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Government of India,
Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention

1st Floor, Cabinet Secretariat,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi,
Dated 08th September, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Invitation to apply for the Doha Symposium on Advancing Chemical Safety and Security Management under the Chemical Weapons Convention: Innovation, Emerging Technologies, and Industry best practices for Asian States Parties in Doha, Qatar from 10th to 12th November, 2026– reg.

The undersigned is directed to inform that India is a signatory to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), headquartered at the Hague, the Netherlands is the implementing body of CWC. National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), being the national focal point facilitates, participation of its officials, other Indian officials and Indian nationals in training courses conducted by OPCW with respect to the said Convention.

2. The Technical Secretariat, of the OPCW has invited nominations for participation in the Doha Symposium on Advancing Chemical Safety and Security Management under the Chemical Weapons Convention: Innovation, Emerging Technologies, and Industry best practices for Asian States Parties to be held in Doha, Qatar from 10th to 12th November, 2026.

3. Accordingly, nomination of suitable, qualified and experienced candidate (s) of appropriate level, may be submitted through the Training Management System of NACWC, Cabinet Secretariat (<https://nacwc.gov.in/tms/>), latest by **10th September, 2026**, The candidates are requested to strictly adhere to the “Revised Guidelines for OPCW sponsored events” issued and hosted on the official website of NACWC, Cabinet Secretariat (<https://nacwc.gov.in/>).

4. After attending the course, nominated individuals shall be expected to make a report and a brief presentation to the National Authority.

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

Encl: As above


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To,

1. The Director General, Indian Chemical Council (ICC), Sir, Vithaldas Chambers, 6th Floor, Mumbai Samachar Marg, Mumbai - 400 001, Maharashtra.
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 on their website.
3. 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 on their website.

4. The Chairman, Basic Chemicals, Cosmetics & Dyes Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL), Jhansi castle, 4th floor, 7-Cooperage Road, Mumbai- 400 001.
5. The Directorate General Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), N.S. Mankiker Marg, Sion, Mumbai, 400022.



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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR THE DOHA SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCING
CHEMICAL SAFETY AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT UNDER THE CHEMICAL
WEAPONS CONVENTION: INNOVATION, EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, AND
INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES FOR ASIAN STATES PARTIES
DOHA, QATAR
10 – 12 NOVEMBER 2026**

1. The Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) is pleased to inform States Parties that, in collaboration with Qatar, it is organising the “Doha Symposium on Advancing Chemical Safety and Security Management Under the Chemical Weapons Convention: Innovation, Emerging Technologies, and Industry Best Practices for Asian States Parties”, which will be held at the Doha Regional Centre for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Training in Doha, Qatar, from 10 to 12 November 2026.
2. The Secretariat hereby invites applications from National Authorities and government representatives in the Asia region responsible for chemical safety and security management, as well as representatives from chemical industry associations and managers involved in chemical industry safety and security.
3. The purpose of the symposium, organised in cooperation with the National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons of Qatar and with the financial support of Qatar, is to further promote international cooperation programmes that focus on chemical industry outreach and industry-related aspects of the implementation of Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention). It aims at supporting sound chemical safety and security management in the chemical industry in Asian States Parties.
4. The objectives of the symposium are to:
 - (a) provide participants with an opportunity to strengthen and refresh their knowledge of fundamental principles, practices, and approaches to chemical safety and security management, including through the sharing of experiences and good practices among Asian States Parties;
 - (b) review and exchange practical approaches, lessons learned, and best practices in chemical safety and security management, with particular attention to evolving practices in the chemical industry, risk management, dual-use chemicals, and the opportunities and challenges associated with artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies in Asian States Parties;



- (c) foster wider cooperation between States Parties on issues related to the chemical industry towards achieving the objectives of Article XI of the Convention (promoting the peaceful uses of chemistry); and
 - (d) enhance and promote the safe handling of chemicals at the national level.
- 5. The symposium will be held over three days and will include theoretical lectures, practical examples, and interactive sessions. The programme will provide participants with an overview of the OPCW, the Convention, and international cooperation programmes. It is structured around three thematic areas:
 - (a) the fundamental principles and practices of chemical safety and security management, providing both a common foundation for participants and a refresher for those with existing experience in the field;
 - (b) the management of dual-use chemicals and related risk management considerations; and
 - (c) the opportunities, challenges, and implications of emerging technologies, including AI, and their application for the chemical industry and chemical safety and security management. Throughout the programme, particular emphasis will be placed on practical applications, sharing of experiences, and evolving practices in the chemical industry.
- 6. Leading experts in chemical safety and security management will provide presentations and facilitate the discussions. Participants should therefore have a strong background in chemistry and/or chemical engineering, with at least five years of experience in a relevant discipline, preferably in industry.
- 7. Symposium participants will be expected to prepare brief presentations on current safety and security management practices based on their experience, including suggestions for improving the safety management culture in their respective countries or organisations.
- 8. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants, for whom it will cover the costs of travel, meals, and medical insurance, and provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The Secretariat will also arrange and pay for accommodation for sponsored participants. A letter with the detailed programme will be sent to all registered participants at a later stage.
- 9. Nominees should have their applications endorsed by their respective National Authorities. Endorsements must be completed electronically through Eventus—the OPCW event management system (<http://eventus.opcw.org>). Each application should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the nominee's participation. States Parties are welcome to nominate participants for whom sponsorship is not required. States Parties and National Authorities are strongly encouraged to support and endorse applications from suitable women candidates.

10. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. It will purchase tickets and send them to participants. Participants will be allowed to purchase tickets locally only if this leads to further savings for the Secretariat, and if the Secretariat authorises it. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, participants are expected to **arrive no earlier than Monday, 9 November and to depart no later than Friday, 13 November 2026**. The Secretariat will not cover expenses that are not related to the seminar or that result from changes to travel arrangements that it has not 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.
11. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the seminar. When applying for an entry visa, they should present a copy of the acceptance letter from the OPCW to the Embassy or Consulate of Qatar.
12. The seminar will be conducted in English with interpretation in Arabic. All participants are therefore expected to have a good written and oral command of one of these languages.
13. Interested applicants are invited to apply online through Eventus. Applicants should create an account in Eventus and then register for the training course. Please note that all questions marked with an asterisk (*) in the online form must be answered in order for a candidate to be considered for this event. These applications must be reviewed and endorsed electronically through Eventus by the respective National Authorities, to be followed by a final review and approval by the Secretariat. In the event that interested applicants have difficulties submitting their application online via Eventus, the applicants should send an email explaining the problem (icb.events@opcw.org) with reference to the name and location of the event in the subject line of the message. All applications must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 13 September 2026**.
14. The personal information provided in the application must match the details as shown in the passport, as this information will be used for the issuance of flight tickets should an application be successful. Participants are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of their personal information. Any inaccuracies may result in exclusion from the workshop or additional charges that will need to be borne by the participants.
15. Additional information about the seminar may be obtained from the International Cooperation Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW, as well as from the Qatar National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons. The OPCW focal points for this seminar are Ms Jo Eun Kim, Associate Programme Officer (Email: joeun.kim@opcw.org), and Mr Farid Tata, Senior Project Assistant (Email: farid.tata@opcw.org).