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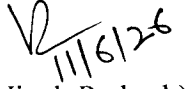
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Invitation to apply for an International Training Course on the Medical Aspects of Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons in Xi'an, China from 14-18 September 2026 – reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Technical Secretariat's S/2533/2026 dated 9th June, 2026 (**copy enclosed**), seeking nominations on the above-mentioned subject.

2. The NACWC being the national focal point seeks nominations of suitable and qualified 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. 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 other healthcare professions that may be involved in dealing with emergencies involving toxic industrial chemicals. The relevant documents supporting the above-mentioned requirements and following the 'Guidelines for the OPCW sponsored events' issued by NACWC may please be sent to this office **latest by 17th June, 2026** through online portal - OPCW Training Management System (<https://nacwc.gov.in/tms/>).
3. 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.
4. After attending the course, nominated individuals shall be expected to make a report and a brief presentation to the National Authority.

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3. The Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi - 110011
4. The Chairman, Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO), DRDO Bhawan, Vijay Chowk Area, Central Secretariat, New Delhi – 110004.
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Technical Secretariat

S/2533/2026

9 June 2026

ENGLISH only

NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE
ON THE MEDICAL ASPECTS OF ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION
AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS
XI'AN, CHINA
14 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2026**

1. The Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) wishes to invite States Parties to nominate participants for an international training course on the 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 Government of China and the Secretariat and will take place in Xi'an, China, from 14 to 18 September 2026.
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, and treatment protocols, as well as strategies for addressing gaps in medical capabilities.
3. The course will address 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 effects of exposure to chemical weapons agents or toxic industrial chemicals.
4. The Secretariat expects to sponsor a maximum of two participants from interested States Parties. The profiles of potential 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) Physicians and healthcare professionals from all OPCW regions may apply, including professionals from civilian and military hospitals. Medical institutions may also apply.
 - (c) 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 other healthcare professions that may be involved in dealing with emergencies involving toxic industrial chemicals.



5. States Parties and National Authorities are strongly encouraged to support nominations and endorse the applications of suitable women candidates for the training.
6. Only applicants who have completed their application through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>), will be considered for the selection process. A complete application should include:
 - (a) all personal information fully completed in the application form (using the national passport as a reference for the names);
 - (b) endorsement of the candidate by the respective National Authority (specifying whether sponsorship is a condition of their participation);
 - (c) a curriculum vitae, as well as any other additional relevant information uploaded to Eventus; and
 - (d) valid passport information (including an uploaded copy of the personal identification pages). Passports must be valid for at least six months from the start date of the event (14 September 2026).
7. Additional information provided by candidates in the Eventus platform will be carefully considered. This may include previous experience and participation in emergency training (including participation in OPCW trainings); accreditation in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives (CBRNE) training and programmes on medical treatment in disaster situations; participation in previous national or regional events in a relevant subject; and roles and responsibilities in regard to emergency-related medical education, coordination, preparedness, response, and follow-up.
8. For selected participants, the costs of travel tickets, accommodation, airport transfers, medical and travel insurance, and meals will be covered. In addition, a limited subsistence allowance will be provided (after the event) to cover sundry expenses.
9. The Secretariat will seek the most economical options when making travel arrangements for sponsored participants. Participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than Sunday, 13 September** and to depart **no later than Saturday, 19 September 2026** (save for exceptional circumstances). The Secretariat will not cover expenses that are not related to the course or that result 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 officers responsible for the course (see contact information in paragraph 12 below) and subsequently submit a formal letter explaining the reasons for the cancellation. In addition, all necessary visas (if required) should be obtained by the participants before travelling to China.
10. Interested applicants are requested to register their nomination online through Eventus **no later than 21 June 2026**, including obtaining the endorsement of the respective National Authority of their country.

11. Only selected participants with an OPCW acceptance letter will be allowed to participate in this course. Candidates who have been selected to participate will be contacted no later than two weeks after the submission deadline. States Parties 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.
12. The focal points for technical matters related to this training course are Mr Eduardo Herrera Reyes (Tel: +31 70 416 3466; Email: eduardo.herrera@opcw.org), and Mr Miguel Albaladejo Pomares (Email: miguel.albaladejopomares@opcw.org). Administrative questions may be addressed to Ms Fildza Setiabudi (Tel: +31 70 416 3462; Email: fildza.setiabudi@opcw.org) in the Assistance and Protection Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division.

Annex: International Training Course on the Medical Aspects of Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons, Xi'an, China, 14 – 18 September 2026 – Provisional Programme

Annex

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON THE MEDICAL ASPECTS OF
ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS

XI'AN, CHINA

14 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

(Note: Some of the topics may be modified in the final programme)

Time	Activity
Sunday, 13 September 2026	
	Arrival of participants
Monday, 14 September 2026	
08:30 – 09:10	Opening ceremony
09:10 – 09:30	<i>Group photo</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Introduction of participants
10:00 – 10:40	The Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) and Article X on assistance and protection
10:40 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Briefing on implementation of the Convention in China
11:30 – 12:00	China's national protection programme and assistance efforts under Article X of the Convention
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Chemical threat: Chemical weapons, chemical industrial accidents, and chemical terrorism
15:00 – 16:00	Classification, properties, and routes of exposure to chemical weapons agents
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:15 – 17:40	Practical exercise
17:40 – 18:00	Summary of the day and discussion
18:30 – 20:00	Reception hosted by the OPCW
Tuesday, 15 September 2026	
08:30 – 09:30	Blister agents: Toxicological effects, signs and symptoms, diagnosis and medical treatment
09:30 – 10:30	Long-term health effects of exposure to sulfur mustard
10:30 – 10:50	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:50 – 12:00	Nerve agents: Toxicological effects, signs and symptoms, diagnosis and medical treatment
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Blood agents: Toxicological effects, signs and symptoms, diagnosis and medical treatment

Time	Activity
15:00 – 16:00	Choking agents: Toxicological effects, sign and symptoms, diagnosis and medical treatment
16:00 – 16:20	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:20 – 17:20	Incapacitating agents (psychochemical agents) and novel riot control agents
17:20 – 17:50	Summary of the day and discussion
<i>Wednesday, 16 September 2026</i>	
08:30 – 09:30	Principles of decontamination of chemical casualties and prehospital and hospital procedures
09:30 – 10:20	Medical evacuation and triage of chemical casualties
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 11:30	Medical management of exposure to chemical weapons agents/toxic industrial chemicals in hospital
11:30 – 12:00	Chemical and radiological/nuclear (combined) emergencies
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 18:00	Study visit
18:00 – 20:00	<i>Dinner</i>
<i>Thursday, 17 September 2026</i>	
08:30 – 09:30	Donning and doffing of personal protective equipment (PPE)
09:30 – 11:00	Visit to Xijing Hospital first-aid centre and patient simulator
11:00 – 12:00	Visit to the International Museum of Stomatology
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Tabletop exercise: Emergency medical response to a chemical incident
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	Summary of the day and discussion
18:00 –	Reception by the host
<i>Friday, 18 September 2026</i>	
08:30 – 09:30	Feedback from participants
09:30 – 10:30	Evaluation session, student discussion, and communication
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Closing ceremony
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 –	Departure of participants
<i>Saturday, 19 September 2026</i>	
All day	Departure of participants