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Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention

1st Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakya Puri,
New Delhi, dated 23rd February 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: OPCW Invitation for a Seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention and Chemical Safety and Security Management for Asian Member States, in Doha Regional Centre for CBRN Training, Doha, Qatar from 19 to 21 March 2023 - regarding.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the OPCW Seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention and Chemical Safety and Security Management for Asian Member States, in Doha Regional Centre for CBRN Training, which is going to be organized in Doha, Qatar from 19 to 21 March 2023, seeking qualified candidates from - National Authorities and/or governmental representatives responsible for chemical safety and security management; Representatives from chemical industry associations; Managers involved in chemical industry safety and security; and/or Others with relevant experience in chemical safety and security.

2. Taking into consideration of the said OPCW Course Details, the above course is purely technical in nature and its purpose is to support sound chemical safety and security management in the chemical industry and plans to share best practices and trending issues in chemical safety and security management to further promote international cooperation programmes that focus on chemical industry outreach and industry-related aspects of the implementation of Article-XI of the Convention. Applicants who have already participated in the above programme previously will not be considered for the course. After attending the above course, the participant has to submit a presentation and report to the National Authority to NACWC.

3. In line with above, one nomination of a suitable, qualified and experienced candidate 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 28th February 2023 through the online portal- OPCW Training Management System (<https://training.nacwc.gov.in/Login.aspx>) as well as through EVENTUS—the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). 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.

Encl: As above



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To,

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2. The President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), 1, Federation House, Tansen Marg, Todermal Road Area, Mandi House, New Delhi-110001

3. The Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), The Mantosh Sondhi Centre, 23, Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110 003
4. The Head, Crop Care Federation of India (CCFI), F-1006, 10th Floor, Vikram Towers, 16, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008
5. The CEO, CropLife India, 226/278, 2nd Floor, Ansal Chamber, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066
6. The President, Dyestuff Manufacturers Association of India (DMAI), A-317, 3rd Floor, Antop Hill, Ware Housing Complex, Vidhyalankar College Road, Wadala (East), Mumbai-400037, Maharashtra
7. The President, Alkali Manufacturer's Association of India (AMAI), 3rd Floor, Pankaj Chamber, Commercial Complex, Preet Vihar, Vikas Marg, New Delhi-110092
8. The President, Pesticides Manufacturers & Formulators Association of India (PMFAI), D-516, Crystal Plaza, Andheri Link Roas, Andheri West, Mumbai-400053, Maharashtra
9. The President, All India Alcohol Based Industries Development Association (AIABIDA), Ashok Chem-Pharma International, 403/404, Sharda Chambers, 4th Floor, New Marine Lines, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020, Maharashtra
10. The Chairman, Chemexil, 207/208, Udyog Bahvan, Sonawala Road, Goregaon (East), Mumbai-400063, Maharashtra
11. The President, Indian Specialty Chemicals Manufacturers Association (ISCMA), 1156, Bole Smruti Suryavanshi Kashatriya Sabhagriha Marg, Off Veer Savarkar marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai-400028, Maharashtra
12. The Director General, Association of Synthetic Fibre Industry (ASFI), D-15, M-5, 1st Floor, NDSE Part-II, New Delhi-110049
13. The Secretary General, Chemicals & Petrochemicals Manufacturers Association (CPMA), Flat No. 708, 7th Floor, Kailash Building, 26, Kasturba Gandhi Road, New Delhi-110001
14. The Chairman, Polystyrene Producers Association (India), 404, Raheja Chambers, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021, Maharashtra
15. The President, All India Plastics manufacturers Association (AIPMA), AIPMA House, A-52, Road No.1, MIDC, Opp. Marol Depot, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400093, Maharashtra
16. The President, Indian Plastic Federation (IPF), 8B, Royd Street, 1st Floor, Kolkata-700016, West Bengal
17. The President, Organization of Plastics Processors of india (OPPI), 405/5, Golden Chambers, New Link Road, Andheri (West), Mumbai-400053, Manarashtra
18. The President, All India Flat Tape Manufacturers Association (AIFTMA), 213, Richmond Towers, 12, Richmond Road, Bangalore-560025, Karnataka
19. The Executive Director, The Plastic Export Promotion Council, Crystal Tower, Gundivali Road No.3, Off. Sir M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400069, Maharashtra




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Invitation Note: The Seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention and Chemical Safety and Security Management for Asian Member States, in Doha Regional Centre for CBRN Training

1. Target participants

- National Authorities and/or governmental representatives responsible for chemical safety and security management;
- Representatives from chemical industry associations;
- Managers involved in chemical industry safety and security; and/or
- Others with relevant experience in chemical safety and security

2. About the Seminar

The seminar is being organised in order to further promote international cooperation programmes that focus on chemical industry outreach and industry-related aspects of the implementation of Article XI of the Convention. The aim of this seminar is to support sound chemical safety and security management in the chemical industry in Asian Member States. The seminar plans to share best practices and trending issues in chemical safety and security management among the participating Member States with a particular focus on providing assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises. As a result, the seminar will benefit chemical industry personnel who are involved in safety and security management issues, enhance the capacities of National Authorities and chemical industry associations in Member States of the OPCW in the Asia region.

3. The objectives of the seminar are to:

- provide an opportunity for participating States Parties to consider and discuss specific chemical safety and security management issues related to chemical processes that have a direct bearing on the effective implementation of the Convention;
- contribute to the sharing of information and the exchange of experiences on the practical implementation of chemical safety and security management programmes;
- review best practices in regard to the safety and security management of chemicals and generate, through interactions and discussions, recommendations on the structure for future standardised seminars to promote these practices in small and medium-sized enterprises in Asian Member States;
- foster wider cooperation between States Parties on issues related to the chemical industry in order that the objectives of Article XI of the Convention (promoting the peaceful uses of chemistry) can be achieved; and
- enhance and promote the safe handling of chemicals at the national level.

4. Application

Interested applicants are invited to apply online through Eventus—the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Applicants should create an account in Eventus and then register for the training course. Please note that all questions marked with an asterisk (*) in the online form must be answered for the candidate to be considered for this event. These applications must be reviewed and endorsed electronically through Eventus by the respective National Authorities, to be followed by a final review and approval by the Secretariat. In case the interested applicants have difficulties in submitting their application online via Eventus, the applicants are requested to send an email explaining the problem to icb@opcw.org with a reference to the name and location of the event in the subject line of the message. All applications must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 3 March 2023**.

Applications from Asian Member States should be endorsed by their respective National Authorities. The endorsement will automatically be done at the Eventus platform. Each application should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the participation of the nominee. Member States are welcome to nominate participants for whom sponsorship is not required. The Secretariat strongly encourages applications from qualified female candidates. Only selected candidates will be notified by the Secretariat.

Annex

The Seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention and Chemical Safety and Security Management for Asian Member States

Doha, Qatar

19 – 21 March 2023

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
Sunday, 19 March 2023	
07:30 – 08:00	Registration
08:00 – 08:30	Welcome remarks
08:30 – 09:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
09:00 – 10:00	Dual-use chemicals and the peaceful application of chemistry
10:00 – 11:00	Know-Your-Customer (KYC) and action plans to improve KYC to prevent illegal acquisition of chemicals
11:00 – 12:00	Emerging threats and critical infrastructure protection
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Scenario-based strategies to prevent chemical accidents and Incidents
14:00 – 15:00	Dual-use chemicals and chemical supply chain security
Monday, 20 March 2023	
08:00 – 08:30	International cooperation activities of the OPCW
08:30 – 09:00	Needs Assessment and the OPCW Indicative Guidelines on Chemical Safety and Security Management for Small and Medium Enterprises (SME)
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
09:30 – 10:30	Introduction of process safety management audit
10:30 – 12:30	Alarm management in chemical industry
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 15:00	Emergency response and planning in chemical industry
Tuesday, 21 March 2023	
Session V: Chemical safety and security management issues and best practices	
08:00 – 09:00	Chemical safety and security management in Qatar
09:00 – 10:00	Critical infrastructure protection: best practices
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Round table discussion: chemical safety and security management
11:30 – 12:30	Role of customs and chemical security
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Wrap-up discussion and closing