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

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

Subject: Call for Nominations for an Education and one day global (online) segment of the training Programme for Youth on Peaceful uses of Chemistry Rio De Janeiro, Brazil 2 – 5 October 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 the course mentioned in the subject matter vide Note No. 2181/2023, Dated 9th June, 2023 from the Technical Secretariat (TS), OPCW, the Hague, the Netherland, seeking nominations.

3. It is further informed that, the training programme will focus on tailored presentations and interactive sessions, including table-top exercises and group work addressing various aspects of concern relevant to the peaceful uses of chemistry. An educational field trip to a chemical plant or similar site will also be organised. The training aims to offer an opportunity for youth to gain awareness of the Convention, deepen their understanding of ethics in chemistry, and appreciate the crucial role of chemical safety and security management. Additionally, participants will gain valuable knowledge and insights into the benefits of the peaceful uses of chemistry. The programme will also help participants liaise, network, build, and foster professional relationships, and eventually support ongoing efforts towards the prohibition of chemical weapons.

4. In-line with the above, nomination of suitable, qualified and experienced officer(s) of appropriate level, along with relevant documents as per the above TS note, from your organization may be sent to this office latest by 25th June, 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.

Encl: As above



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5. The Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110002
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11. The Secretary, Department of Health Research and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Health Research, 2nd Floor, IRCS Building, 1, Red Cross Road, New Delhi – 110001
12. The Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Bhawan, Raisina Road, Opposite Rail Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
13. The Director General, Directorate General of NDRF, 6th floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001.
14. The Director General (Life Sciences), Defence Research & Development Organisation, Room No. 338, DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 011.
15. Colonel PP (Concepts & Training), Directorate General of Perspective Planning (CBRN), General Staff Branch, IHQ of Ministry of Defence (MoD), (Army), Room No.-123, 'A' Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011.
16. The Joint Secretary (IS-I), Internal Security-I Division, North Block, Ministry of Home Affairs, 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 Joint Secretary (Admin), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, 6th-8th Floor, Block-2, CGO Complex, Lodhi road, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi – 110003.
20. 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.
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22. The Joint Secretary (Training) & CVO, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence, South Block, Central Secretariat, Rajpath Marg, New Delhi – 110 011.
23. The Joint Secretary (Disaster Management), Hall 'B', 3rd Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110 001
24. The Deputy Director General, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC), ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, 419C, 4th floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001
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30. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Indore, Khandwa Rd, Simrol, Madhya Pradesh 453552.
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32. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Hyderabad, IITH Road, Near NH-65, Sangareddy, Kandi, Telangana 502285
33. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Jodhpur, NH 62, Surpura Bypass Rd, Karwar, Rajasthan 342030
34. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Kanpur, Kalyanpur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh 208016,
35. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Madras, Indian Institute Of Technology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600036
36. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Gandhinagar, Palaj, Gandhinagar, Gujarat - 382355,
37. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Patna, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, Bihta, Patna, Bihar - 801103
38. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Roorkee, Roorkee - Haridwar Highway, Roorkee, Uttarakhand - 247667
39. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Ropar, Nangal Road, Rupnagar, Punjab 140001
40. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - (BHU) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh 221005
41. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Guwahati, Surjyamukhi Road, North, Amingaon, Guwahati, Assam 781039
42. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Bhilai, IIT Bhilai, Government Engineering College Campus, Old Dhamtari Road, Sejbahar, Raipur, Chhattishgarh, 492015
43. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Goa, IIT Goa, Goa Engineering College Campus "Bhausahab Bandodkar Technical Education Complex" Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa - 403401
44. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Palakkad, Ahalia Integrated Campus, Kozhippara, Palakkad 678557, Kerala
45. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Tirupati, Yerpedu - Venkatagiri Road, Yerpedu Post, Tirupati District, A.P - 517619
46. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Jammu, Jagti, NH-44 , PO Nagrota, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir - 181 221
47. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Dharwad, IIT Dharwad, WALMI Campus Belur Industrial Area, PB Road Post Mummigatti, Dharwad-580001 Karnataka, India
48. The Director, Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE), Jhansi Road, Gwalior-474 002, Madhya Pradesh.
49. The Director, Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), HSIDC, Sector 20, Udyog Vihar Opposite Ambience Mall, Gurugram, 122016
50. The Director, National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune - 411 008, Maharashtra.
51. The Director, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), CV Raman Rd, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560012.
52. The Director, National Physical Laboratory (NPL), Dr. KS Krishnan Marg, Pusa, New Delhi - 110012.
53. The Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Homi Bhabha Road, Colaba, Mumbai - 400005.


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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR YOUTH
ON PEACEFUL USES OF CHEMISTRY
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL
2 – 5 OCTOBER 2023**

PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

1. The Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to inform Member States that it will organise an education training programme on peaceful uses of chemistry for youth in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 2 to 5 October 2023.
2. The programme aims to raise awareness among youth about the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), the importance of chemical safety and security management, key concepts and historical events associated with the use, misuse, and abuse of dual-use chemicals, and the benefits of the peaceful uses of chemistry. It is open to young people between the ages of 18 and 24 years, especially university students in chemistry, chemical engineering, or other relevant chemistry-related scientific fields, who are keen to pursue a career in chemistry or chemical disarmament, or who are expected to assume related research roles in chemistry within a university or an academic institution.
3. The training programme will accommodate a limited number of participants from Member States of the OPCW with economies that are developing or in transition. It will consist of a global segment on the first day, and a regional segment exclusively for the Member States of the Latin America and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC) on the remaining three days. The training will be conducted in hybrid mode throughout the first day, with participants from the GRULAC Member States attending in person and those from other regions attending online. Over the remaining three days, the training will be reserved exclusively for participants from GRULAC attending in person.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

4. The training programme will focus on tailored presentations and interactive sessions, including table-top exercises and group work addressing various aspects of concern relevant to the peaceful uses of chemistry. An educational field trip to a chemical plant or similar site will also be organised. The training aims to offer an opportunity for youth to gain awareness of the Convention, deepen their understanding of ethics in chemistry, and appreciate the crucial role of chemical safety and security management. Additionally, participants will gain valuable knowledge and insights into the benefits



of the peaceful uses of chemistry. The programme will also help participants liaise, network, build, and foster professional relationships, and eventually support ongoing efforts towards the prohibition of chemical weapons.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

5. The regional, in-person segment of the training is open to youth who are:
 - (a) citizens of OPCW Member States in the GRULAC region;
 - (b) between the ages of 18 and 24;
 - (c) pursuing a university education in chemistry, chemical engineering, or other chemistry-related scientific fields; and
 - (d) interested in pursuing a career in chemistry or chemical disarmament, or are expected to assume research roles in chemistry within a university or academic institution.
6. For the global part of the training, online participants will be selected from the eligible and endorsed applications received from outside the GRULAC region. The admission requirements for the global (online) segment of the training are similar to the requirements for in-person participants described in paragraph 5 above, with the exception of subparagraph (a).
7. All programme activities will be conducted in English, and only limited interpretation services in Spanish will be made available for the regional segment (on the final three days). Participants are therefore expected to have a good command of the English language, both written and oral.
8. Member States and National Authorities are strongly encouraged to support and endorse applications by suitable female candidates for the programme. Member States are also welcome to nominate participants for whom sponsorship is not required.

SPONSORSHIP

9. Only a limited number of participants from the GRULAC Member States attending the training in person will be sponsored. For sponsored, in-person 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.
10. 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.
11. The Secretariat will cover participants' costs related to COVID-19 PCR testing should this be required for their international travel to and from the training to their home country.

12. 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, 1 October 2023 and to depart no later than Friday, 6 October 2023**. The agreement of the Secretariat is required for making any changes to the arrival and departure dates. The Secretariat will not cover for any expenses unrelated to the training 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.
13. Participants are requested to ensure and obtain any necessary visas, including transit visas, as may be needed, before travelling for the training to Brazil. When applying for an entry visa, they should present a copy of the acceptance letter from the OPCW to the Embassy or Consulate of Brazil.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

14. Interested candidates, for both online and in-person participation, are invited to submit their applications through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Applicants must first create an account and then register for the event.
15. Only nominations endorsed by the National Authority or Permanent Representation of the candidate'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 or Permanent Representation. A passport and an up-to-date curriculum vitae must be uploaded during the online registration process. Nominees must also indicate their career or research interests and work experience, if any, in their curricula vitae to highlight their career plans. **Only selected candidates will be notified by the Secretariat.**
16. Applications must be submitted to the Secretariat **no later than Monday, 3 July 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 Julia Gonzalez, Senior Project Assistant (Tel: +31 (0)70 416 3239; Email: julia.gonzalez@opcw.org).

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.