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DECISION

**ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANISATIONS AT THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTIES**

The Conference of the States Parties,

Bearing in mind Rule 33 of its Rules of Procedure, as amended by the Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in decision RC-3/DEC.2 (dated 8 April 2013), which reads: “Representatives of non-governmental organisations may attend the plenary sessions of the Conference, and participate in the activities of review conferences, in accordance with such rules or guidelines as the Conference has approved”, as well as the Guidelines for Future Attendance and Participation by Non-Governmental Organisations annexed to the aforementioned decision;

Hereby:

1. **Approves** the attendance and participation, at the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties, of the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) whose names appear in the list annexed hereto; and
2. **Decides** that the attendance and participation of the NGOs whose names appear in the list annexed hereto will take place through remote access and pre-recorded statements.

Annex (English only):

List of Non-Governmental Organisations Registered to Attend the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties



Annex

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72. University of Embu
73. University of Hamburg – Institute of Physical Chemistry
74. University of Leeds
75. Verification, Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC)
76. Women Victims of Genocide

Background information:

1. African Centre for Science and International Security (AFRICSIS)

City/Country: Yaoundé/Cameroon

Contact person(s): Hubert Foy

Website: <https://africsis.org/>

Overview: The mission of AFRICSIS is to help African states, and other countries the world, comply with international treaties and conventions to stop the spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and to develop the safe and peaceful uses of nuclear, biological, and chemical technologies. We are a Public Policy Research, Analysis, and Engagement Organisation (also known as a think tank) registered as a nongovernmental organisation in Ghana and operating since 2012.

Activities: AFRICSIS uses a network of global and multi-sectoral partnerships to assess security threats, identify implementation challenges, reflect on regional approaches, and build the human capacities and capabilities vital for governments to understand and make informed choices about issues of domestic and international concern. We leverage expertise and maximise resources at bilateral, sub-regional, and regional levels to complement and fill gaps in the efforts of national governments, their western partners, and international agencies.

Financial Resources: Our operation is 100% grant funded. AFRICSIS provides support and full funding for salary, work expenses, travel, supplies, and consultants/contracts. We encourage grant funding from donors, organizations, and companies in all areas. It is expected that office rent, bills, and major equipment will be supported through seed grants. However, we encourage governments seeking consulting services on national implementation plans to provide matching funds to cover the cost of travel and stay, as well as honoraria to compensate expert time.

Membership: Our major partners are governments (Ghana, Cameroon, the U.S., the U.K., and the Netherlands) and organisations (Nuclear Threat Initiative, Centre for Non-proliferation Studies, International Atomic Energy Agency, World Institute for Nuclear Security, Chatham House, Chemical Weapons Convention Coalition). We are constantly seeking broader collaboration in our mission.

2. Aiden Niger

City/Country: Niamey/Niger

Contact person(s): Abdourahamane Ibrahim Issa

Website: N/A

Overview: AIDEN encourages social entrepreneurship through innovative ideas to develop projects in areas such as agribusiness, environment, health and safety. We work closely with national and international institutions to develop programs that contribute to the struggle against poverty.

Activities:

- To meet the goal of the chemical weapons non-proliferation and disarmament, improve dialogue and deliberation over the understanding of key nuclear science and technology issues and challenges by promoting transparency among researchers, policy makers, and the public.
- Create tools to aid researchers, scientists, and policymakers to better understand complex issues and systems.
- Facilitate better scientific and public understanding of key technological and applied science issues like the dual use of chemicals (article XI of the CWC, UN Resolution 1540, and Responsible Care).

- Develop long-term, multidisciplinary collaborations and partnerships between Niger and foreign institutions to advance regional and global non-proliferation and disarmament initiatives.
- Over the past year and despite the COVID-19 crisis and the many security challenges that the country is facing, we have implemented several projects related to the CWC, including an awareness workshop for local actors who have involved at gold panning sites on the use of chemicals like cyanide, held in January 2021 in Tillaberi. It brought together influential national decision-makers such as the National Deputy Soumana Hassane.

Financial Resources: Membership fees; assistance from other social institutions, NGOs, and civil society organisations; training support.

Membership: Anybody can be a member if she/he has fulfilled the condition: to accept to sign and abide by the charter of the Organisation. Currently, we have over 200 members.

3. Al-Hayat Human Rights Organisation

City/Country: Tuz/Iraq

Contact person(s): Hawree Kareem Faqe Salihi

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/LIFEforRDHRD/>

Overview: We are working towards creating awareness within the society about the evils of war, because our society is victim of genocide and the use of chemical weapons. We see it as our duty to work together to prevent any kind of use of weapons of mass destruction. The Chemical Weapons Convention goals, or those other conventions regarding weapons of mass destruction, cannot be achieved in non-democratic authority, therefore, democratisation is the important base for achieving these conventions.

<https://www.facebook.com/alrasheedmedia/videos/587996972185460/>

Activities: Working towards establishing a democratic society in Iraq through:

- Promoting the principles of human rights and democracy;
- Publishing the idea of respecting human rights;
- Publishing the idea of coexistence within the people of Iraq;
- Informing the individuals of their rights;
- Creating awareness among the victims of genocide about their rights.

Financial Resources: We have three financial resources:

- Annual membership fees;
- Donations from other international humanitarian organisations;
- Funds from local companies (through applications).

Membership: We have 37 members, consisting of academics and civil society.

4. Alliance Opposing Chemical Warfare

City/Country: Zoetermeer/Netherlands

Contact person(s): Nima Esteki

Website: N/A

Overview: Our mission is to help victims of chemical warfare, raise awareness of the consequences of chemical war, and cooperate with organisations that have similar goals.

Activities:

- Having close contact with victims and shining a light on their struggles through social media and trying to find help for victims that are in crucial (medical) situations.
- Forming alliances and working with NGOs around the world.
- Attending conferences.

Financial resources: N/A.

Membership: N/A.

5. Altar Relief Foundation

City/Country: Kumasi/Ghana

Contact person(s): Benjamin Konadu

Website: <https://altarrelieffoundation.org>

Overview: Our aim is to create and manage opportunities for connection across sectoral, identity and geographical boundaries, to promote social and sustainable integrated development by enhancing capacity network.

Activities: We host events to champion a peaceful and war-free world.

Financial Resources: We receive funding through donations from members and religious bodies, we also host events.

Membership: Any individuals who are 18 years and above and are ready to support our vision can join the organisation.

6. American Public Health Association

City/Country: Washington/ United States of America

Contact person(s): Georges C. Benjamin

Website: www.apha.org

Overview: The mission of APHA, a 501(c) (3) organisation in the United States, is to improve the health of the public and achieve equity in health status. APHA's values reflect the beliefs of over 20,000 members from all disciplines of public health and over 40 countries. The APHA champions the health of all people and all communities and strives to strengthen the public health profession by speaking out for public health issues and policies backed by science.

Activities: The organisation has multiple sections, state affiliates and caucuses that address creating a sustainable environment, preparing for all types of emergencies; educating the public; implementing universal health care; and investing in prevention and health promotion policies to create healthy individuals, families and communities. APHA publishes the American Journal of Public Health and The Nation's Health newspaper. At each APHA Annual Meeting and Expo, thousands of people share the latest public health research, including issues related to chemical weapons.

Financial resources: The main source of funding is from member dues and registrations and sponsorships at the annual meeting. In addition, special projects are supported by foundations, such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and government agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC).

Membership: APHA has over 25,000 members who are public health professionals from a large variety of disciplines (e.g. medicine, sociology, epidemiology, nursing, psychology, law, etc.) who live in the 50 states of the United States and over 40 countries around the globe. Each member pays annual dues fee to join.

7. American Thoracic Society

City/Country: New York/United States of America

Contact person(s): Gary Ewart

Website: <https://www.thoracic.org/>

Overview: To improve health worldwide by advancing research, clinical care, and public health in respiratory disease, critical illness, and sleep disorders.

Activities: The American Thoracic Society has promoted research related to chemical weapons exposures for many years. In 2006, the ATS established a Section on Terrorism and Inhalation Disasters (TID) that focuses on mechanisms of chemical inhalation injuries by chlorine gas and mustard gas, chemical countermeasures development and public health efforts for preparedness and education. The Section published a research report on chemical injury mechanisms and countermeasures in 2017:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5529138/>

ATS activities include:

- Hosting presentations (see our presentations related to chemical weapons: <https://www.abstractsonline.com/pp8/#!/8998/presentations/chlorine/1>);
- Publications for three peer-reviewed journals:
 - The American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine (AJRCCM);
 - The American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (AJRCMB);
 - The Annals of the American Thoracic Society (AnnalsATS).
- Disseminating information;
- Conducting education activities;
- Research through the ATD Foundation Research Program;
- Advocacy to improve respiratory health.

Financial resources: Membership dues.

Membership: ATS had more than 16,000 physicians, research scientists, and nurses and other allied healthcare professionals (32 percent of whom work outside the United States).

8. Amman Center for Peace and Development (ACPD)

City/Country: Amman/Jordan

Contact person(s): Mansour Abu Rashid

Website: N/A

Overview: To overcome regional divides and to seek collaborative solutions of common problems. We have a unique fingerprint on facilitating dialogue between the peoples of the Middle East and improving understanding and cooperation through means of cross border cooperation, peace education and think-tank.

Activities:

- Jordanian Israeli Joint Strategic & Security Dialogue
- Using barn owls and kestrels as biological pest control agents in agriculture
- Jordanian Israeli Working Group on Water, Environment & Energy
- Capacity training on non-violent communication for school educators & students

Financial Resources: We receive grants

Membership: N/A

9. Anfal Stories Organisation

City/Country: Slemanya/Iraq

Contact person(s): Deeman Mohammed Noori

Website: NA

Overview: The mission of the Anfal Stories organization is to:

- Document the criminal stories of the Anfal Operations and Chemical Weapon Attacks.
- Familiarise all segments of the society with the pains and sufferings of the survivors of the Anfal Operations and chemical weapon attacks.
- Build the capacities of the descendants of the families of the Anfal Operations and chemical weapon attacks.

Activities: We help the victims of chemical weapons to tell their story through writings and other activities that remind the community of the horrors of chemical weapons and other grave crimes. In the last five months of this year, three activities have been carried out in memory of the crimes of the Anfal massacre and the chemical bombing of Kurdistan on 16 March, 14 April and 17 July, with the participation of similar organisations:

- <https://xelk.org/rozh/307714/>
- <https://n9.cl/lc9zi>
- https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=309859610532158&ref=watch_permalink

Financial Resources: Anfal Stories Organisation works on voluntarily basis and provides for its own expenses. There is also a subscription for members and we accept donations.

Membership: There are 102 volunteer members, many of whom are professionals in related fields.

10. ArgIQ

City/Country: Buenos Aires/Argentina

Contact person(s): Maria J. Espona

Website: <http://www.argiq.com.ar/>

Overview: ArgIQ is a non-profit organisation devoted to research and applying the information quality methodology. Because of this, we organise courses, perform research and events not only about information quality but applying it to non-proliferation in general.

Activities: Our perspective helps to understand the WMD proliferation, and the chemical weapons and dual use problem from the informational perspective. Understanding that each stakeholder has their own bias and perspective is critical to performing an accurate and relevant research. In addition to our research activities, we deliver conferences and lectures on non-proliferation of CBRN agents, mainly in Spanish speaking countries. Lectures include an introduction to the CWC and its objectives and an analysis of the current international situation.

Financial Resources: Our organisation is self-funded.

Membership: We have five members. We are undergoing a reorganisation process which will include a new membership system in the future.

11. Armiti Human Rights Organisation

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Faiza Khattab

Website: N/A

Overview: The organisation is concerned with the defence of human rights in all fields, at the national and international levels, monitors human rights related activities and the violations that occur. It can also participate, according to its potential and resources, in meetings and conferences or global organisations. The organisation provides early warning to official and non-official bodies about possible human rights violations before they occur to avoid humanitarian tragedies.

Activities: The organisation's activities include:

- Data collection and analysis to identify hazardous areas and persons most at risk and reduce risks by minimising accidents caused by the use of chemical weapons by providing safer alternatives as non-polluting and safer areas through cooperation with other humanitarian organisations and the government;
- Raising awareness of the dangers, through activities to raise awareness of the population of the dangers of these weapons and how to respond to them in emergencies;
- Survey and disinfection.

The organisation works in cooperation and coordination with national and international non-governmental human rights organisations, in view of universal human rights.

Financial resources: From other organisations and through civil society partners.

Membership: Academics and civil society members.

12. Arms Control Association

City/Country: Washington/United States of America

Contact person(s): Daryl G. Kimball

Website: <https://www.armscontrol.org/>

Overview: The Arms Control Association, founded in 1971, is a national nonpartisan membership organisation dedicated to promoting public understanding of and support for effective arms control policies.

Activities: Through its public education and media programs and its magazine, Arms Control Today, ACA provides policymakers, the press and the interested public with authoritative information, analysis and commentary on arms control proposals, negotiations and agreements, and related national security issues. In addition to the press briefings, the ACA holds on major arms control developments, the staff provides commentary and analysis on a broad spectrum of issues for journalists and scholars both in the United States and abroad.

Financial Resources: The Arms Control Association is currently supported by generous grants from several foundations and governments, including the following:

Global Affairs Canada, Weapons Threat Reduction Program; German Foreign Federal Office; Korea Foundation; John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; Stewart R. Mott Charitable Trust; Ploughshares Fund; Prospect Hill Foundation; Rockefeller Brothers Fund; Samuel Rubin Foundation; and individual private donations.

Membership: The ACA has about 700 members and subscribers to its monthly journal Arms Control Today, which receives on average over 8,000 page views per month. Membership of the Arms Control Association is open to all individuals. ACA provides access to information on high profile events, briefings, webinars, and conference calls.

13. Ashiti Charitable Peace Organisation (CPO)

City/Country: Sulymaniyah/Iraq

Contact person(s): Dler Mohammed

Website: N/A

Overview: We as Charitable Peace Organisation and member of the International Peace Bureau are on a mission to defend human rights and be a charitable organisation.

Activities: Our activities include: supplying food, medication (COVID-19 vaccinations), design camps, defend human rights, protect refugees and assist children. We have carried out several activities to disarm chemical weapons in the world and save people from these dangerous weapons. On the 22nd anniversary of the bombing of the city of Halabja with chemical weapons, we performed the play “We Live for Peace” and cultivate the spirit of love, peace and brotherhood, in which white doves were released so that they would be free in the sky, and there were 22 white doves in this play. The first presentation of this memory was in the Halabja edifice, and in 2015 we presented courses for schools in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah governorates in the regions, villages, districts and districts about chemical weapons and their damage in Halabja and other areas by doctors of psychology in order to preserve the memory so that they can preserve themselves for the new generations, and 20630 students in schools benefited from them.

Financial resources: From international organisations and traders.

Membership: 300 members.

14. Assistance to Mine Victims and Awareness of Explosive Devices (AVIMISE)

City/Country: Niamey/Niger

Contact person(s): Boubacar Ibrahim

Website: N/A

Overview: Our aim is to fight against the ravages of anti-personal and anti-tank and their destruction.

Activities: AVIMISE is a young NGO which since its creation has been committed alongside other existing structures so that together the challenges are met. It is with this in mind that we participated with AIDEN (a fellow NGO) in an awareness campaign on the anarchic use of chemicals such as cyanide on gold panning sites and the risks of chemical attack in relation to degrees of atrocities that terrorist groups inflict on peaceful populations.

Financial resources: AVIMISE mobilises its funds through membership fees, fund raising campaigning, training support and consultancy, social and philanthropic assistance.

Membership: Membership is free for engaged persons. AVIMISE has about 50 members from different areas of expertise and experience from young civilians to retired military officers and soldiers.

15. Association for Supporting Victims of Chemical Weapons (PSVCW)

City/Country: Tehran/Iran

Contact person(s): Seyed Kamal Lohmousavi

Website: <http://psvcw.ir/>

Overview: Supporting the victims of chemical weapons in the field of public health and helping them meet their needs and social and family problems also training them. Promoting the prohibition of the production, storage and use of weapons of mass destruction. Collaborating with national and international organisations to help victims of WMD and prevent the spread of chemical weapons. Documenting the history of chemical attacks by Iraq against Iran, the damage inflicted, the social, medical, and environmental consequences. Carrying out cultural, scientific and artistic activities to promote the prohibition of the spread of chemical weapons.

Activities: Our activities support the victims of chemical weapons and prevent chemical weapons production and apply supporting of the goals of the OPCW.

- Participate in legal and judicial assemblies to defend the rights of victims of chemical weapons.
- Perform recreational and cultural programs for victims of chemical weapons.
- Document the history of chemical attacks by Iraq against Iran, the damage inflicted, the social, medical and environmental consequences, as well as the memories of the chemical victims for public awareness.

Financial Resources: Charitable donations and other non-governmental organisations, as well as income from cultural services and products, membership fees and financial support from charities.

Membership: We have about 5,000 members. Members are those who are either victims of chemical weapons or support the victims.

16. Association for the Defence of Chemical Injuries Fars Province (SCWVSF)

City/Country: Shiraz/Iran

Contact person(s): Mohammed Reza Hajipour

Website: N/A

Overview: Our main goals are:

- Supporting and helping chemical weapons victims through therapy, medicine and medical equipment;

- Holding recreational and medical camps, to visit the chemical weapons victims hospitalised;
- Supporting the families of chemical weapons victims, in critical situations such as Coronavirus (COVID-19) medical support and assistance to the victims of chemical weapons;
- Striving for a world free of chemical weapons and lasting peace for all the people of the world.

Activities:

The organisation is active in seven areas:

- Health;
- Education and research;
- Public relations and international Affairs;
- Administrative;
- Office and support;
- Culture and artistic;
- Environment.

Financial resources: Community funding through NGOs that want peace to be achieved. Also people who want to help improve the health and quality of life of chemical weapons victims.

Membership: A number of non-governmental organisations, victims of chemical Fars Province 5,000 people.

17. A World without Chemical and Biological Weapons

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Ali Mahmoud

Website:

https://www.facebook.com/A-world-without-chemical-and-biological-weapons-www-101151808178542/?ref=pages_you_manage

Overview: WWW is a civic, non-profit organisation that aims for a world free of any chemical and biological weapons. We want to promote peace in the world and achieve a clean environment for humanity.

Activities: Our activities include the preparation and writing of a book titled: *The Death Trading by Genocide Activist and Chemical Weapons* by Ali Mahmoud in two volumes. A third edition has been published on the mission of the Kurdistan Regional Government. Ali Mahmoud was one of the activists who participated in the trial by preparing the complainant, witnesses and important documents for the for the court. We organised a few activities this year to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the chemical weapons attack and genocide in Kurdistan

Financial Resources: Volunteers pay for their own expenses, we also have a fee for members and accept donations.

Membership: There are 17 active members and volunteers, most of them are writers and researchers. All members should follow the same ideals as the organisation: believe in the world free from chemical and biological weapons. Anybody can be a member if they accepted to sign and abide by the charter of the organisation.

18. Bangladesh Chemical Society

City/Country: Dhaka/Bangladesh

Contact person(s): Md. Abdul Karim

Website: N/A

Overview: The Bangladesh Chemical Society (BCS) is advancing chemical education, research and services in the country. BCS is a common platform for chemical scientists/chemists/chemical

technologists to share views, interests, thoughts and knowledge with members. It also works for protecting the professional interests of the chemists and chemical technologists in Bangladesh. BCS organises a scientific conference annually. It publishes a scientific journal titled Journal of Bangladesh Chemical Society.

Activities: We promote chemical safety and security in chemical industries and ensure the implementation of responsible care in industries.

Financial Resources: Our financial resources include: membership subscription, government donation, and more.

Membership: Bangladesh Chemical Society has more than 3,500 members. This includes graduates in chemistry, applied chemistry, pharmaceutical chemistry, biochemistry, soil chemistry and other relevant subjects to chemistry. There are nine regional branches across the country.

19. BioSecure

City/Country: Market Rasen/United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Kathryn Millett

Website: <http://biosecu.re/biosecure/index.html>

Overview: Biosecu.re works with the public, private and civil society sectors to help ensure we have resilient, safe and secure environments, frameworks and processes conducive to taking full advantage of biology as a manufacturing technology.

Activities: Biosecure runs an open online course on biosecurity (www.futurelearn.com/courses/biosecurity/) aimed at education and awareness raising among young scientists that also discusses use of toxins and chemical terrorism as well as the overlap between the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions. Biosecure regularly presents at both the Chemical Weapons Convention meetings and Biological Weapons Convention meetings on issues including chemical weapons survivor rights, universalisation and verification.

Financial Resources: Our financial resources include government funding (UK) and the international scientific competition (iGEM).

Membership: Biosecure Ltd is a private entity with no membership but is a member of the Chemical Weapons Convention Coalition and the Biological Weapons Prevention Project.

20. Bradford University

City/Country: Bradford/United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Dr Michael Crowley

Website:

<https://www.bradford.ac.uk/social-sciences/department-of-peace-studies-international-development/>

Overview: The Department of Peace Studies is a standard University Department within the Faculty of Management, Legal and Social Sciences of the Bradford University. The Department has a number of research themes including a long-term interest in chemical and biological arms control and disarmament. Members of the Department have produced numerous books, academic papers and policy reports on these subjects over the last 20 years.

Activities: Members of the Department, together with London Metropolitan University, co-authored a report published in January 2021 entitled Biological and Chemical Security After COVID-19: Options for Strengthening the Chemical and Biological Weapons Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Regimes. They have conducted research and delivered webinars on related issues notably CNS-acting chemicals, riot control agents and related means of delivery. They are currently researching and drafting a report on toxins and bioregulators intended to provide an NGO input to the forthcoming CSP.

Financial Resources: For our work over the last 20 years strengthening the chemical and biological disarmament and non-proliferation regimes, we have received major grants from the Wellcome Trust, the Leverhulme Trust, The Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Sloan Foundation, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and the British Council.

Membership: We are not a membership foundation.

21. CBRNe Society

City/Country: Leiden/The Netherlands

Contact person(s): Anna Paternosto

Website: <https://cbrmsociety.org/>

Overview: The CBRNe Society is an international non-profit organisation. The purpose of the foundation is to serve as the nucleus of the global CBRNe community by developing and sharing knowledge, promoting innovation and building bridges between relevant governmental, military, industrial and scientific stakeholders. Through the foundation, these stakeholders are given the opportunity to gather and form partnerships to strengthen resilience against CBRNe threats.

Activities: Through the organisation of the NCT conferences and workshops, CBRNe Society is giving civil/military/industry stakeholders the opportunity to gather and discuss issues related to chemical weapons, share lessons learned, raise awareness on the risks posed by such weapons and learn about the technologies available to safely deal with CWA. By also providing practical scenario trainings for first responders, the CBRNe Society is committed to the capability development of Chemical Protection/Defense operators all over the world, contributing to the overall goal of making the world safer from WMDs.

Financial resources: The CBRNe Society's main source of funding are grants from funders who share and are committed to CBRNe Society's mission.

Membership: N/A

22. CBW Events

City/Country: Bradford on Avon/United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Dr Richard Guthrie

Website: <https://www.cbw-events.org.uk/>

Overview: CBW Events is a long-term project to create a record of events to enable and encourage understanding of how policies on issues relating to chemical and biological warfare (CBW) have been developed. It is a collaborative project, with contributions from researchers specialising in various aspects of CBW issues. The Coordinating Editor collates the available information in a systematic manner.

Activities: The core aim of CBW Events is to create an easily accessed historical record of relevant developments back to 1 January 1946. This is supplemented by analysis and reporting on significant events in the current development of CBW policy and briefing materials to assist non-specialists engage with the subject matter. These include daily reports from the Second, Third and Fourth CWC Review Conferences as well as CSP-23 and CSP-24. Briefing materials include the Resource Guide for the Third CWC Review Conference (<http://www.cwc2013.info/>) in collaboration with the Harvard Sussex Program.

Financial Resources: CBW Events is funded through project work. For example, the daily reports from CWC Review Conferences were funded by the Ploughshares Fund (2008) and through the CWC Coalition (2013 & 2018). Financial support for the production of daily reports from meetings of the BWC in Geneva have included: Ploughshares Fund, Acronym Institute, VERTIC (through a Ford Foundation grant), as well as the Foreign Ministries of

Canada, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK. The BWC Briefing Book produced for the Seventh BWC Review Conference and the Resource Guide for the Third CWC Review Conference were both funded by the UK FCO.

Membership: CBW Events is not a membership organisation.

23. Center for Countermeasures against Chemical and Biological Warfare Agents

City/Country: Lagos/Nigeria

Contact person(s): Olatunji Salako

Website: <http://counteractcbw.blogspot.com>

Overview: The Center for Countermeasure Mission aims to support and advocate for non-proliferation and disarmament of chemical weapons. We provide rapid response and medical countermeasure against chemical and biological threats.

Activities: We participated in two important conferences and presented a paper by the lead researcher, Salako N. Olatunji. We participated in the 2nd International Conference on CBRNe SICC Conference, between 10 and 12 December 2020, which was organised by Master CBRNe, Italy and USA NCT Virtual Conference on CBRNe Conference. We had a publication on Detection, Investigation and Countermeasure of Cyanide in Natural Occurring Food and Chemical Exposure at EC Pharmacology and Toxicology, Ecronicon, UK.

Financial Resources: The NGO financial strength depends on funding from grants, philanthropists and collaboration on research and development.

Membership: Membership is subjected to scrutiny and a selection process, applicants must belong to the field of chemical toxicology, chemical and biological terrorism defence. At present we have 35 members.

24. Center for International Security Studies and Strategic Research (MEF Strategy)

City/Country: Istanbul/Turkey

Contact person(s): Mustafa Kibaroglu

Website: www.mef.edu.tr/en

Overview: The Centre for International Security Studies and Strategic Research (MEF_Strategy) aims to carry out elaborate and comprehensive research on world affairs with special emphasis on the developments taking place in the realm of international security and military strategy. In accordance with this objective, MEF_Strategy convenes workshops, seminars, and conferences on specific issues extending from the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) to cybersecurity, and intelligence assessment, by bringing together academics and experts working in these fields. MEF_Strategy also takes part in the realisation of similar gatherings by sister organisations with which it is cooperating.

Activities: One of the important missions of MEF_Strategy is to compile and disseminate publications, such as occasional papers and proceedings of the research projects that will be undertaken by the researchers at MEF_Strategy. In that respect, the participation of MEF_Strategy researchers in such important events like the CSP under the auspices of the OPCW, is of extremely great value to the quality of the work done at the Centre.

Financial Resources: MEF_Strategy does not have a significant source of funding. Researchers who are at the same time faculty members at MEF University conduct research in their own capacity.

Membership: MEF_Strategy has five permanent (academic) members who are also faculty members at MEF University, in addition to a dozen Board members consisting of distinguished individuals from various sectors, such as the state bureaucracy, including former diplomats and military personnel, academia, the media as well as intellectuals, who share their invaluable insights and suggestions with the Centre that help guide its activities.

25. Center for Non-Proliferation and Export Control

City/Country: Bishkek/ Kyrgyzstan

Contact person(s): Mr Timur Cherikov

Website: www.exportcontrol.kg

Overview: Center for Non-Proliferation and Export Control (CNPC) is an NGO established in 2007 to improve non-proliferation and export control systems in Central Asia. CNPC is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation established to improve the system of export control and non-State actors in promoting implementation of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic on export control, the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Activities: Our activities include:

- Promotion of the Kyrgyz Republic community of experts and professionals in the field of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and arms control;
- Attracting investment for research and works to strengthen non-proliferation regime;
- Organising and conducting symposiums, seminars, scientific conferences and trainings on export controls, including international events;
- Consulting on various aspects of export controls and providing advice on the preparation and processing of documents regarding export controls.

Financial resources: Our resources include: UN ODA/UNSCR, the program office in Bishkek OSCE, Embassies, and other donors.

Membership: N/A

26. Chatr Center for Development and Human Rights

City/Country: Kirkuk /Iraq

Contact person(s): Shilan Hama Saleh Qader

Website: <https://web.facebook.com/chatrcenter>

Overview: The Organisation is concerned with the defence of human rights in all fields, at the national and international levels. The Organisation monitors human rights related activities and the violations that occur. It can also participate, according to its potential and resources, in meetings and conferences of global organisations. The Organisation provides early warning to official and non-official bodies about possible human rights violations before they occur to avoid humanitarian tragedies.

Activities: The Organisation's activities include:

- Data collection and analysis to identify hazardous areas and persons most at risk;
- Risk reduction by minimising accidents caused by the use of chemical weapons by providing safer alternatives as non-polluting and safer areas through cooperation with other humanitarian organisations and the government;
- Raising awareness of the dangers, through activities to raise awareness of the population of the dangers of these weapons and how to respond to them in emergencies;
https://web.facebook.com/chatrcenter/posts/1489139888133099?_rdc=1&_rdr

Financial Resources: Our financial resources include:

- Human rights organisations in Iraq;
- Kurdistan University;
- Academics and civil society organisations in Iraq and abroad.

Membership: Our members include academics and civil society members. Currently, there are 87 members.

27. Climate Organisation to Defend the Victims of Environmental Pollution

City/Country: Baghdad/Iraq

Contact person(s): Burhan Azeez Ahmed Albarazanchi

Website:

<https://web.facebook.com/Climate-Organization-to-defend-the-victims-of-environmental-pollution-108572610938721>

Overview: Our organisation's mission is to care for victims of environmental pollution by pressuring the government to secure their health care and protection from the effects of such pollution and from pollution caused by weapons. This type of pollution deprives entire populations of water, firewood, agricultural land, health care and education. As such the Organisation is concerned with the defence of the victims of environmental pollution monitors the violations that occur against the environment.

Activities: Our activities include:

- Organising seminars and civil activities to pressure the government to implement all paragraphs of the Chemical Weapons Convention, because this guarantees a peaceful environment in the future;
- Data collection and analysis to identify hazardous areas and persons most at risk and reduce risks by minimizing accidents caused by the use of chemical weapons by providing safer alternatives as non-polluting and safer areas through cooperation with other humanitarian organisations and government. <https://2u.pw/iEiQ>

Financial Resources: Our financial resources include:

- Annual subscriptions for members;
- Funding provided by international organizations for some activities;
- Funding from other organisations, through civil society partners;
- United Nations funds.

Membership: Members must fulfil the following requirements:

- Completion of 18 years of age;
- At least a high school diploma;
- Adherence to the obligation to preserve the environment.

Currently, we have 131 members.

28. Colorado Citizens Advisory Commission for Chemical Demilitarization

City/Country: Colorado Springs/ United States of America

Contact person(s): Irene L. Kornelly

Website: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/cocac>

Overview: The mission of the Colorado Citizens' Advisory Commission (COCAC) for chemical demilitarization is to provide an advisory role to federal, state and local governments, as well as private citizen stakeholders to keep them informed of the demilitarisation process and to address their concerns.

Activities: The COCAC holds monthly public meetings in the community to keep all interested parties up to date on the progress on the weapons destruction. Additional meetings are held with the Department of the Army, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to address additional concerns and to discuss problems and successes in a more in-depth manner. With the COVID-19 global pandemic it has been crucial to keep lines of communication open even though all meetings have been virtual.

Financial Resources: The COCAC receives funding from the U.S. Department of Defense to cover the costs of advertising of meetings, mailings, meeting room rental and recording of all meetings and minimal administrative expenditures. These costs can exceed no more than USD 25,000.

Membership: The COCAC is made of nine members appointed by the Governor of Colorado. Each member volunteers their time to serve on the commission. Two of the nine members of the commission are members of the Governor's staff who play a role in the administration of the policy or regulations of the chemical weapons destruction. The remaining members are private citizens who have an interest in the destruction of the weapons.

29. Consejo Argentino de Relaciones Internacionales (CARI)

City/Country: Buenos Aires/Argentina

Contact person(s): Julio Hang

Website: <http://www.cari.org.ar/>

Overview: CARI's mission entails a deep study of the main global challenges and the road that Argentina must take to face them. For such a purpose, major players in various public and private sectors establish dialogue with their peers domestically and worldwide on the most relevant international issues.

Activities: CARI conducts two types of activities. On the one hand, it holds academic sessions in the form of lectures, seminars, or round tables. These events are announced on our website and participation is open and free of charge. On the other hand, CARI organises private activities in the form of committee meetings or workshops where participation is restricted to CARI's members or local and foreign guests who are invited to attend because of their expert knowledge or positions of responsibility. Such type of private events are held under the so-called "non-attribution" rule, best known as Chatham House Rule.

Financial Resources: CARI has three types of membership. On the one hand, Individual Affiliate Members, who voluntarily approach the Institution for membership purposes and contribute to financially support the Council. On the other hand, CARI appoints designated members on the basis of their interest in international issues, solidarity with the Council, and generously shared experience at the various forums of discussion held at CARI's premises.

Membership: The different member categories are as follows:

- Honorary Members;
- Chiefs of State or Governments of foreign countries;
- Correspondent Members;
- Ministers and Cabinet Members, Presidents of International Organisations, and other international personalities;
- Counsellors and Consultants;
- Institutional Members.

30. Democracy and Human Rights Developing Organisation

City/Country: Sulimanya/Iraq

Contact person(s): Peshraw Amin

Website: N/A

Overview: Working towards establishing a democratic society in Iraq through:

- Promoting the principles of human rights and democracy;
- Publishing the idea of respecting human rights;
- Publishing the idea of coexistence within the people of Iraq;
- Informing the individuals of their rights;
- Creating awareness among the victims of genocide about their rights.

Activities: We are working towards creating awareness within the society about the evils of war, because our society is victim of genocide and the use of chemical gases. We see it as our duty to work together to prevent any kind of use of weapons of mass destruction. The Chemical

Weapons Convention goals or other conventions regarding weapons of mass destruction, cannot be achieved in non-democratic authority, therefore, democratisation is the important base for achieving these conventions. We have also worked with Halabja Memorial of Chemical Victims and Mayors for Peace organisation by conducting meetings, conferences, and anniversaries to prevent the use of chemical weapons.

Financial resources: We have three financial resources:

- Annual membership fee;
- Donations from other international humanitarian organisations;
- Funds from local companies (through applications).

Membership: Open to anyone who believes in human rights and democracy principles. All members work as volunteers.

31. Elizka Relief Foundation

City/Country: Kumasi/Ghana

Contact person(s): Kofi Kankam

Website: www.elizkafoundation.org

Overview: Our goal is to create and manage opportunities for connection and communication across sectorial, identity and geographical boundaries to promote social and sustainable integrated development by enhancing capacity to network.

Activities: The organisation has been advocating against the rampant use of acids as attacks on humans, especially against females, and the use of mercury and cyanide in the extractive industries, especially in water bodies which has been causing a lot of harm to both human and animal lives. We recently organised a seminar on this where the main speaker was Professor Sampson Agodzo of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology at Paradise Lake Resort, Lake Bosomtwe; Abono in the Ashanti Region of Ghana.

Financial Resources: Our financial resources include:

- Membership fees or dues;
- Fees for education and training services;
- Fees for providing consulting or research services;
- Donations and grants from domestic sources;
- Foreign and international grants from Maat for Peace, Human Rights and Development (Egypt)

Membership: We have 477 members, consisting of women, youth, students, farmers, researchers, academia, etc.

32. Environmental Protection and Public Care Organisation

City/Country: Aden/Yemen

Contact person(s): Prof. Matouk Hassan Saleh Al-Rainee

Website: N/A

Overview: Our aim is to create public awareness about the use of chemical and biological weapons, in cities and areas that were targeted by terrorists and Alhawthi militia. Moreover, to create awareness on illegal chemicals that can be converted into weapons through training customs. All our work and trainings are in accordance with the CWC and its annexes. In addition, together with the Ministry of Defence and Interior for detoxification and decontamination of chemical weapons, we organise trainings, also in accordance with the CWC and its annexes.

Activities: We are an active NGO in Yemen and the only organisation working in the field of chemical and biological weapons, all our work is according to the CWC and it is annexes. We make programs with customs regarding illegal chemicals, these are in the form of training courses for example, on ways to inspect and report.

Financial Resources: Our finances come in the form of:

- Funding from industrialists;
- Membership contributions;
- Our studies;
- Fees from our courses and trainings.

Membership: We have members all over the country these include:

- Volunteers;
- Chemists;
- Pharmacists;
- Microbiologists.

33. Eye Organisation – for Care Victims Kurdocide

City/Country: Helsinki/Finland

Contact person(s): Honar Hussein Sedeeq

Website: N/A

Overview: The mission of the organisation is to care for the victims of the Kurdish genocide living in Europe, including health and legal care, such as providing medical attention to the wounded in chemical weapons attack on Halabja. In addition to providing legal assistance to these victims to legally document their statements as eyewitnesses to these crimes, and work to combat international prohibited crimes by benefiting from the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Rome Treaty 1998.

Activities:

- Joining coalitions of organisations and campaigns against genocide;
- Providing health, psychological and legal care to the victims of the genocide of the Kurds living in European countries;
- Legal documentation of the statements of survivors of those crimes as eyewitnesses.
- During the past five months, we have held two webinars with the participation of a group of European experts and survivors of the Halabja and Anfal crime. The first on 16/3/2021 anniversary of the bombing of Halabja with chemical weapons. The second: on 14/4/2021 anniversary of the Anfal crime. https://www.kirkukdailynews.com/Topic_866_4

Financial Resources: We operate on a voluntary basis and takes care of its own expenses, with the participation of members, donations from friends and the assistance of similar organisations.

Membership: We currently have 34 volunteer members. Many of them specialise in areas of combating genocide, including lawyers and activists, members make an effective contribution to achieving the goals of the organisation.

34. Farmers Care Foundation

City/Country: Tema/Ghana

Contact person(s): Thomas Kwame Osei

Website: N/A

Overview: Our organisation's mandate is to sensitise communities on dangers of chemical weapons and its harmful threat to humanity and the environment.

Activities: We achieve our goals through disseminating information about chemical weapons risks to communities through organising symposiums, forums, workshops, seminars traditional durbars, cultural events and festivals in our operative localities. This has been our usual occurring practice since 2016.

Financial Resources: The organisation derives its funding mainly from the members' contributions and dues, community donations, and other voluntary donations. Limited funds are raised often through fund-raising during and after the general annual meetings. Such meetings have been held since the establishment of the organisation in 2004.

Membership:

N/A

35. Flowers Organisation to Combat Desertification in Iraq (FOCDI)

City/Country: Baghdad /Iraq

Contact person(s): Hayder Alwakeel

Website:

<https://web.facebook.com/Flowers-organization-to-combat-desertification-in-Iraq-FOCDI-100145318427853>

Overview: FOCDI is a non-governmental organisation that aims to remove and destroy all types of weapons, chemicals, and semi-chemical materials present within the country, especially the remains of chemicals belonging to the army of the former dictatorial regime in Iraq and armed terrorist groups. Because the organisation believes that the remnants of these weapons are one of the many causes of desertification in Iraq.

Activities: Activities of the organisation includes:

- Working to remove and destroy the remnants of chemicals belonging to the army of the former dictatorial regime in Iraq;
- Pressing parliament to legislate decisions that commit the government to destroy the remnants of these chemical weapons and the comprehensive implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention;
- Working on legislating a law that prohibits the production or import of any type of chemical weapons;
- Organising activities on the occasion of the World Day of Desertification on June 17, 2021.
<https://www.basnews.com/so/babat/681481>

Financial Resources: Our funding sources include:

- The donations of members and people outside the organisation or other institutions, without any condition or consideration;
- Donations and financing from international organisations for activities, including The Swedish Al-Qandil Organisation; Norwegian People's Aid Organisation (NPA); Zain Telecom Company; Shaheen Group of Companies Contracting.

Membership: Membership criteria for the organisation is:

- University study in the field of environment, law, medicine or human rights;
- Commitment to the international laws and covenants on human rights, the environment and the prohibition of chemical weapons.
- Currently, we have 91 members.

36. Global Network for Sustainable Development

City/Country: Phoenix/United States of America

Contact person(s): Sapna Nurula

Website: www.gnsd.org

Overview: We advocate for peace in the world, eradication of chemical weapons and weapon of mass destruction that lead to avoidable loss of lives in many continents of the world. Our vision is for the actualization of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

Activities: We have established Peace Clubs in many schools across continents of the world through our members in order to teach children and young adults the advantage of a crisis-free world where all humans can live in peace. Also, we focus on enlightening youth to eradicate discrimination against people in terms of gender, race, religion, politics and educational qualification. Every member of Global Network for Sustainable Development look forward to living in a world free from the adverse effects of chemical weapons and weapon of mass destruction. It is possible.

Financial resources: Our funding comes in the form of donations.

Membership: Our members include:

- Vice President: Dr Ashima Mathur;
- Treasurer: Alejandra Molina;
- Secretary: Stephen Daniel.

Our membership is global.

37. Green Environment Organisation

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Sherko Ahmad Abdulla

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Green-Environment-Organization-GEO-161365170625342/>

Overview: A non-governmental organisation that aims to protect the environment from contamination throughout Iraq and Kurdistan, and through pressure on parliament to legislate laws to protect the environment from the pollution of factories and by encouraging the government's commitment to the environment. In addition to spreading awareness among the community to protect nature and work to prevent the import of chemical materials for the industry that harm the environment, we are also pressing the government to compensate for the areas affected by the chemical weapons bombing.

Activities: Working to prevent the use of chemical weapons in armed conflicts by pressing the parliament to legislate related laws. We also urge the government to prevent the import of all chemical materials that can be used in the manufacture of chemical weapons. In addition, we monitor terrorist acts in which chemical materials are used by illegal armed groups or terrorist groups. We would like to highlight three activities from the past six months:

- Organising a civil gathering in memory of the Anfal crime on April 14;
- MeOrganising a panel discussion entitled (The Kurds and the International Criminal Court) on July 17;
- Participation in the civil gathering on July 25. See following links:
 - <https://2u.pw/wC6PG>
 - <https://fb.watch/7bYBuzh3u/>
 - <https://2u.pw/tsRkP>

Financial Resources: Sources of funding:

- Membership subscriptions;
- Donations from members;

- Donations from persons outside an organisation or other institutions according to the law;
- Donations and funding of international organisations for some activities;
- Remuneration and contributions of investors under the law and the rules of procedure of the organisation, free of charge and without conditions.

Membership: Green Environment Organisation has 89 members

Membership criteria:

- Completing 18 years of age.
- Graduate of colleges and institutes for the study of the environment or an activist interested in the environment.
- Not previously convicted by state courts of committing human rights violations or crimes damaging the environment.

38. Halabja Chemical Victims Society

City/Country: Halabja/Iraq

Contact person(s): Logman Abdulgader

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/komalayqwrqbqnyan>

Overview: Our group fights against the manufacturing and use of chemical weapons in the world, we made a complaint against the former Iraqi regime at the high criminal court of Iraq for attacking the Halabja city and its surroundings with chemical weapons

Activities:

- Participation in various activities, conferences and presentations against using chemical weapons, such as the OPCW CSP, meetings of Mayors of Peace and Ambassadors of Peace.
- Participation in various anniversaries of chemical weapon attacks, such as Ieper (Belgium), Sardasht (Iran), and Vietnam.
- Making complaints in local courts and other countries' court against many companies that had sold chemical materials to Saddam Hussain.
- Efforts to overcome and lessen the bad and horrible effects of chemicals in Halabja city and surrounding areas.

Financial Resources: Our group has no permanent sources of financing, and everyone works here as volunteers. Our financial sources include:

- Collected fees from members of the group;
- Making connections with international organisations to serve victims of chemicals and the organisations help us to make money in those projects.

Membership: N/A

39. Harvard Sussex Program

City/Country: Brighton/ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Paul Nightingale (Acting Director)

Website: <http://hsp.sussex.ac.uk>

Overview: HSP is an inter-university collaboration for research, communication and training in support of informed public policy towards chemical and biological weapons. The Program links research groups at Harvard University in the United States and the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom.

Activities: HSP seeks to instil the traditions, practice and benefits of scholarship into the formation of public policy on issues involving chemical (and biological) weapons. University-based research and publication, other forms of international communication, constructive association with people in policy-shaping and policy-making circles, and training

of young people are the means HSP uses. HSP also maintains The Sussex Harvard Information Bank (SHIB) which is the product of HSP's concerted and continuing effort to acquire up-to-date information about CBW and to make that information available.

Financial Resources: HSP is funded through grants. An illustrative list of HSP's major funders would include: John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation of Chicago, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Alfred P Sloan Foundation of New York, UK Economic & Social Research Council, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council, the European Commission.

Membership: There are ten people on the staff of HSP. Mostly based at Harvard and Sussex universities, some are members of faculty, some are doctoral candidates and others are support staff or consultants. Should faculty positions become available they are advertised on the respective university sites. Opportunities for postgraduate study at the Sussex end of HSP are to be found on the SPRU website <https://www.sussex.ac.uk/business-school/study/> and handled at the institutional level.

40. High Hope

City/Country: Sunyani/Ghana

Contact person(s): Kwame Baah

Website: N/A

Overview: To raise awareness about the Chemical Weapons Convention; to study the chemical weapon operations and support to realise their aims; to propagate their agenda holistically for a successful end; to promote the elimination of chemical weapons and other related dangerous weapons.

Activities: With time, we have properly acquainted ourselves with the work of Chemical Weapons Convention and been able to extend the information through shared programs in various media. The most recent is when we ceased the opportunity to interact with the Moslem community in our jurisdiction when they performed their annual festival; 'Eid ul-fitr' and shared news and dangers of chemical weapons.

Financial Resources: We receive funding from, annual membership fees, local public donations, appeals for funds, and individual contributions.

Membership: N/A

41. Human Rights Development Organisation

City/Country: Sulaymaniyah/Iraq

Contact person(s): Araz Khalil

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Human-Rights-Development-Organization-261239407234541/>

Overview: A non-governmental organisation that aims to monitor violations of human rights in Iraq committed by the security services of the State or by illegal armed groups, as well as monitor government and legislative decisions on human rights. It also publishes reports on human rights violations every six months, organises demonstrations against human rights violations and participates in local and international conferences.

Activities: Working to prevent the use of chemical weapons in armed conflicts by pressing a parliament to legislate related laws it also happened in the 1980s. We also urge the government to prevent the importation of all chemical materials that can be used in the manufacturing of chemical weapons. In addition, we monitor terrorist acts in which chemical materials are used by illegal armed groups or terrorist groups.

We would like to highlight three activities from the past six months:

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- Organising a panel discussion entitled (The Kurds and the International Criminal Court) on July 17;
- Participation in the civil gathering on July 25, see links:
 - <https://fb.watch/7bYBuzh3u/>
 - <https://2u.pw/wC6PG>
 - https://www.facebook.com/kirkuksatellitechannel/videos/4291512624204482/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C

Financial Resources: Sources of funding:

- Member subscriptions.
- Donations of members and persons outside the organisation or other institutions, without any condition or consideration.
- Donations and funding of international organisations for some activities.
- Rewards and contributions of investors in the framework of the law and the rules of procedure of the organisation and free of charge.
- Subsidies provided by the Kurdistan regional government for NGOs according to the organised projects.
- Membership: Membership criteria:
 - Over 18 years of age.
 - Preliminary study.
 - Not accused by state courts of crimes that violate human rights and not found guilty of a violation of human rights.
 - Pledges to work towards achieving the objectives of the organisation.
 - Commitment to human rights laws and charters of all kinds.

Human Rights Development Organisation has 137 members.

42. Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)

City/Country: New Delhi/India

Contact person(s): Mr Sujan R. Chinoy

Website: <https://www.idsa.in/>

Overview: A non-partisan, autonomous body dedicated to objective research and policy relevant studies on all aspects of defence and security. Its mission is to promote national and international security through the generation and dissemination of knowledge on defence and security-related issues.

Activities: Research at the Institute is driven by a comprehensive agenda and by the need to provide impartial analyses and policy recommendations. Institute's journals, monographs, briefs, and books are the principal mediums through which these analyses and policy recommendations are disseminated. IDSA conducts the following:

Scholarly research;

- Policy-oriented research;
- Dissemination of research findings;
- Training and capacity building;
- Public education.

IDSA publishes in four journals: Strategic Analysis, Journal of Defence Studies, CBW Magazine and Africa Trends carrying activities relevant to the object and purpose of the Chemical Weapons Convention. In addition, the news media also carry the views of the institute's experts in the form of op-eds, interviews and participation in debates.

Financial Resources: IDSA is funded by the Indian Ministry of Defence. It also earns by selling publications, through membership fees, study projects and by organising training programmes. It functions autonomously.

Membership: The IDSA offers membership to individuals (Indian Nationals) and institutions engaged or interested in defence, strategic and security studies. Membership activities are guided and monitored by the Membership Committee of the institute's Executive Council. The types of membership offered by the institute are:

- Life Members;
- General Members
- Associate Members.

43. International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Kurdistan

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Kawa Nader Qader

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Ican-Kurdistan-Network-IKN-584132411663984/>

Overview: ICAN Kurdistan – IKN – is a part of ICAN. We work at the local level for the abolishment of all WMDs, mainly chemical WMDs but also nuclear. We do this work at a local level in Iraq. ICAN stands for the International Campaign for the Abolishment of Nuclear Weapons. At the Iraqi level we have now 127 organisations present in our coalition.

Activities:

- Rallies against the use of WMDs and against governments that protect the arms dealers that sell these;
- Seminars to inform scholars and students at universities about these weapons;
- Art exhibits that depict the cruel consequences of using WMDs; distributing 20,000 copies of brochures in all languages and dialects in the Middle East to define OPCW actions and achievements for people in general and chemical weapons victims in particular;
- Opening a photo exhibition in all cities and regions affected by chemical weapons, for victims of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons in the world.

Financial Resources: Subsidies from the local Kurdish regional government and from our members. Our organisation is run by volunteers and our activities are low budget.

Membership: We are open to any organisations that work in the same field as ours. One of the main criteria is that they have to be independent from political and religious organisations and ideologies. They also have to respect the international law. Our current organisational membership is 127.

44. International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS)

City/Country: Warsaw/Poland

Contact person(s): Ambassador Krzysztof Paturej

Website: www.iccss.eu

Overview: ICCSS offers chem-bio and environmental safety and security and cybersecurity to all stakeholders in need, including local partners, governments, international organisations, industries, academia, civil society and youth. ICCSS identifies, operationalises and internationalises best practices, capacity building, standards and regulatory measures.

ICCSS ground-breaking work to identify and fill gaps in existing national, international and industry standards and practices, to raise awareness and promote new tools that can be utilised to enhance safety and security and reduce cyber risks, combined with our global networks and partnerships, elevates chem-bio and environmental safety, security and cybersecurity, as global priorities.

Activities: ICCSS was built and is composed of former staff of the OPCW Technical Secretariat and actively supports the implementation of all provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), with an emphasis on Art. VII, X, and XI. ICCSS is a member of the CWC Coalition. ICCSS regularly participates in OPCW activities, including yearly conferences ICCSS promotes the development of the OPCW as a platform for cooperation among all stakeholders to reduce chemical threats. ICCSS cooperates with National Authorities and other relevant stakeholders to implement CWC and enhance resilience against chemical threats.

Financial Resources: ICCSS as a non-profit public-private institution. The Centre was founded as a private entity with public support of the Polish and international partners both governments and private. The Centre accepts voluntary contributions, featured donations, and grants for educational projects. The Centre organises for profit trainings to cover its administrative and maintenance expenses. Among ICCSS's current projects, major funders include: International Projects, EU Commission, Norway Grants, DTRA, EU and governments such as the French government for a project in Jordan.

Membership: N/A

45. International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions (IDUM)

City/Country: Glace Bay/Canada

Contact person(s): Terrance P. Long

Website: <https://underwatermunitions.org/>

Overview: IDUM promotes an international Treaty with Regional Underwater Action Centers to eradicate Underwater Munitions globally to support the implementation of Member State Countries Commitments to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 14 Life below water 2030 Targets.

Activities: IDUM's International Science and Technology Advisory Board cooperated with Hawaii House of Representatives to pass Resolution HR135 Seeking Federal Funding for IDUM/ISTAB to remove munitions from coral reefs for environment friendly disposal. New ISTAB members, Elder Albert Marshall creator of the "Two Eyed Seeing" concept—Balancing Traditional Aboriginal Knowledge and Contemporary Science and a Youth Ambassador. IDUM wrote the Legal Aspects, Risk Assessment and Management Options for North & Baltic Seas. Partner and Co-Director for 3 EU/NATO Munitions Programs. Speaker, The Explorers Club, Toxic Pollution in our Oceans; Road to Lisbon 2022 a UN High-level SDG 14 Summit; Sustainable Ocean Alliance, and UN COP 26 Climate Change Conference.

Financial Resources: IDUM is a non-profit foundation that does not receive core funding from any source. IDUM received project funding in the past for historical research, munitions survey and mapping, investigations, research, to attend international Commissions and Bodies for Policy, Science, Technology and Responses related to Sea Dumped Chemical and Conventional Weapons from European Union Regional Development Fund, EU Baltic Sea Region Programme, NATO SPS; Interreg Baltic Sea Region and private donors. IDUM is cooperating with international donors and Ocean Champions to develop a global and long-term response to eradicate UWMs.

Membership: ISTAB consists of 16 Board Members from more than 10 countries who are indigenous leaders, scientists, academics, and officials representing more than ten nationalities and who act in their personal capacities. The purpose of the board is to provide independent advice on scientific, technical and organisational aspects of dumped chemical munitions to promote dialogue and bilateral and multilateral contacts in this area amongst interested governments and international organisations.

46. International Friendship Organisation

City/Country: Höganäs/Sweden

Contact person(s): Khalid Salihi

Website: N/A

Overview: The International Friendship Organisation looks to civil societies for security, peace, freedom, coexistence and respect for human rights, rejection on of violence, extremism and terrorism in all its forms, and the preservation of the environment.

Activities: The activities include:

- Facilitating friendship between people, states, cultures and individuals; an important factor for peace efforts and respect for cultural diversity. There is particular focus on activities involving young people and future leaders in community;
- Promoting activities that advocate tolerance and respect among different cultures;
- Strengthening the spirit of human solidarity in the face of local, regional and global crises and challenges, and addressing their root causes through cross-border friendships between individuals around the world, in order to achieve the security and development interests of all people.

Financial Resources: Private investors.

Membership: There are more than 60 members

47. International Peace Bureau (IPB)

City/Country: Berlin/Germany

Contact person(s): Philip Jeniings (Co president Lisa Clark)

Website: www.ipb.org

Overview: The International Peace Bureau is dedicated to the vision of a world without war.

Activities: IPB works for a war free world globally from the very first. Our current main programme centres around Disarmament for Sustainable Development and within this, our focus is mainly on the reallocation of military expenditure.

Financial Resources: We benefit from fiscal sponsorship in the USA from the AJ Muste Memorial Institute, New York.

Membership: N/A

48. Iranian Greenpeace Chemical Weapons Association

City/Country: Tehran/Iran

Contact person(s): Rezvan Khajeh Salehani

Website: N/A

Overview: Iranian Greenpeace Chemical Weapons Association is looking to benefit more than 50 victims of chemical weapons. We believe we already suffered a lot by the serious effects of chemical weapons and no one in this world should be affected by any kind of chemical weapons. We are working for peace and not for war.

Activities: Unfortunately, during the COVID-19 pandemic, our victims of chemical weapons suffered a lot because they were self-isolating at home and we could only talk to them over phone. During the pandemic, our most important activities included advising people to take the vaccine immediately. At present, more than 90 percent of our supporters are vaccinated.

Financial resources: The main source of funding comes from small yearly membership fees; however, this does not cover all expenses, therefore, we also get some funding from the government.

Membership: There is a paid membership program.

49. Istanbul University

City/Country: Istanbul/Turkey

Contact person(s): Prof Dr Mustafa Oral Oncul

Website: <https://www.istanbul.edu.tr/en/>

Overview: Founded in 1453, Istanbul University is among the first and longest-standing institutions in Turkey. Located in various campuses and research centres in and around the city, Istanbul University is a public academic institution comprising: 15 faculties, one conservatory, two vocational schools, two colleges and 12 graduate institutes. Istanbul University aims to increase the number and quality of EU projects and other international projects and to develop the recognition and awareness of the University sustainably at national and international levels in the projects and collaborations related to the grants and supports by EU and international organisations.

Activities: Istanbul University supports research on chemical weapons at both national and international levels. The University gives valuable opportunities to their researchers by opening its laboratories and facilities. There are ongoing research activities about chemical weapons in Istanbul University laboratories. In order to increase research capabilities on chemical weapons, Istanbul University employed Prof. Sadik Toprak at the Forensic Medicine Department in 2019. Prof. Sadik Toprak has received grants from all over the world about chemical weapons since 2010.

Financial resources: Istanbul University is a public university. The University receives a wide variety of grants from all around the globe.

Membership: With an academic staff of over 7,000 and over 2,000 administrative staff, Istanbul University continues to develop by establishing new departments and master programs. The University has over 67,000 students.

50. Kentucky Environmental Foundation (KEF)

City/Country: Berea / United States of America

Contact person(s): Craig Williams

Website: <https://www.kyenvironmentalfoundation.org/>

Overview: Kentucky Environmental Foundation's mission is to provide a cooperative framework between the citizens, the military, the government and the OPCW in our collective effort to safely destroy stockpiles of chemical weapons stored in the United States and elsewhere. Under the KEF, the "Chemical Weapons Working Group" (CWWG) was formed. A coalition of civil society organizations in the Pacific, the Russian Federation and the United States, advocating for the objective of global CW Treaty compliance while providing "maximum protection" to communities and the environment associated with CW disposal operations.

Activities: KEF's Director is a member of the Kentucky Governor's Commission on Chemical Weapons Destruction as well as Co-chair of the Kentucky Citizens Advisory Board on Chemical Weapons Demilitarization. KEFS Director has been engaged in the issue beginning in 1984. Has testified before the U.S. House and Senate and received numerous awards recognising his efforts to encourage safe disposal and U.S. compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Financial Resources: Grants and private donations, tax exempt organisation under US law.

Membership: KEF is not a membership organisation per se. We serve communities with no membership requirements. We keep a list of supporters numbering around 600 individuals.

51. Kirkuk Engie Organisation (KED)

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Salah Muhammedhaseeb Mawlood

Website: N/A

Overview: Kirkuk Engie Organization (KED) is a local civilian organisation that works to serve the society and the people from different nationalities and social groups. Three out of eight stages of the Anfal camping (March 1988 - August 1988) were implemented in the Kurdish villages around Kirkuk province and Garmian areas. The result of these three stages was that more than 100,000 innocent children and elderly have been killed by different kinds of methods mass destruction and chemical weapons; the environment of nearly 2,500 villages in those areas was destroyed and poisoned. Our organisation, KED, is trying through all efforts to have a major part in developing these areas and helping victims to return to normal life.

Activities:

- To evacuate and clean up all areas exposed to chemical weapons and toxic gases;
- To restructure these areas or to find new areas free of the effects of destruction and reconstruction in a manner appropriate to the extent of the damage from these attacks;
- Agricultural projects development in those areas if possible;
- Humanity support;
- Public services;
- Society development.

Financial Resources:

- Engineer associations in Iraq;
- KED members and capital owners;
- Civil and governmental organisations in Iraq.

Membership: More than 40 engineers and volunteers.

52. Kurdish Organisations Network Coalition for the International Criminal Court (KONCICC)

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Sarkout Mahmoud

Website: www.koncicc.org

Overview: KONCICC is a coalition of Kurdish NGO's; the mission of the organisation is Iraqi membership at the ICC, which will prevent war crimes including the use of chemical weapons in the future. By organising seminars for Iraqi lawmakers and people working in the law sector we promote the ICC in Iraq. We also organise rallies to urge the Iraqi government to sign the treaty.

Activities: The use of chemical weapons is prohibited by the ICC (ICC Statute, Article 8(2)(b)(xviii)). Thus, an Iraqi membership at the International Criminal Court will prevent the usage of chemical weapons in Iraq. If not, it will make it possible to prosecute the individuals using these kinds of weapons. We also help organisations that are part of our coalition to organise their own rallies promoting the banning of chemical weapons and prosecuting the individuals using these weapons. Activities can be found on our website and Facebook page:

<https://fb.com/Koncicc-113894382140921/>

Financial Resources: All of our funds come from subsidies provided by the Kurdistan regional government and from our member NGOs.

Membership: The number of NGOs that are a member of our organisation is 351. The main criterion for the membership of our organisation is that they have to be related to one of the following fields: human rights, international law, law, anti-genocide or anti-war crime. Naturally, they have to work in an ethical, impartial, non-biased manner.

53. Kurdistan Without Genocide

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Farhad Khalid Mustafa

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/kurdistangenocide>

Overview: Kurdistan Without Genocide (KWG) is a civil, independent, and not-for-profit association to support the demands of victims' families in the Kurdistan Region. It works to prevent and crime the use of chemical weapons, genocide and war crimes that are being committed against humanity and removing the effects of war by bringing peace to the Kurdistan region, the Middle East, and the world.

Activities: Our activities include:

- Supporting the efforts of the international tribunals to combat genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity at the international level;
- Supporting resolutions, action plans and programs of organisations such as the OPCW;
- Banning the arms trade;
- Supporting the work of environmental protection organisations at the international level;
- Filing lawsuits against companies and countries that have assisted the criminal Baath regime by manufacturing, selling, and transporting logistical chemicals;
- Working to define March 16 as an international day for chemical use;
- Holding events in memory of the use of chemical weapons in all cities and towns of Iraq and the countries of the Middle East.

Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, this year, just as other years, we held a demonstration to ban chemical weapons on 16 March 2021. Together with other towns and villages, we participated in memorials for victims of chemical attacks and genocide. We also had two panels about the victims of chemical weapons and genocide, as well as the importance of the international judging of the convicts. You can find in the following link all our activities: https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=267586231833396&id=100057460629344

Financial resources: Our funding comes from the subscription fee for membership in the NGO, donation and funds obtained from selling the organisation's publications.

Membership: Kurdistan without Genocide has 139 members who work for free at the organisation. Most of our members are victims of chemical attacks.

54. Life Organisation to Prevent War and Clean Up the Environment from War Remnants

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Fatima Murad Mala

Website: <https://twitter.com/LPWE12>

Overview: Our organisation works to prevent war, clean up the environment from war remnants and encourage people to protect nature and the environment. We have conducted many seminars and workshops.

Activities: We carried out cleaning of chemical weapons destruction remnants in the areas of Balisan and Halabja. We held an awareness session on the remnants of weapons of mass destruction and its dangers to the environment. Putting up awareness posters and images about remnants of weapons of mass destruction in dangerous areas. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we provided food and water for animals and birds in remote areas and planting hundreds of trees. We want to create a peaceful environment for everyone.

Financial Resources: Our members, NGOs, and some wealthy people will provide services and logistics for our organisation.

Membership: Our members include:

- Fatima Mala: Head of Organisation;

- Hashim Yousif: Deputy;
- Karwan Abdullah: member;
- Shakhawan Hasan: member;
- Younus Mudhafar: member;
- Shakhawan Husein: member.

55. Linx Foundation

City/Country: Dormaa Ahenkro/Ghana

Contact person(s): Amoh-Kodie Lucky Kingsley

Website: N/A

Overview: As a private organisation, we work together to liaise with public and governmental institutions alike with the common aim at protecting the environment against chemical weapons and informing the public about the work of the CWC/OPCW.

Activities: Our activities include:

- Regularly engaging with concerned stakeholders who have common interests in the CWC mandate and wish for the complete elimination of chemical weapons.
- Assessing and evaluating the work of the government in regard to the policies of CWC/OPCW.

Financial Resources: We receive funding through monthly membership contributions and local public voluntary donations.

Membership: N/A

56. Margliz Foundation

City/Country: Accra/Ghana

Contact person(s): Kwame Baah

Website: N/A

Overview: Our aims are:

- To promote awareness of chemical weapons causing extensive damage to the environment.
- To spread information about the elimination of chemical weapons.
- To draw attention to the health threats caused by chemical weapons.

Activities:

- Seizing opportunities to engage the communities we operate by raising awareness of the risk of chemical weapons and the danger they pose.

Financial Resources: Margliz Foundation solely depends on local donations, members' dues and contributions to run its finances.

Membership: N/A.

57. Miran Health and Environmental Charity

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Sorkot Fattah

Website: N/A

Overview: The charity started according to its specific vision of being a leading model for those who want to volunteer in the health sector and the environmental field. Its mission is to provide charity health care, and extend a helping hand to help those in need, to participate in protective and remedial health programs and increase the awareness on the dangers of using chemical weapons and benefits of safety measures in chemical industry.

Activities:

- Providing training on health awareness, education and epidemiology and facilitate rehabilitation of cadres, seminars and conferences;
- Providing preventive services and environmental health;
- Organising workshops based on awareness-raising in the field of chemical and industrial safety (related to the implementation of Article 11 of the Convention on Weapon of Mass Destruction);
- Supporting the Department of Safety and Security in the field of chemical industries in Iraq.

Financial resources: Private sources, volunteers, and other associations.

Membership: The charity allows membership for medical and chemical professionals who have experience in protection, health and environment. Currently, more than 30 health and environmental professionals and over 60 volunteers are associated with the charity.

58. Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO)

City/Country: Rijswijk/Netherlands

Contact person(s): Dr Maarten Nieuwenhuizen

Website: <https://www.tno.nl/en/>

Overview: TNO – Nederlandse Organisatie voor toegepast-natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek TNO (in English: The Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research TNO) is a not-for-profit contract research organisation whose expertise and research make a substantial contribution to the competitiveness of businesses and organisations, to the economy and to the quality of our society as a whole. As a large contract research organisation, TNO provides a link within the innovation chain between fundamental research as a source of knowledge and practical application as the use of knowledge that can be commercially exploited.

Activities: The CBRN Protection department of TNO Defence, Safety, and Security focuses on Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Protection including threat research and all defensive capabilities such as toxicology/pathology, detection and identification, protection, decontamination, and medical countermeasures. It is a world class research department consisting of about 50 people and a so-called High Tox facilities, biosafety facilities and radioisotope laboratories. Regarding the CWC the department is a laboratory for protective purposes as well as a designated laboratory. Furthermore, the department is consulting the government of the Netherlands regarding treaty-related technical issues.

Financial Resources: Main funding source is the government of the Netherlands as well as institutional funding from the European Commission and the USA.

Membership: N/A

59. Organisation Against Weapons of Mass Destruction in Kurdistan

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Dashti Sleman Qadir

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Organization-Against-Weapons-of-Mass-Destruction-in-Kurdistan-200374950433138/>

Overview: OAWMD is a civil non-profit organisation that aims for a Middle East free from any weapons of mass destruction. The organisation aims to do so with the following activities:

- Providing training courses for identifying those efforts to prevent WMDs from emerging in the world.
- Participating in conferences related to the goals of the Organisation.
- Doing public works for achieving the organisation's goals and organising events about WMD usage and global efforts to prevent them.

Activities:

- Organising activities in the memory of chemical weapons victims in Halabja, Hiroshima, and the day of preventing chemical weapons.
- Cooperation with the efforts of organization for the prevention of chemical weapon in the world (OPCW).
- Raising legal appeals against the people, companies, and countries which contributed to the criminal regimes by selling, making, transferring, taking part in logistics, and developing of chemical weapons or other WMDs.
- Campaign in all areas targeted by chemical weapons at the address-thanks OPCW and supporting letters and activities of the OPCW for the communities of the areas were subjected to chemical weapons attacks.

Financial Resources: Funding comes from small donation from the public. The trip to the CSP is funded by the activists themselves. Funded by the Ministry of Martyrs and the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq.

Membership: The 31 members of the organisation are all volunteers and active activists. New members should have the same profile. Members should believe in a world free from chemical and biological weapons, and all weapons of mass destruction.

60. Organisation for Defending Sardasht Victims of Chemical Weapons (ODVCW)

City/Country: Sardasht/Iran

Contact person(s): Abdolrahim Karimi Vahed

Website: N/A

Overview:

- Acting for a world free from chemical weapons;
- Promoting the objective of the CWC to eliminate the existing chemical weapons arsenal;
- Promoting the universality of the Convention.

Activities:

- Giving legal and other support to the victims of chemical weapons of Sardasht;
- Promoting the objectives of society to act for a world free from chemical weapons and WMDs;
- Organising all victims of chemical weapons to have a collective approach;
- Representing the victims in national and international forums.

Financial Resources: Mainly through membership fees. In addition, contributions from other persons and companies.

Membership: Open to:

- Victims of chemical weapons in Sardasht;
- Family members of victims of chemical weapons in Sardasht;
- Individuals accepting the statute of the organisation;
- Individuals contributing to the cause of organisation.

61. Organisation of Defending Mass Graves Victims' Rights

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Kochar Rashad Murad

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/odmg.1988>

Overview: Our group is dedicated to the study of mass graves, including those of chemical attacks victims. Our special investigative team assists in the identification and processing of the victims. In addition, we participate in annual commemorations of the many crimes committed in the Kurdish Region of Iraq.

Activities:

- Hosting development courses and activities for the families of the victims of chemical gas;
- All kinds of peaceful civil activities;
- Conducting research on mass graves;
- Holding seminars, conferences, workshops, meetings and public dialogues;
- Creating brochures, books and booklets;
- Participating in international conferences and congresses related to the victims of massacres and chemical weapons;
- Being a member of the Coalition mentioned above, as one of the goals of the organisation;
- Advocacy in rights, achievements and compensation for the families of the victims;
- Publishing information about our activities on the organisation's website.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of our activities have been limited.

Financial resources: Our organisation is funded by our members, other NGOs and donations of wealthy people.

Membership: Our team includes:

- Kochar Murad: Head of the organisation;
- Karwan Taher: Member
- Kozhin Hussein: Member
- Sarhang Mohammed: Director of Chemical mass graves
- Jasim Arab: Relations Director and Translator
- Chnar Ibrahim: Coordinator
- Rozhan Yousif: Activities Regulator

62. Organisation of the Justice Campaign (OJC)

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Hewa Saleem Nabee

Website: www.facebook.com/1529892493937226

Overview: Organisation of the Justice Campaign is a civil non-profit organisation that aims for a Iraq free from social and economic injustice, environmental injustice, weapons of mass destruction including chemical weapons, genocide, and poverty.

Activities: In the previous 11 years, every year we hold activities in the memory of chemical weapon incidents in Halabja, Goptapa, Balasan, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki, as well as the day for preventing chemical weapons' use.

We also organised multiple activities against the refineries around cities, which is a major cause of environmental pollution and one of the causes of administrative corruption.

We printed a book and brochures on Chemical Weapons: fb.com/1529892493937226/posts/2878826345710494/. We participated in numerous events, for example 34 gatherings for a fair payment for victims in Erbil and other cities and organised lobbying groups in support of this issue. We ran a campaign to support victims of chemical weapons during the coronavirus pandemic and a campaign to spur the government purchase of ventilators.

Financial resources: Our activities do not need a lot of funding and all members are volunteers. We rely on membership fees, donations and funds obtained from selling the organisation's publications.

Membership: The 81 members of the organisation are all volunteers and already active in field of public activism. New members should have the same profile, and be active in the causes we believe in.

63. Pakistan House

City/Country: Bronshoj/Denmark

Contact person(s): Muhammad Athar Javed

Website: <http://pakistanhouse.net/>

Overview: Our aim is to establish better channels of communication between nation-states and civil society to contribute to a positive discourse among stakeholders. We also work for non-proliferation issues especially for the prohibition of chemical weapons.

Activities: Since 2013, Pakistan House has been promoting the culture of responsible chemistry especially in South Asia. Every year at the occasion of CSP, Pakistan House publishes statements of civil society organisations and distributes a free of cost document, in order to support the positive role of civil society organisations in preventing the spread of chemical weapons and related material. Through participation in different forums, seminars, and social media campaigns, Pakistan House generates awareness about the mandate of OPCW.

Financial Resources: N/A

Membership: Pakistan House has three categories of membership:

- Ordinary members include students, researchers, and civil society members;
- Extraordinary members include businessmen, industrialists' especially chemical industrialists, and philanthropist organisations;
- Executive members include endowments/organisations that provide project-based funds to promote the culture of responsible use of chemistry.

64. Peace Foundation and International Cooperation

City/Country: Leiden/Netherlands

Contact person: Tawfiq Asaad

Website: N/A

Overview: The Peace Foundation and International Cooperation in the Netherlands is an internationally recognised institution with offices in Leiden, the Netherlands and Sulaymaniyah, Iraq. We are a humanitarian institution, particularly concerned with war victims who have suffered genocide and other disasters. Our aim is to give these people a second chance in life. The non-proliferation trend has a legal and ethical responsibility on these issues and works to make better efforts to prevent the proliferation of chemical weapons.

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Financial Resources: We do not have any financing or financial assistance from any person, governmental or interested party. Non-profit organisations are aid that comes only from active and not mandatory or compelling members.

Membership: Currently, we have more than 800 members, split between our head office in the Netherlands and our office in Iraq.

65. Rif Memory Association

City/Country: Al Hoceima/Morocco

Contact person(s): Omar Lemellam

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/memoirederif>

Overview: The Rif Memory Association aims to diffuse knowledge and information about the Rif in general, its inhabitants, environment, culture, customs and traditions, history and resistance, and crimes committed against its people, such as chemical warfare.

It also aims at:

- Unveiling historical truths about chemical warfare and making it available to researchers;
- Recognising crimes committed against the Rifian population by their colonisers;
- Getting to know the types of chemical weapons used in the Rif war;
- Collecting, diffusing and encouraging studies about the effects of chemical weapons on the environment;
- Getting to know the relationship between the use of chemical weapons and cancer.

Activities: To achieve these goals the association organises different activities such as:

- Organising seminars on the effects of chemical weapons; and presenting books dealing with chemical warfare in the Rif;
- Giving lectures in schools about chemical warfare;
- Publishing articles in newspapers and electronic media about the topic;
- Attended the last four CSPs and held presentations about our activities, including about the use of chemical weapons in Morocco during the Rif war, 1921-1927;

Financial Resources: The sources of our organisation's funding are:

- Membership fees;
- Private donations from the Association members and other sympathisers;
- Grants from the local municipality and regional councils;
- Grants from the local office of the Ministry of Culture.

Membership: Our Association has an elected committee of 11 members. There are 50 active members. Applying for membership requires a written request that is seen by the committee to decide on its acceptance or rejection.

66. Society for the Study of Peace and Conflict (SSPC)

City/Country: New Delhi/India

Contact person(s): Animesh Roul

Website: <https://www.sspconline.org/>

Overview: Dedicated to conducting rigorous and comprehensive policy research relating to peace, conflict, and human development. Major focus of research remains arms control & proliferation, WMD terrorism, national security, emerging & re-emerging infectious diseases, among others.

Activities: For over a decade SSPC has been engaged in publishing and participating in WMD terrorism and arms control research. The Society focuses on the following themes:

- Arms Control & Proliferation;
- National Security & Defence Establishment;
- Emerging & Re-emerging Infectious Disease (ERIDs);
- Terrorism & Homeland Defence;
- Other security-related domains.

A comprehensive report on "Chemical Weapon, Terrorism/Crime/Assassination through history is under process. Regular opinion and analytical report publishing on COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing. SSPC is part of Bioweapons Prevention Project and CWC Coalition since their inception.

Financial Resources: The Society undertakes projects both collaborative and independent on its core areas of research, funded by national level research grants, members' contribution, philanthropic collaborative research support for national development issues.

Membership: Volunteers, mostly researchers, students and journalists, and academics. Currently, there are over 100 active members.

67. South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI) University

City/Country: Islamabad/Pakistan

Contact person: Dr Maria Sultan

Website: N/A

Overview: The South Asian Strategic Institute (SASSI) University is a premier institute of high learning for policy making dedicated to promoting peace and stability in South Asia through research and innovation. Its work is focused on the emergent nuclear relationship which is at the heart of that stability. However, SASSI's remit also includes chemical and biological weapons, conventional force balance and nuclear export control system.

Activities: The Institute regularly conducts workshops, meetings and seminars of renowned academics, policymakers, and researchers, to create an intellectual environment for alternative policy choices.

Financial Resources: Project-based: SASSI generate its resources through organising seminars, conferences, workshops, training courses and other joint ventures with related organisations in the field of chemical weapons, arms control and nuclear non-proliferation, NSG, biological weapons, etc.

Membership: We are a member of the CWCC.

68. Stimson Center

City/Country: Washington, DC/United States of America

Contact person(s): Brian Finlay

Website: <https://www.stimson.org/>

Overview: The Stimson Center promotes international security, shared prosperity & justice through applied research and independent analysis, deep engagement, and policy innovation.

Activities: The Henry L. Stimson Center has several programs with projects where it works on the non-proliferation of chemical weapons and engages CWC Member States and the OPCW. This includes its Assistance Support Initiative (including its searchable database of assistance programs worldwide); its Chemical Risk Reduction Project (including its searchable database of chemical security laws and regulations, ChemLEXIS); and its Blockchain in Practice Program's proposed project on using blockchain to address the problem of transfer discrepancies in CWC reporting.

The Partnerships in Proliferation Prevention program supports the 1540 Committee at the UN by helping states increase their capacity to prevent the spread of the world's most dangerous weapons and their means of delivery, including chemical weapons. Within Stimson's program, the UNSCR 1540 Assistance Security Initiative is developing a compendium of all CBRN capacity-building assistance programs worldwide and helping States draft assistance requests that better match with appropriate assistance programs.

Financial Resources: The Stimson Center receives funding from more than 70 charitable foundations, governments, multilateral organisations, corporations and individuals to support its research projects, including, among others, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, General Dynamics, Hitachi Ltd, the John D. and Catherine

T. MacArthur Foundation, the Ploughshares Fund, and the governments of Australia, Canada, Finland, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Membership: Stimson has about 40 resident and non-resident fellows, with a dozen or more interns at any point in time. The Stimson Center also serves as one of the twenty-five public interest organisations that host Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellows every year.

69. Tehran Peace Museum (TPM)

City/Country: Tehran/Iran

Contact person(s): Elaheh Pooyandeh

Website: <http://www.tehranpeacemuseum.org/index.php/en/>

Overview: TPM follows two main objectives:

- Raise awareness about the consequences of the wars, specifically chemical weapons (CW);
- Promote a culture of peace. Survivors of CW play a unique role in perusing this mission.

Activities: Recently, passing its 10th anniversary, TPM organised numerous activities about CW disarmament such as educating thousands through the museum's permanent exhibition, oral history of CW survivors, publications, seminars and courses. Bearing in mind the complications of the Pandemic, TPM has shifted its approach to online events and recent activities include launching virtual tours of TPM, holding two webinars related to CW and an online commemoration of all victims of CW. TPM is currently holding an internship program, the course covers the topic of CW and the CWC. It is also launching a new phase of oral history of survivors of CW.

Financial Resources: As an NGO, TPM receives some aid from the municipality of Tehran supporting cultural programs. Some projects which are done in collaboration with funding from partners. TPM also benefits from the volunteer work of its network.

Membership: TPM is run mainly based on volunteer work. Any interested individual can join in ongoing projects or can suggest new projects to be considered. Therefore, there is no official membership count.

70. The Trench

City/Country: Ferney-Voltaire/France

Contact person(s): Jean Pascal Zanders

Website: www.the-trench.org

Overview: Study and promotion of disarmament, especially in the field of chemical and biological weapons. Dr Zanders has been active in the field of CBW disarmament since 1986, worked for several international research institutes and has attended CSPs and Review Conferences since CSP1 in May 1997.

Activities: Research studies, consultancy, education and training, publications. Member and past chairperson of the OPCW ABEO.

Financial resources: Contract work (consultancy) in the afore-mentioned areas of activity. Principal current contracts concern the development and implementation of a master's course on CBRN-relevant dual-use technology transfers, funded by the European Commission via the International Science and Technology Centre (Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan) and the Science and Technology Centre in Ukraine (Kiev, Ukraine).

Membership: N/A

71. United Service Institution of India (USI)

City/Country: New Delhi/India

Contact person(s): Major General BK Sharma

Website: <https://usiofindia.org/>

Overview: The United Services institution of India (USI) is the prominent think tank founded in 1870 in India. It undertakes a wide range of activities, conducts research and study in the field of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), focusses on chemical and biological weapons. The USI is a unique institution with unequalled expertise in the specialised field of WMD, international security, strategy and in strategic affairs.

Activities: The USI stands out as a think tank for its holistic approach to research on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). USI regularly conducts national and international seminars, conferences, workshops and round table discussions on the topic of CBW (focusing on chemical and biological weapons). Many research books on issues and concerns of WMD have been published by USI. Besides books, the USI publishes the USI Journal (quarterly), USI Digest (half yearly), Strategic Perspective (online publication). USI is also known for its library and archive.

Financial Resources: USI It is mainly funded by its membership subscriptions. It is also funded by Ministry of Defence and Ministry of External affairs on the basis of research projects.

Membership: USI is an autonomous institution and manages its activities with a membership exceeding 25,000. The members comprise diplomats, bureaucrats, scientists, academicians, scholars, and officers of the Army, Navy, Air force and Class 1 Gazetted Officers of the Central Services. security forces.

72. University of Embu

City/Country: Embu/Kenya

Contact person(s): Prof. Daniel Mugendi Njiru

Website: <https://embuni.ac.ke/>

Overview: The University is a public institution whose core mandate is teaching, research and outreach to community.

Activities: As a university, our goal is education, with emphasis on Pure and Applied Sciences. The University has a vibrant Department of Chemistry and Biology and have formulations of research and teaching areas relevant to the CWC. The School of Pure and Applied Sciences has carried out research in the areas relevant to the conference and continues to move with these endeavours linking close with the Chemical Society of Kenya to remain within the focus areas of the country.

Financial resources: The university is a public university 80% funded by the exchequer. In addition, the university gets funding from income generating activities such as sales from the university farm, value-added products, etc.

Membership: The university does not operate on a membership basis.

73. University of Hamburg – Institute of Physical Chemistry

City/Country: Hamburg/Germany

Contact person(s): Dr Gunnar Jeremias

Website: N/A

Overview: Research on CBW disarmament.

Activities: Our activities include:

- Following the activities of OPCW and the EU with respect to non-proliferation of chemical weapons;
- Giving lectures and presentations on non-proliferation activities, enhancing understanding of chemical and physical background knowledge for the detection of breaches of the CWC in open-source data for interested students and the public.

Financial resources: Projects on CBW disarmament are currently funded by the German Ministry for Research and Higher Education.

Membership: Open to all interested persons.

74. University of Leeds

City/Country: Leeds/ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Alastair Hay

Website: N/A

Overview: Increasing awareness of the CWC through teaching and training of students, academia and staff of various organisations. Membership of the ABEO.

Activities: Prof. Hay is a member of the ABEO, does talks on chemical weapons and the CWC at public venues and in universities, Chairs a CWC Advisory Committee in the UK which brings together all relevant government departments in the UK involved with CW issues as well as representatives of the chemical industry, chemical trade associations and academe.

Financial resources: Self-funded.

Membership: One person (Professor Alastair Hay).

75. Verification, Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC)

City/Country: London/ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Larry MacFaul

Website: <https://www.vertic.org/>

Overview: VERTIC (the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre) is an independent, non-profit making organisation in London, United Kingdom. Established in 1986, our mission is to support the development, implementation and compliance mechanisms with regard to international agreements and related initiatives. Our primary focus is on non-proliferation and disarmament of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and the security of related materials.

Activities: In May 2021, VERTIC published the CWC legislation survey template and promoted it during a webinar. This tool aims to assist states to analyse their CWC legislation on the basis of 163 measures. It takes into account the related obligations in UNSCR 1540 and in other treaties. Moreover, a survey overview template provides a place to summarise the survey's main findings and formulate recommendations to strengthen legislation. With this publication, it is hoped more state officials can gain a better understanding of the specific national implementation measures for the CWC.

Financial Resources: European Union CBRN Centres of Excellence Initiative / Sustainable Criminal, Justice Solutions, Global Affairs Canada, James Martin Centre for Non-proliferation Studies, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UK Counter Proliferation and Arms Control Centre, United Nations, US State Department.

Membership: VERTIC has 13 staff working across three programmes:

- Verification and Monitoring (VM);
- Compliance, Mechanisms and Measures;
- National Implementation Measures (NIM).

We work with governmental officials, international governmental and non-governmental organisations, and independent experts.

76. Women Victims of Genocide

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Runak Hassan

Website: N/A

Overview: Our goals include:

- Working for the female victims of terror and genocide;
- Supporting female victims of chemical gas attacks;
- Holding conferences, workshops and trainings for victims of chemical gas attacks;
- Working with local and international NGOs who support victims.

Activities:

Our activities include:

- two seminars in Halabja and Balisan city about the role of women victims in establishing peace and non-violent society;
- training women victims in Kirkuk, Halabja and Balisan to how defend their rights (March-October 2017);
- participation in the activities and campaigns of Mayors for Peace and IPB in Kurdistan regarding the ban on chemical weapons in the world as we believe that the victims and survivors can play an important role in that field;

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all our activities were suspended last year.

Financial resources: We receive funding from support from members, support from other local and international organisations, and from other individuals who believe in our goals.

Membership: At the moment we have 31 members, and we are open to accepting anyone who believes in our goals.