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**Government of India,**  
**Cabinet Secretariat**  
**National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rashtrapati Bhavan,  
New Delhi, dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Call for nominations for a Workshop on Implementing and Enforcing Legislation: the Chemical Weapons Convention and Chemical Security in Asia, to be held in Manila, Philippines from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 – reg.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a communication received from the Technical Secretariat, Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) dated 17.03.2026, seeking nominations for the aforesaid workshop.

2. The workshop aims to support State Parties in strengthening the implementation and enforcement of Chemical Security Legislation in line with the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (UNSCR 1540). The workshop will focus on enhancing national legal framework, strengthening enforcement mechanisms, and improving coordination among relevant national authorities involved in chemical security.

3. In view of above, nomination of an appropriate level Officer suitable for the aforesaid workshop may be sent to this Office latest by **9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026** through the National Authority – CWC online portal – OPCW Training Management System (<https://nacwc.gov.in/tms/>) with strict adherence to the “Revised Guidelines for OPCW sponsored events” issued and hosted on the National Authority – CWC website.

4. The Head of the concerned Department/Organization may also certify that the applicant is clear from vigilance angle and no departmental proceeding against the nominee is contemplated or inquired into. Further, it may also please be ensured that nominated individuals have good command of English, both written and oral.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Enclosure: As above

  
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**Call for Nominations: Workshop on Implementing and Enforcing Legislation – CWC and Chemical Security in Asia (Manila, 2–4 June 2026)**

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Dear National Authorities,

It is with great pleasure that I transmit an invitation to participate in the: **"Workshop on Implementing and Enforcing Legislation: The Chemical Weapons Convention and Chemical Security in Asia"**, which will be held in Manila, Philippines, from 2 to 4 June 2026.

You are kindly invited to disseminate this invitation to suitable candidates who meet the criteria outlined in the attached letter and to endorse their participation once they have submitted their applications through the online system. Nominations should be submitted **no later than Tuesday, 14 April 2026**.

The Workshop will bring together up to sixty participants from States Parties in Asia, including representatives of National Authorities, law enforcement agencies, customs authorities, regulatory bodies, and judicial or prosecutorial institutions.

The OPCW will provide sponsorship for selected participants, covering the costs of travel, meals, accommodation, medical insurance, and other necessary arrangements. Interested individuals may submit their nominations online through the following link on EVENTUS: <https://eventus.opcw.org/Home?eventid=699>.

Further information about the conference may be requested from the OPCW Implementation Support Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, through Ms Suzanna Khoshabi [suzanna.khoshabi@opcw.org](mailto:suzanna.khoshabi@opcw.org), Mr Rene Betancourt [rene.betancourt@opcw.org](mailto:rene.betancourt@opcw.org) and Mr Plinio Cardoso [plinio.cardoso@opcw.org](mailto:plinio.cardoso@opcw.org).

Kind regards,



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**1 Attachment(s)**

Invitation letter - Workshop on  
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The Hague, 17 March 2026  
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Dear National Authorities,

I am pleased to inform you that the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), in cooperation with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), is organising a **Workshop on Implementing and Enforcing Legislation: The Chemical Weapons Convention and Chemical Security in Asia**, to be held in Manila, Philippines from **2 to 4 June 2026**.

This Workshop aims to support States Parties in strengthening the implementation and enforcement of chemical security legislation in line with the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (UNSCR 1540). The Workshop will focus on enhancing national legal frameworks, strengthening enforcement mechanisms, and improving coordination among relevant national authorities involved in chemical security. The Workshop will bring together up to sixty participants from States Parties in Asia, including representatives of National Authorities, law enforcement agencies, customs authorities, regulatory bodies, and judicial or prosecutorial institutions.

It is our pleasure to invite the National Authority of your country to nominate a maximum of three participants who best match the following profiles to attend the Workshop:

- A senior government official knowledgeable about your country's regulatory framework and/or involved in legislative processes relevant to chemical security;
- A senior official from a relevant law enforcement, customs, border control, or regulatory authority; and/or
- A senior official from a relevant judicial or prosecutorial body.

During the Workshop, participants may be invited to provide short presentations on national legislation related to chemical security and the implementation of the CWC, including enforcement practices, legislative gaps, and operational challenges. The Workshop will be conducted in English. It is therefore expected that all nominees will have a good command of written and oral English to actively participate in the discussions.

Applicants are invited to register online through Eventus, the OPCW event management system: <https://eventus.opcw.org/Home?eventid=699>.

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The deadline for registration is Tuesday 14 April 2026. Each application must be endorsed digitally on the Eventus platform by the National Authority. The nomination and endorsement through the National Authority will be followed by the final review and approval through the Technical Secretariat. National Authorities are strongly encouraged to nominate suitable female candidates for the event and support and endorse their applications.

The Technical Secretariat will provide sponsorship for approved participants. This will include the costs of travel, medical insurance, accommodation, and a limited subsistence allowance to cover meals and sundry expenses.

Further information about the Workshop may be obtained from the OPCW Implementation Support Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, through Mr Rene Betancourt, Ms Suzanna Khoshabi, and Mr Plinio Cardoso at the following email addresses: [rene.betancourt@opcw.org](mailto:rene.betancourt@opcw.org), [suzanna.khoshabi@opcw.org](mailto:suzanna.khoshabi@opcw.org), and [plinio.cardoso@opcw.org](mailto:plinio.cardoso@opcw.org).

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