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Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention

1st Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi, dated 23 March, 2022.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Seeking nominations to apply for a Workshop on Policy and Diplomacy for Scientists at OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech Centre) in Nootdorp, the Netherlands from 21 to 23 June 2023 – regarding.

National Authority 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 Organisation 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 Rules – 2016, “The Authority shall function as the nodal agency for facilitating the participation of its officials and other Indian 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 regard, please find enclosed herewith a copy of the TS Note No. S/2154/2023 dated 20 March 2023, received from the Technical Secretariat (TS), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), seeking nominations on the above-mentioned subject.

3. In line with above, nominations of suitable, qualified and experienced scientists of suiting the requirements of the course, along with relevant documents, following the ‘Revised Guidelines for OPCW sponsored events’ issued by NACWC (enclosed) may please be sent to this office latest by 23 April 2023 through online portal – OPCW Training Management System (<https://training.nacwc.gov.in/Login.aspx>). The Head of the concerned Department/Organization should 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. It is further informed that, keeping in view purpose of the course, priority will be given to the qualified personnel. Applicants who have already participated in the similar previous programme(s) may not be considered for the course.

4. This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority. After attending the course, nominated individuals has to submit a tour report and a presentation to the National Authority.

Encl: As above.



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To,

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2. The Chairman, All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070
3. The Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110002

4. The Director General, CSIR & Secretary DSIR, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Anusandhan Bhawan, 2 Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Marg, New Delhi – 110 001
5. The Joint Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, Block C, Adchini, New Delhi – 110016.
6. The President, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), AIU House, 16 Comrade Indrajit Gupta Marg (Kotla Marg), Landmark: Opposite National Bal Bhawan, Near I.T.O', New Delhi -110002
7. The Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110011
8. The Secretary (DARE) & DG, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICMR), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001
9. The Secretary, Department of Health Research and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Health Research, 2nd Floor, IRCS Building, 1, Red Cross Road, New Delhi – 110001
10. The Chief Controller of Explosives, Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), A-Block, CGO Complex, Fifth floor, Seminary Hills, Nagpur, Maharashtra - 440006
11. The Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Bhawan, Raisina Road, Opposite Rail Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
12. The Director General, Directorate General of NDRF, 6th floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001.
13. The Director General (Life Sciences), Defence Research & Development Organisation, Room No. 338, DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 011.
14. Colonel PP (Concepts & Training), Directorate General of Perspective Planning (CBRN), General Staff Branch, IHQ of Ministry of Defence (MoD), (Army), Room No.-123, 'A' Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011.
15. The Joint Secretary (IS-I), Internal Security-I Division, North Block, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi – 110001.
16. The Joint Secretary, AYUSH Bhawan, B Block, GPO Complex, INA Colony, New Delhi – 110023.
17. The Joint Secretary (Admin), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi – 110003.
18. The Joint Secretary (Admin), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, 6th-8th Floor, Block-2, CGO Complex, Lodhi road, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi – 110003.
19. The Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, A-wing, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
20. The Joint Secretary (Administration), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Anushakti Bhavan, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Marg, Mumbai – 400001, Maharashtra.
21. The Joint Secretary (Training) & CVO, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence, South Block, Central Secretariat, Rajpath Marg, New Delhi – 110 011.
22. The Joint Secretary (Disaster Management), Hall 'B', 3rd Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110 001
23. The Deputy Director General, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC), ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, 344, A-Wing, 3rd floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001
24. The Vice Chancellor, Harcourt Butler Technical University, Nawabganj, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh – 208 002
25. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Bhubaneswar, Argul - Jatni Rd, Kansapada, Odisha 752050
26. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay, Main Gate Rd, IIT Area, Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400076
27. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Mandi, Parashar Road, Tehsil Sadar, Near Kataula, Kamand, Himachal Pradesh 175005
28. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Delhi, IIT Delhi Main Rd, IIT Campus, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, Delhi 110016

29. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Indore, Khandwa Rd, Simrol, Madhya Pradesh 453552.
30. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Kharagpur, Kharagpur, West Bengal – 721302
31. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Hyderabad, IITH Road, Near NH-65, Sangareddy, Kandi, Telangana 502285
32. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Jodhpur, NH 62, Surpura Bypass Rd, Karwar, Rajasthan 342030
33. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Kanpur, Kalyanpur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh 208016,
34. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Madras, Indian Institute Of Technology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600036
35. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Gandhinagar, Palaj, Gandhinagar, Gujarat - 382355,
36. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Patna, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, Bihta, Patna, Bihar - 801103
37. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Roorkee, Roorkee - Haridwar Highway, Roorkee, Uttarakhand - 247667
38. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Ropar, Nangal Road, Rupnagar, Punjab 140001
39. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - (BHU) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh 221005
40. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Guwahati, Surjyamukhi Road, North, Amingaon, Guwahati, Assam 781039
41. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Bhilai, IIT Bhilai, Government Engineering College Campus, Old Dhamtari Road, Sejbahar, Raipur, Chhattishgarh, 492015
42. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Goa, IIT Goa, Goa Engineering College Campus "Bhauasaheb Bhandodkar Technical Education Complex" Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa - 403401
43. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Palakkad, Ahalia Integrated Campus, Kozhippara, Palakkad 678557, Kerala
44. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Tirupati, Yerpedu – Venkatagiri Road, Yerpedu Post, Tirupati District, A.P - 517619
45. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Jammu, Jagti, NH-44 , PO Nagrota, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir - 181 221
46. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology - Dharwad, IIT Dharwad, WALMI Campus Belur Industrial Area, PB Road Post Mummigatti, Dharwad-580001 Karnataka, India
47. The Director, Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE), Jhansi Road, Gwalior-474 002, Madhya Pradesh.
48. The Director, Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), HSIDC, Sector 20, Udyog Vihar Opposite Ambience Mall, Gurugram, 122016
49. The Director, National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune - 411 008, Maharashtra.
50. The Director, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), CV Raman Rd, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560012.
51. The Director, National Physical Laboratory (NPL), Dr. KS Krishnan Marg, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012.
52. The Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Homi Bhabha Road, Colaba, Mumbai – 400005.
53. All concerned



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Technical Secretariat

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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR A WORKSHOP ON POLICY
AND DIPLOMACY FOR SCIENTISTS**

Purpose of the event

1. The OPCW Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to inform OPCW Member States that the third edition of a workshop on “Policy and Diplomacy for Scientists: Introduction to Responsible Research Practices in Chemical and Biochemical Sciences” will be held from 21 to 23 June 2023 at the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech Centre) in Nootdorp, the Netherlands.
2. The objective of this workshop is to raise awareness among young scientists on the policy and diplomacy aspects that are related to the use of chemicals in various scientific disciplines, including chemistry, biochemistry, biotechnology, and other related fields. In particular, scientists will be updated on the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) and other international treaties and regulatory tools governing the transfer and use of chemicals. Aspects related to sustainability, ethics, and responsibility in research practices, as well as safety and security norms and standards in science, will also be addressed. The ultimate goal of the event will be to bridge the gap between scientists and policymakers and to promote the adoption of responsible and sustainable practices by scientists in low- and middle-income Member States of the OPCW.
3. This event is being implemented as part of the capacity-building programmes on the peaceful applications of chemistry under Article XI of the Convention and within the scope of the OCPW initiative on education and outreach.
4. The thematic focus of the event has been set in consideration of the convergence of chemistry and biology, i.e., the continuously shrinking gap in the practical and commercial applications of these two disciplines. The recent developments in areas where chemistry and biology overlap, such as biotechnology and biobased chemistry, are steadily gaining an important role in chemical production, while an increasing part of chemistry research is targeting biochemical objects or exploring bioresources, including in the areas of drug design, natural products chemistry, bioenergy, and biorefineries, among others.



Content

5. The three-day workshop will include theoretical lectures and interactive sessions on the following topics:
 - (a) the work of international organisations in the promotion and control of the science and technology and industrial activities in chemical and biochemical sciences, and related regulations imposed by the international treaties;
 - (b) the impact of developments in science and technology on international security and on the implementation of international treaties;
 - (c) science advice and science diplomacy;
 - (d) the concept of sustainability in industrial and research activities;
 - (e) issues related to the multiple uses of science; and
 - (f) ethics in science and responsible research practices.

Sponsorship

6. Approximately 15 selected participants will receive sponsorship from the Secretariat, covering international travel, medical and travel insurance, and a daily subsistence allowance.
7. Self-sponsored participants are encouraged to apply.

Admission requirements

8. The workshop is open to those who:
 - (a) have a PhD in natural sciences (for example chemistry, biology, physics, geology) or related engineering from a recognised university or institution;
 - (b) are citizens of the OPCW States Parties with economies that are developing or in transition (the least developed and low- and middle-income States are prioritised);¹
 - (c) have been working in the field of applied chemical or biochemical or related sciences (research, academia, or industry) for at least five years; and
 - (d) are young scientists at the beginning of their scientific career.²
9. The workshop will be conducted in English. Participants must therefore have a strong command of both written and spoken English.

¹ Countries appearing on the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's Development Assistance Committee list of official development assistance recipients are eligible to nominate participants. The list is available at: [DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2022-23-flows.pdf](https://www.oecd.org/dac/data/dac-list-of-oda-recipients-for-reporting-2022-23-flows.pdf) (oecd.org).

² Scientists who have received their PhD within the past 10 years and who are under the age of 40.

10. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. National Authorities are strongly encouraged to support and endorse applications from suitable female candidates.

Selection procedure

11. Applicants are invited to complete the application through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Applicants must first create an account and then register for the event. All applications must be reviewed and endorsed electronically through Eventus by the candidates' 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, applicants are requested to send an email explaining the problem to icb.events@opcw.org with a reference to the name and location of the event in the subject line of the message no later than 1 May 2023.
12. Applications will be carefully screened on the basis of the criteria specified in paragraphs 8 to 10 above. Applicants may be interviewed if the Secretariat so decides.
13. Incomplete or improperly filled out applications cannot be considered.
14. Only applications endorsed by the National Authority will be considered.
15. All applications must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 6 May 2023**. Additional information about this event may be obtained by email from Mr Taeon Kim, Programme Officer (taeon.kim@opcw.org) or Ms Rufaro Kambarami, Project Assistant (rufaro.kambarami@opcw.org) of the International Cooperation Branch.

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Revised Guidelines For OPCW Sponsored Events

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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>).

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.