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Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention

1st Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi, dated 4th April, 2022.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Invitation for nominations for a basic training course on Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons and emergency response to chemical incidents, to be held from 5 to 9 June 2022 in Dhaka, Bangladesh – regarding.

Please find enclosed copy of the Invitation Letter vide No. L/ICA/APB/332/22 dated 24th March, 2022, received from the Technical Secretariat (TS), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), seeking nominations on the above-mentioned subject.

2. In line with above, nominations of suitable, qualified and experienced Officer of an appropriate level along with relevant documents, following the 'Revised Guidelines for OPCW sponsored events' issued by NACWC may please be sent to this office latest by 13th April, 2022 through online portal – OPCW Training Management System (<https://training.nacwc.gov.in/Login.aspx>).

3. The Head of the concerned Department/Organization may also certify that the applicant is clear from vigilance angle and no departmental proceedings 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. It is further informed that, keeping in view purpose of the course, priority will be given to first responders (preferably police officers, disaster-relief & rescue officers, military personnel, firefighters) with experience in assistance and protection against chemical weapons.

Applicants who have already participated in the similar previous programme(s) may not be considered for the course. After attending the course, nominated individuals shall be expected to make a report and a brief presentation to the National Authority.

Enclosure: As above.

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2. Joint Secretary (Disaster Management), Hall 'B', 3rd floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001
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The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh wish to invite Member States in SAARC region to nominate candidates for a basic training course on Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons and emergency response to chemical incidents, which will be held from 5 to 9 June 2022 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

This course is related to the capacity building program under Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention, pertaining to Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons. The course will provide training to up to 15 international and 20 national participants in planning, and building appropriate responses for protection, detection, rescue and decontamination operations in contaminated areas in the event of incidents involving Chemical Warfare Agents or Toxic Industrial Chemicals.

Participants completing the basic course will acquire a general knowledge of chemical-warfare agents, of individual protective equipment, and of detection and decontamination equipment and techniques, as well as an understanding of emergency response to an incident involving chemical warfare agents or other toxic chemicals.

The course will facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and provide a forum for discussion among Member States on future cooperation in the regional and international level and on offers that have been made by Member States to the OPCW under Article X.

Given the purpose of the course, its technical nature and its focus on practical training, candidates will be carefully selected and should be first responders with experience in assistance and protection against chemical weapons. All participants are also expected to be physically fit and able to wear individual protective gear for several hours.

The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor the attendance of a limited number of participants. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel,

meals, accommodation, visa, covid-19 tests, if needed, and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The Secretariat will not cover the travel and accommodation costs of non-sponsored participants. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Bangladesh.

When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. It will purchase the tickets and send them to the sponsored participants. Participants will only be allowed to purchase tickets locally if this leads to further savings for the Secretariat and if the Secretariat authorises it. All participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than 4 June 2022** and to depart **no later than 10 June 2022**. The Secretariat's approval is required for any changes to the arrival and departure dates of sponsored participants. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or that result from unauthorised changes to travel arrangements. Sponsored participants shall bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased their tickets. Please be advised that participants must present an OPCW acceptance letter on arrival to register for the course.

All activities during the course will be conducted in English and no interpretation services of any kind will be available. All participants are therefore expected to have a good command of English, both written and oral.

It should be noted that the course is part of a training cycles conducted at the regional level, as such, it is expected that participants selected for this course will also participate in the advanced regional assistance and protection course, to be held in Pakistan in November 2018.

Interested applicants are invited to register their nomination online via the new OPCW event management system **EVENTUS** accessible by the following link:
<https://www.opcw.org/events-calendar/assistance-protection/>. All nominations must be received by the OPCW no later than **25 April 2022**.

The provisional programme for the course and the nomination form is included as Annex to this Note. For additional information, please contact Mr Anton Martyniuk, Senior Program Officer (+31 (0)70 416 3470), reachable also via email anton.martyniuk@opcw.org, and our focal point Ms. Sonja Pecak (sonja.pecak@opcw.org) for any logistical issues or queries.

Yours sincerely,



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To: National Authorities of the relevant States Parties *
Cc.: Permanent Representations of the relevant States Parties *
*Member States of South Asian Association for Regional
Cooperation (SAARC)

Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme

**REGIONAL BASIC COURSE ON ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION
AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
TO CHEMICAL INCIDENTS FOR STATES PARTIES IN ASIA
DHAKA, BANGLADESH
5-9 June 2022**

DRAFT COURSE PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 5 June 2022 (Hotel)		
Time	Activities	Speaker/Instructor
0830–0915	Registration and Administrative Information	
0930–1030	Opening Ceremony Welcome Address Opening Address by Chief Guest Group Photography Light Refreshment	
1030– 1100	Course Overview	BNACWC
1100– 1150	Lecture: The OPCW, the Convention, and its Article X on Assistance and Protection Against Chemical Weapons	OPCW
1150– 1200	Lecture: Implementation of the Convention in Bangladesh	BNACWC
12:00–13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
1330 – 1400	Lecture: The OPCW and Delivery of Assistance Operations	OPCW
1400 – 1430	Chemical Weapons: History on the Battlefield and Terrorist Attacks	OPCW
1430 – 1515	Lecture: Introduction to Chemical Weapons Agents, their Classification, and Toxic Effects	OPCW
1515 – 1530	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
1530 – 1615	Lecture: Detection of Chemical Weapons Agents (Methods and Equipment)	OPCW
1615 – 1700	Practical Exercise: Detection of Chemical Weapons Agents using Detection Equipment (Indoor)	OPCW
MONDAY, 6 JUNE (Hotel)		
08:00 – 08:45	Lecture: Physical Protection Against Chemical Warfare Agents (individual)	OPCW
08:45 – 09:30	Lecture: Physical Protection Against Chemical Warfare Agents (Collective)	BNACWC

09:30 – 09:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
09:45 – 10:45	Demonstration: Individual Protective Equipment (IPE) (Indoor)	OPCW
10:45 – 12:00	Lecture: Response to Emergencies involving Chemical Agents and Corresponding Operating Procedures	BNACWC
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	Reconnaissance and Sampling Operation Procedures	OPCW
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
15:15 – 16:30	Practical Training: Use of IPE (donning and doffing)	OPCW
TUESDAY, 7 JUNE (Hotel)		
08:00 – 08:45	Medical Management of Chemical Weapons Casualties – General Considerations	DESTO (tbc)
08:45 – 09:30	Medical Management of Chemical Weapons Casualties – Agent Specific Treatment	DESTO (tbc)
09:30 – 10:15	Lecture: Decontamination after an Incident involving Chemical Warfare Agents or Toxic Industrial Chemicals agents or Toxic Industrial Chemicals	OPCW
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
10:30 – 11:30	Lecture: Decontamination Equipment and Materials	OPCW
11:30 – 12:50	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:00- 13:45	Exercise: Emergency Response Planning and WISER (Wireless Information System for Emergency Response)	TBD
14:00 – 15:00	OPCW On-line Assessment Tool	OPCW
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
15:15 – 16:30	Group Discussion: National Protection Program and its Elements	OPCW
WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE (Training Complex, Fire Service and Civil Defense(FSCD), Mirpur)		
9:00-10:00	Practical Training: Use of IPE (donning and doffing)	A team of instructors from FSCD
10:00-10:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
10:15-11:45	Exercise: Use of IPE (donning and doffing) (continued)	A team of instructors from FSCD
11:45-12:30	Lecture: Setting up a Decontamination Station	FSCD
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00-15:45	Exercise: Setting up a Decontamination Station	Demonstration Group, FSCD

15:45-16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
16:00-17:00	Exercise: Chemical Casualty Management (first aid in the field)	Demonstration Group, FSCD
THURSDAY, 9 JUNE (Hotel)		
08:30 –09:00	Course Evaluation	OPCW
09:00-10:30	Feedback Session, Course Review	OPCW/ BNACWC
10:30 –10:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
10:45 –11:45	Closing ceremony	OPCW/ BNACWC
11:45 –13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

Annex 2: Endorsement letter

CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAINING COURSE FOR ASIAN STATES PARTIES

**BASIC TRAINING COURSE ON ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION AGAINST
CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO CHEMICAL
INCIDENTS**

5 – 9 JUNE 2022

ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

This form needs to be signed, duly sealed, and uploaded when an application is submitted
<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>

Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS

I, _____, Head/Chief Coordinator of the
National Authority of the State Party of _____, on behalf
of the Government of _____, hereby endorse the nomination
of Mr/Ms _____, holding the
position/designation of _____ in the
Office/Division/Branch of _____, as
indicated in the attached nomination form for participation in the Training Course “Basic
training course on Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons and emergency
response to chemical incidents”, which will be held in-person in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 5 to
9 June 2022.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Official seal of the Organisation: