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### NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND CHEMICAL SAFETY AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT FOR MEMBER STATES OF THE OPCW IN THE ASIA REGION  
JAKARTA, INDONESIA  
30 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER 2025**

#### BACKGROUND

1. The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (the Secretariat) wishes to inform States Parties that a regional seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) and chemical safety and security management for Member States of the OPCW in the Asia region will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 30 September to 2 October 2025.
2. National Authorities or governmental representatives responsible for chemical safety and security management, representatives from chemical industry associations, and managers involved in chemical industry safety and security and Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> are invited to submit applications for the seminar, which is being organised to further promote international cooperation programmes that focus on chemical industry outreach and industry-related aspects of the implementation of Article XI of the Convention.
3. The overall goal of the seminar is to sensitise States Parties to new approaches in chemical safety and security management for small and medium-sized enterprises, and to highlight how emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, can affect safety and security at chemical plants, as well as the overall implementation of the Convention. By fostering a culture of chemical safety and security, the seminar will benefit chemical industry personnel involved in safety and security management, strengthen the capabilities of National Authorities and chemical industry associations in the region, and indirectly benefit the general public as a whole.
4. The objectives of the seminar are to:
  - (a) provide an opportunity for participating States Parties to consider and discuss specific chemical safety and security management issues related to chemical processes that have a direct bearing on the effective implementation of the Convention;
  - (b) contribute to sharing information and exchanging experiences on the practical implementation of chemical safety and security management programmes;



- (c) review best practices related to the safe and secure management of chemicals, and generate, through interaction and discussions, recommendations on the structure of future standardised seminars in order to promote these practices at small and medium-sized enterprises in the region;
  - (d) foster broader cooperation between States Parties on issues related to the chemical industry to ensure the achievement of the objectives of Article XI of the Convention (promoting the peaceful uses of chemistry); and
  - (e) enhance and promote the safe handling of chemicals at the national level.
5. The seminar programme will be provided to the selected participants in due course.

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

6. The seminar is open to those who:
- (a) are citizens of OPCW Member States in the Asia region;
  - (b) have at least five years of professional working experience in academia, science and technology institutions, the chemical industry, industry associations, or regulatory agencies in the field of chemical safety and security;
  - (c) have not attended similar events organised by the OPCW in the last three years; and
  - (d) have a good written and oral command of English.
7. The Secretariat will select participants based on their qualifications and experience. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Indonesia.

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

8. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants. The cost of the seminar and of accommodation will be covered by the Secretariat. In addition, the Secretariat will pay for international travel, meals, visas, and emergency medical and travel insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses in accordance with OPCW rules.
9. The Secretariat will not pay for medical assistance. Therefore, participants should be fit for travel. All participants taking prescribed medication should arrive with supplies sufficient for the duration of the event.
10. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. 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.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

11. Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://eventus.opcw.org>). Applicants must first create an account and then register for the event.
12. Only nominations endorsed by the National Authority or Permanent Representation of the candidate's country to the OPCW will be considered. The Secretariat strongly encourages States Parties and National Authorities to seek, support, and endorse applications from qualified women candidates. Candidates who have not been contacted by the OPCW by 30 April 2024 should consider that their application has been unsuccessful.
13. Each application must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae or a short abstract describing the applicant's current research, work, and projects, in particular in the areas of chemical safety and security, transportation security, hazardous waste management, and new trends in chemical technology. A photocopy of the personal identification page of the applicant's passport is also required.
14. Applications must be submitted through Eventus **no later than 28 March 2025**. **Incomplete or improperly filled out applications will not be considered.** Additional information may be obtained from the International Cooperation Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Ms Ting Zhang, Senior Project Assistant (Email: [ting.zhang@opcw.org](mailto:ting.zhang@opcw.org)) and Mr Massimo de Rienzo, Senior Programme Officer (Email: [massimo.derienzo@opcw.org](mailto:massimo.derienzo@opcw.org)).

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