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

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New Delhi – 110021, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

**Subject:** Call for Nominations for an International Training Course on the Medical Aspects of Assistance and Protection Against Chemical Weapons Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran 15 – 19 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. 2180/2023 dated 9th June, 2023 from the Technical Secretariat, OPCW, the Hague, the Netherland, seeking nominations.

3. It is further informed that the purpose of this training course is to strengthen medical preparedness and response capabilities at hospitals in the aftermath of an attack involving chemical weapons agents or toxic industrial chemicals. It will also promote the exchange of experience, therapeutic approaches, treatment protocols, and the promotion of strategies for addressing gaps in medical capabilities.

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 19<sup>th</sup> July, 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.


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4. The Joint Secretary (IS-I), Internal Security-I Division, North Block, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi – 110001.
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(Dr. Vimlesh Kumar Bind)



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9 June 2023  
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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON  
THE MEDICAL ASPECTS OF ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION  
AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
TEHRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN  
15 – 19 OCTOBER 2023**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to invite States Parties to nominate participants for a training course on medical management of persons affected by the use of chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals. The training course will be jointly organised by the National Authority of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Secretariat and will take place in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran, **from 15 to 19 October 2023**.
2. The purpose of this training course is to strengthen medical preparedness and response capabilities at hospitals in the aftermath of an attack involving chemical weapons agents or toxic industrial chemicals. It will also promote the exchange of experience, therapeutic approaches, treatment protocols, and the promotion of strategies for addressing gaps in medical capabilities.
3. The programme will address the following: general concepts of chemical weapons agents and toxic industrial chemicals; the identification, diagnosis, treatment, and medical management of persons affected by chemical weapons agents and toxic industrial chemicals; lessons learned from incidents involving chemical weapons agents and toxic industrial chemicals; hospital preparedness and response; and medical follow-up for individuals dealing with the long-term impact of exposure to chemical weapons agents or toxic industrial chemicals.
4. The Secretariat expects to sponsor a maximum of 20 participants from interested States Parties. The profiles of interested candidates should meet the criteria listed below:
  - (a) This training course is designed for medical professionals who work at hospitals that may attend to victims in a chemical emergency, or those working at medical facilities designated for this purpose.
  - (b) Candidates should have background experience in one of the following: emergency medical care, anaesthesia, toxicology, neurology, dermatology, internal medicine, surgery, burns and plastic surgery, intensive care, haematology, ophthalmology, or dealing with emergencies involving toxic industrial chemicals.
  - (c) Women candidates are encouraged to apply.



- (d) Physicians from civilian and military hospitals and medical institutions may apply.
  - (e) Additional information provided by candidates through Eventus, the OPCW's event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>), will be carefully considered, including relevant factors such as: previous experience and participation in emergency training (including emergency chemical training); accreditation in CBRNE<sup>1</sup> and programmes on medical treatment in disaster situations; participation in previous national or regional events in a relevant subject; roles and responsibilities related to emergency-related medical education, coordination, preparedness, response, and follow-up.
  - (f) Only participants who have completed their profile on Eventus will be considered. A complete profile includes sponsorship by the candidate's respective National Authority (specifying whether sponsorship is a condition of their participation), and **valid passport** information. **Passports must be valid for at least six months from the start date of the event (15 October 2023).**
  - (g) Candidates must be proficient in English, as the course will be conducted entirely in English.
5. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, accommodation, airport transfers, medical insurance, and meals. In addition, it will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses.
  6. The Secretariat will seek the most economical options when making travel arrangements for sponsored participants. Participants are expected to **arrive no earlier than Saturday, 14 October 2023** and **depart no later than Friday, 20 October 2023**. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or resulting from unauthorised changes in travel arrangements. Once the Secretariat has purchased their tickets, sponsored participants will be responsible for ensuring their participation. In the case of unforeseen circumstances, participants should immediately contact the substantive officer responsible for the course (see paragraph 9). In addition, all necessary visas (if required) should be obtained by the participant before travelling to the Islamic Republic of Iran.
  7. Interested applicants are requested to register their nomination online through Eventus **no later than 31 July 2023**. Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) in the system are mandatory.
  8. Only selected participants with an OPCW acceptance letter will be accepted to participate in this course. Candidates who have been selected to participate will be contacted no later than two weeks after the submission deadline. Member States are requested to inform the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of any administrative or other problems that may arise in relation to the attendance of any selected participant.

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<sup>1</sup> CBRNE = chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives.

9. The focal point for this training course for technical matters is Mr Eduardo Herrera (Tel: +31 70 416 3466; Email: [eduardo.herrera@opcw.org](mailto:eduardo.herrera@opcw.org)). Administrative matters for this training course may be addressed with Ms Sonja Pecak (Tel.: +31 70 416 3498; Email: [sonja.pecak@opcw.org](mailto:sonja.pecak@opcw.org)) from the Assistance and Protection Branch.

Annex: Provisional Programme

## Annex

**INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON THE MEDICAL ASPECTS  
OF ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
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15 – 19 OCTOBER 2023**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

Time	Activity
<b><i>Saturday, 14 October 2023</i></b>	
18:00	Arrival and registration of participants
<b><i>Sunday, 15 October 2023</i></b>	
08:30 – 09:20	Opening ceremony
09:20 – 10:00	Introduction of participants
10:00 – 10:40	<i>Group photo and coffee/tea break</i>
10:40 – 11:00	Course overview
11:00 – 11:45	The Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) and Article X on Assistance and Protection
11:45 – 12:30	Implementation of Article X of the Convention in the Islamic Republic of Iran
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:15	Chemical threat: Chemical weapons, chemical industrial accidents, and chemical terrorism
14:15 – 15:15	Chemical warfare agents: Classification, properties, and routes of exposure
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:30 – 16:30	Principles of chemical casualty management
16:30 – 17:00	Summary of the day and discussion
18:30 – 20:00	Reception hosted by the OPCW
<b><i>Monday, 16 October 2023</i></b>	
08:30 – 09:15	Protection against chemical warfare agents and individual protection equipment
09:15 – 10:15	Donning and doffing of individual protection equipment
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:30 – 11:15	Blister agents: toxicological effects, signs and symptoms, diagnosis and medical treatment for acute phases
11:15 – 12:10	Long-term health effects of exposure to sulfur mustard: mustard lung
12:10 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:15	Long-term health effects of exposure to sulfur mustard: mustard eye
14:15 – 15:00	Long-term health effects of exposure to sulfur mustard: mustard skin
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:15 – 16:00	Blood agents: toxicological effects, signs and symptoms, diagnosis, and medical treatment
16:00 – 16:45	Incapacitating agents (psychochemical agents) and novel riot control agents
16:45 – 17:00	Summary of the day and discussion

<b><i>Tuesday, 17 October 2023</i></b>	
08:30 – 09:15	Nerve agents: toxicological effects, signs and symptoms, diagnosis. and medical treatment
09:15 – 09:45	Choking agents: toxicological effects, signs and symptoms, diagnosis, and medical treatment principles
09:45– 10:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Principles of decontamination of chemical casualties: pre-hospital and hospital procedures
10:30 – 11:15	Triage of chemical casualties and medical evacuation
11:15 – 12:15	Table-top exercise: emergency medical response to a chemical incident
12:15 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 18:00	Field visit
<b><i>Wednesday, 18 October 2023</i></b>	
08:30 – 09:15	Hospital preparedness for chemical incidents
09:15 –10:00	Medical management of chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals at hospitals
10:00 –12:00	Visit to a hospital’s chemical emergency department
12:00 –13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Demonstration: hospital management of chemical casualties
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Field visit
18:30 – 20:00	Reception hosted by the National Authority
<b><i>Thursday, 19 October 2023</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:30	Feedback from participants
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Evaluation session and closing ceremony
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 18:00	Cultural event
<b><i>Friday, 20 October 2023</i></b>	
Entire day	Departure of participants

# 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.