nomination Form |

Annex 1**LIST OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS
WHOSE SECOND TERM OF OFFICE IS DUE TO FINISH IN 2023**

Name	State Party	Date of End of Current Term of Office
Dr Khaldoun Bachari	Algeria	8 October 2023
Dr Maciej Śliwakowski	Poland	8 October 2023
Professor Syeda Sultana Razia	Bangladesh	31 December 2023
Prof Vladimir Dimitrov	Bulgaria	31 December 2023
Dr Yasuo Seto	Japan	31 December 2023

Annex 2

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

NOMINATION FORM

Please submit the completed form, together with the nominee's curriculum vitae and a statement by the nominee of how he/she intends to have a substantive impact on the work of the SAB and the OPCW, via email by **31 August 2023** to:

E-mail: peter.hotchkiss@opcw.org
Secretary to the Scientific Advisory Board

Please type or use **BLOCK LETTERS**

1.	Title	
2.	Family name*	
3.	First name(s)*	
4.	Date of birth	Day Month Year
5.	Citizenship	
6.	Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Relevant areas of expertise** and how these would support the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention	
8.	Work/roles similar to those of a Scientific Advisory Board member that the nominee has successfully undertaken previously***	
9.	Employer	
10.	Position	
11.	Contact address	
12.	Email address	
13.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Work: Mobile:

* Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.

** See paragraphs 3 to 5 of the cover Note above, to which this nomination form is attached.

*** See paragraph 6 of the cover Note above, to which this nomination form is attached. The nominee should be prepared to provide contact details of referees from such work.