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Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority (Chemical Weapons Convention)

1st Floor, Chanakya Bhavan, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi – 110021, 13th February, 2023

Subject: Call for Nominations for The Forum on Peaceful Uses of Chemistry 23 – 25 May 2023- Regarding.

The National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC) has been set up under the cabinet Secretariat, Government of India to fulfil the obligations of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and to act as the National focal point for effective liaison with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and other State parties on matter relating to the convention. Further as per Section 9(iii) of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) rule 2016, 'the Authority shall function as the nodal agency for facilitating the participation of the officials and other nationals in the training courses conducted or coordinated with the Organisation and also other institutions working in the area related to the Convention.'

2. In this regards, Indian National Authority has received the details of an online course vide Note No. S/2131/2023, 09th February, 2023, of the above course received from the Technical Secretariat (TS), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Hague, Netherland, seeking nominations on the above mentioned subject.

3. It is further informed that, this Programme is technical in nature and purpose of the course is to strengthen national capacities to professional having 1 working experience in academia, science and technology institutions, the chemical industry, industry associations, or regulatory agencies in the field of chemical safety and security. The applicant should have at least five years of experience in their home country and have not attended similar events organised by the OPCW in the last three years; and have a good written and oral command of English.

4. In-line with the above, one nominations of suitable, qualified and experienced officer(s) of appropriate level along with relevant documents as per the above TS note in your organization may be sent to this office latest by 15th March, 2023 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.

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

Encl: As above



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To,

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3. The Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-

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4. The Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Post Box No.4911, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110011
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6. The Director, National Physical Laboratory, Dr. KS Krishnan Marg, Pusa, New Delhi, Delhi 110012
7. The Joint Secretary, AYUSH Bhawan, B Block, GPO Complex, INA Colony, New Delhi-110023
8. The Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002
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11. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology-Guwahati, Dr. Brajendra Nath Raychoudhury Road, IIT Guwahati, Assam-781039
12. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad, Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram, Telangana-502205
13. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Indore, IET-DAVV Campus: IIT Indore (IITI), M-Block, IET—DAVV Campus, Khandwa Road, Indore, Madhya Pradesh-452017
14. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Jodhpur, Old Residency Road, Ratanada, Jodhpur, Rajasthan-342011
15. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur, Kalyanpur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh-208016
16. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur, Kharagpur, West Bengal -721302
17. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, IIT Post, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600036
18. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Mandi, PWD Rest House, Near Bus Stand, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh -175001
19. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Patna, Navin Government Polytechnic Campus, Patliputra Colony, Patna, Bihar-800 013
20. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Roorkee, Roorkee, Uttarakhand-247667
21. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-(Banaras Hindu University), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh-221005
22. The Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 012
23. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology Bhubaneswar, Samantapuri Rear side of Hotel Swosti Plaza, Bhubaneswar, Orissa -751013
24. The Director, Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE), Jhansi Road, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh-474002
25. The Director, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Uppal Road, Tarnaka, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500007
26. Director, National Chemical Laboratory, Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune, Maharashtra- 411 008
27. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology-Bombay, Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra- 400076
28. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology-Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016
29. Indian Chemical Council
30. Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals



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ENGLISH only

NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR
THE FORUM ON PEACEFUL USES OF CHEMISTRY
23 – 25 MAY 2023****Purpose of the forum**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons wishes to inform Member States that a forum on the peaceful uses of chemistry is scheduled to take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 23 to 25 May 2023. The forum aims to raise awareness among participants and enhance their knowledge and understanding of chemical safety and security management, with a particular focus on building a culture of chemical safety and security through expert presentations, sharing lessons learned, and best practices. The forum will also cover the area of green and sustainable chemistry as a framework for minimising the risk of harmful by-products and promoting the safety and sustainability of chemical products and processes through science and innovation.
2. The forum will be held in two segments: a hybrid global segment on the first day, and a regional in-person segment for the Asian region on the second and third days. On the first day, the forum will be open to all participants from across OPCW States Parties, with participants from the Asian region attending in person. The second and third days will be open exclusively to in-person participants attending in the Asian region.
3. Both the online and in-person segments of the forum are intended for chemists, chemical engineers, and other professionals in relevant fields from government, international, and regional organisations, as well as representatives from academia and industry with leadership responsibilities related to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”).
4. The overall objective of the forum is to create a platform for sharing lessons learned and best practices in chemical safety and security management, in addition to learning about the policies adopted by States Parties to foster international cooperation. The forum will offer an introduction to the Convention, The Hague Ethical Guidelines, and discussions on multiple uses of chemistry, chemical risk assessment, chemical waste management, chemical arms control, and disarmament, as well as recent developments in green and sustainable chemistry that contribute to the objectives of the Convention.



5. The global online segment of the forum will accommodate a limited number of participants from States Parties with economies that are either developing or in transition. The regional in-person segment of the forum will accommodate no more than 15 participants from the Asian region.

Admission requirements

6. As mentioned, the global segment is open to participants from across OPCW States Parties, especially those with economies that are either developing or in transition. For the in-person regional segment, however, applications are invited from among OPCW States Parties in the Asian region. All applicants should:
 - (a) have at least five years of professional working experience in academia, science and technology institutions, the chemical industry, industry associations, or regulatory agencies in the field of chemical safety and security;
 - (b) have not attended similar events organised by the OPCW in the last three years; and
 - (c) have a good command of the English language, both written and oral.
7. The Secretariat strongly encourages applications from qualified female candidates.

Sponsorship

8. Sponsorship will be provided by the Secretariat to a limited number of participants (not more than 15 participants) from Asian Member States. Sponsorship will cover the costs of travel, medical insurance, and accommodation. Sponsored participants will also be provided with a limited subsistence allowance to cover meals and sundry expenses. Further details regarding accommodation and other logistical arrangements will be issued to all selected participants. Sponsored participants who do not intend to use the accommodation arranged by the Secretariat are requested to inform the Secretariat of such as soon as possible to avoid incurring hotel cancellation fees. The Secretariat will not cover the costs of any accommodation that it has not arranged.
9. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. It will purchase tickets and send them to participants. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, participants from the Asian region are expected to **arrive no earlier than Monday, 22 May 2023 and to depart no later than Friday, 26 May 2023**. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the forum or that result from changes to travel arrangements that it has not authorised. Sponsored participants must bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased tickets.
10. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Malaysia. When applying for an entry visa, participants should present the Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Malaysia with a copy of the acceptance letter received from the OPCW. A visa support letter may also be issued if needed. The Secretariat will reimburse the costs of visa applications upon the production of original receipts.

11. The Secretariat will not pay for medical assistance. Therefore, participants should be fit to travel. All participants taking prescribed medication should arrive with sufficient supplies for the duration of the event.

Selection procedure

12. Applications will be carefully screened based on the criteria specified in paragraph 6 above.
13. All forum activities will be conducted in English, and no interpretation services of any kind will be provided.

Application procedure

14. Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>) by the stipulated deadline of **Thursday, 23 March 2023**. Applicants may need to first create an account and then register for the event.
15. Only nominations endorsed by the National Authority or Permanent Representation of the applicant's country to the OPCW will be considered. Each application must be endorsed digitally on the Eventus platform by the nominee's respective National Authority and be accompanied by a curriculum vitae. A photocopy of the personal identification page of the applicant's passport is also requested. **Only selected candidates will be notified by the Secretariat.**
16. Applications must be submitted in Eventus **no later than Thursday, 23 March 2023. Incomplete or improperly filled out applications will not be considered.** Additional information may be obtained from the International Cooperation Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The focal point for this event is Mr Saurabh Bhandari, Programme Officer (Tel: +31 (0)70 416 3489; Email: saurabh.bhandari@opcw.org).

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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.