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

1st Floor, Chanakya Bhavan, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi – 110021, 06th March, 2023

Subject: Call for Nominations for the Symposium on women in Chemistry 19–20 June 2023- Regarding.

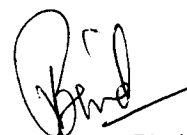
Please find enclosed copy of the Technical Secretariat (TS) Note No. S/2137/2023, 21st February, 2023, received from the Implementation Support Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, Technical Secretariat (TS), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Hague, Netherland, seeking nominations from the States Parties of OPCW on the above mentioned subject.

2. The symposium, along with a basic analytical chemistry course for women (to be advertised in a different Note by the Secretariat), is part of the OPCW "Women in Chemistry" initiative, which aims to strengthen the skills of female professionals in the field of chemistry and to highlight the contribution of women to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The theme for this year's symposium is "Empowering Women and Promoting Gender Diversity in the Peaceful Uses of Chemistry and Chemical Security". The objectives of the 2023 symposium are to illustrate the strength and depth of the contribution of women to peaceful chemistry, to promote international solidarity and cooperation, to raise awareness of the opportunities for capacity and knowledge development for women in chemistry, and to highlight specific issues and achievements in the field of gender mainstreaming and women's empowerment in the African Member States of the OPCW and global online.

3. In-line with the above, nominations of suitable, qualified and experienced candidates/officer(s) of appropriate level in your organization may be sent to this office latest by 21st 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.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: As above



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To,

1. The Director General, Indian Chemical Council (ICC), Sir Vithaldas Chambers, 6th Floor, 16, Mumbai Samachar Marg, Mumbai-400001, Maharashtra, with a request to place the OM their website.
2. 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.
3. The Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002
4. The Joint Secretary (Disaster Management), Hall 'B' 3rd Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001

5. The Deputy Director General, Dept. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, 344, A-wing, 3rd floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
6. The Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, A-Wing, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110001
7. The Director General (Life Sciences), Defence Research & Development Organization, Room No. 338, DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi-110011
8. The President, **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**, The Mantosh Sondhi Centre, 23, Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003, with a request to place the OM their website.
9. The Joint Secretary, Department of Science & technology(DST), Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, Room No. 402, IV floor, New Delhi, Delhi 110016
10. The Joint Secretary (Training) & CVO, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence, South Block, Central Secretariat, Rajpath Marg, New Delhi, Delhi-110011
11. The Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Bhavan, Raisina Road, Opposite Rail Bhavan, New Delhi, Delhi-110001
12. The Joint Secretary, AYUSH Bhawan, B Block, GPO Complex, INA Colony, New Delhi, Delhi-110023
13. The Joint Secretary (MSME), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, HQ, Office of DC-MSME "A" Wing, 7th Floor, Room No. 712, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi- 110108
14. The Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002
15. The Chairman, National Institute of Disaster Management, Paryavaran Parisar, E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462016
16. The Vice Chancellor, Harcourt Butler Technical University, Nawabganj, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh-208002
17. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology-Gandhinagar, Vishwakarma Government Engineering College Complex, Chandkheda, Visat-Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-382424
18. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology-Guwahati, Dr. Brajendra Nath Raychoudhury Road, IIT Guwahati-781039, Assam
19. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad, Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram-502205, Telangana
20. 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
21. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Jodhpur, Old Residency Road, Ratanada, Jodhpur-342011, Rajasthan
22. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur, Kalyanpur, Kanpur-208016, Uttar Pradesh
23. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur, Kharagpur-721302, West Bengal
24. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, IIT Post, Chennai-600036, Tamil Nadu
25. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Mandi, PWD Rest House, Near Bus Stand, Mandi-175001, Himachal Pradesh
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27. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Roorkee, Roorkee-247667, Uttarakhand
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29. The Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore-560 012, Karnataka
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31. The Director, Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE), Jhansi Road, Gwalior-474002, Madhya Pradesh
32. The Director, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Uppal Road, Tarnaka, Hyderabad-500007, Telangana
33. The Director, Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), Udyog Vihar, Sector-20, Gurugram-122016, Haryana
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36. The Director, Indian Institutes of Technology-Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016

37. Joint Secretary, Hazardous Substances Management, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road New Delhi-110003.
38. Director (D&ISA), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), New Delhi
39. Joint Secretary, Hazardous Substances Management, Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003
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42. Crop Care Federation of India Smti Nirmal Pathrawal, Head (CCFI) F-1006, 10th Floor, Vikram Towers 16, Rajendra Place, New Delhi -110 008
43. Crop Life India Shri Brij Uberoi CEO, 226/278, 2 nd Floor, Ansal Chamber, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066
44. Dyestuff Manufacturers' Association of India Shri Jitender Patel, President A-317, 3rd Floor, Antop Hill, Ware Housing complex, Vidhyalankar College Road, Wadala (East), Mumbai -400 037
45. Alkali Manufacturer's Association of India Mr Anil Kumar, President, 3 rd Floor, Pankaj Chamber, Commercial Complex, Preet Vihar Vikas Marg, New Delhi – 110 092
46. Pesticides Manufacturers & Formulators Association of India Shri Pradip Dave, President D-516, Crystal Plaza, Andheri Link Road, Andheri West, Mumbai-400053 Maharashtra
47. All India Alcohol Based Industries Development Association Shri Ashok M. Kadakia, President Ashok Chem-Pharma International 403/404, Sharda Chambers, 4th Floor New Marine Lines, Churchgate Mumbai -400 020
48. Chemexcil Shri Satish W. Wagh, Chairman 207/208, Udyog Bhavan Sonawala Road, Goregaon (East) Mumbai -400 063
49. Chemexcil Mr S G Bharadi, Acting Executive Director, Jhansi Castle, 4th Floor, 7, Cooperage Road, Mumbai – 400 001
50. Indian Specialty Chemicals Manufacturers Association (ISCMA), Dr. Vinay D. Patil, President, 1156, Bole Smruti Suryavanshi Kashatriya Sabhagriha Marg, Off Veer Savarkar Marg, Dadar(W), Mumbai 400028
51. Confederation of Indian Industry Shri Chandrajit Banerjee Director General The Mantosh Sondhi Centre 23 Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
52. The Gujarat Dyestuffs Manufacturers' Association Shri Yogesh Parikh President, "KARMA", 8th floor, Opp. Mahalaxmi Muni. Market, Paldi, Ahmedabad – 380 007.



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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM ON WOMEN IN CHEMISTRY
19 – 20 JUNE 2023****Background**

1. The OPCW Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to inform Member States that the “Symposium on Women in Chemistry” will be held at the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology in Nootdorp, the Netherlands, on 19 and 20 June 2023.
2. The symposium, along with a basic analytical chemistry course for women (to be advertised in a different Note by the Secretariat), is part of the OPCW “Women in Chemistry” initiative, which aims to strengthen the skills of female professionals in the field of chemistry and to highlight the contribution of women to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The theme for this year’s symposium is “Empowering Women and Promoting Gender Diversity in the Peaceful Uses of Chemistry and Chemical Security”. The objectives of the 2023 symposium are to illustrate the strength and depth of the contribution of women to peaceful chemistry, to promote international solidarity and cooperation, to raise awareness of the opportunities for capacity and knowledge development for women in chemistry, and to highlight specific issues and achievements in the field of gender mainstreaming and women’s empowerment in the African Member States of the OPCW.

Content

3. The two-day symposium will focus on thematic presentations and discussions featuring prominent role models who will address various issues of interest for women in chemistry, including the challenges and opportunities they face. Group discussions will also be arranged to highlight the development of a responsible culture in chemistry.
4. The symposium will consist of two parts: the international, global part on day 1; and the regional part for African Member States on day 2. The symposium will be conducted in hybrid mode throughout the first day, with participants from the African Member States attending in person and the participants from other regions attending online. On day 2, the symposium will be reserved exclusively for those African participants attending in person.



5. The global part of the symposium will include, inter alia, a presentation on the outcomes of a research project, carried out in cooperation with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, that identified best practices in recruiting, training, and promoting women in chemistry. The regional part of the symposium will focus on the specificities of engaging and empowering female professionals in the chemistry sector in the African Member States.
6. Experts will share their experience in identifying opportunities for career growth, training, and certification, as well as the added value of gender diversity in different roles and functions related to chemistry.

Admission requirements

7. The in-person part of the symposium is open to professionals who:
 - (a) are citizens of OPCW African Member States;
 - (b) have a minimum of a first degree (BSc or equivalent) in chemistry, chemical engineering, or related disciplines from a recognised university or institution;
 - (c) have professional working experience in academia, science and technology institutions, chemical industry, industry associations, regulatory or promotional agencies; and
 - (d) have had previous engagement in gender mainstreaming or women's empowerment initiatives or related activities (desirable).
8. For the global part of the symposium, online participants will be selected from eligible and endorsed applications received from outside the African region. The admission requirements for the global (online) part of the symposium are similar to those for in-person participants, namely, participation will be open to those with a minimum degree (BSc or equivalent) in chemistry, chemical engineering, or related disciplines and those who have relevant professional working experience.
9. The symposium will be conducted in English. Candidates must therefore have a strong command of both written and spoken English. Any candidate who is found not to meet this requirement may not be allowed to continue their participation in the event.
10. Member States and National Authorities are particularly encouraged to support and endorse the applications of suitable female candidates for the symposium.

Selection procedure

11. Applications will be carefully screened on the basis of the criteria specified in paragraphs 7 to 9 above.
12. Member States are welcome to nominate participants for whom sponsorship is not required.

Sponsorship

13. Sponsorship is available to only a limited number of participants from the African Member States attending the symposium in person. The Secretariat will select the participants based on their qualifications and experience...**Only selected candidates will be notified by the Secretariat.**
14. All applications, for both online and in-person participation, must be digitally endorsed by the National Authority of the candidate's country through Eventus—the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>).
15. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel and medical insurance and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover meals and sundry expenses. The Secretariat will also arrange and pay for the accommodation of sponsored participants.
16. The Secretariat will not pay for medical assistance. Therefore, participants should be fit for travel. All participants taking prescribed medication should arrive with supplies sufficient for the duration of the event.
17. The Secretariat will cover participants' costs related to COVID-19 testing, if required for their international travel from their home country to the symposium and back.
18. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. It will purchase tickets and send them to the participants. Participants are required to arrive no earlier than Sunday, 18 June 2023 and to depart no later than Wednesday, 21 June 2023. The agreement of the Secretariat is required for any changes to the arrival and departure dates. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the symposium or that result from changes to travel arrangements that have not been authorised. Sponsored participants must bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased tickets. Participants who have not been sponsored are requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
19. Participants are requested to ensure and obtain any necessary visas, including transit visas, as may be needed before travelling to the Netherlands. When applying for an entry visa, they should present the Embassy or Consulate of the Netherlands with a copy of the acceptance letter from the OPCW.

Application procedure

20. Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications through Eventus. Applicants must first create an account and then register for the event (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>).
21. Only nominations endorsed by the National Authority or Permanent Representation of the candidate's country to the OCPW will be considered. Each application must be endorsed digitally on the Eventus platform. A passport and an up-to-date curriculum vitae must be uploaded during the online registration process. Nominees must indicate their practical and work experience in their curricula vitae. **Only selected candidates will be notified by the Secretariat.**

22. Applications must be submitted to the Secretariat **no later than Friday, 31 March 2023**. Additional information may be obtained from the International Cooperation Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Mr Saurabh Bhandari, Programme Officer (Tel: +31 (0)70 416 3489; Email: saurabh.bhandari@opcw.org) and Ms Rufaro Kambarami, (Tel: +31 (0)70 416 3272; Email: rufaro.kambarami@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.