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ENGLISH only

**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**

**ONLINE EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMME  
FOR YOUTH ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF CHEMISTRY  
7 APRIL 2022**

**Purpose of the course**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) wishes to inform Member States that it will organise an online Education Training Programme on Peaceful Uses of Chemistry for Youth on 7 April 2022.
2. The programme will accommodate 60 participants from Member States of the OPCW with economies that are developing or in transition. It is open to university students in chemistry, chemical engineering, or other relevant chemistry-related scientific fields, who are keen to pursue a career in chemistry or chemical disarmament, or who are expected to assume important research roles in chemistry within a university or an academic institution. The overall objective of the programme is to raise awareness among young people on the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), the importance of chemical safety and security management, key concepts and historical events associated with the use, misuse, and abuse of dual-use chemicals, and the benefits of the peaceful use of chemistry.

**Programme structure**

3. The online training programme will focus on tailored presentations and discussions addressing various aspects of concern relevant to the peaceful use of chemistry. It will offer an opportunity for interested young people and students to gain awareness of the Convention, as well as insight into peaceful uses of chemistry. It will help participants liaise, network, build, and foster professional relationships, and eventually support ongoing efforts towards the prohibition of chemical weapons.

**Eligibility requirements and selection procedure**

4. Applications will be carefully screened on the basis of the criteria specified in paragraph 2 above.
5. All programme activities will be conducted in English, and no interpretation services of any kind will be provided. Participants are therefore expected to have a good command of the English language, both written and oral.



6. Nominations of women candidates are strongly encouraged.

**Application procedure**

7. Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Applicants must first create an account and then register for the event. Only in exceptional circumstances involving technical difficulties may application documents be obtained from the International Cooperation Branch; a complete set should then be returned via email attachment ([icb.events@opcw.org](mailto:icb.events@opcw.org)) with the reference “Youth Education Training” in the subject line of the message.
8. Only nominations endorsed by the National Authority or Permanent Representation of the candidate’s country to the OPCW will be considered. The endorsement form (attached as an Annex to this Note), together with an up-to-date curriculum vitae, must be uploaded during the online registration process.
9. Applications should be submitted to the Secretariat **no later than Tuesday, 15 March 2022**. If needed, additional information about this programme may be obtained from the International Cooperation Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact person is Mr Saurabh Bhandari, Programme Officer and can be reached by telephone (+31 (0)70 416 3489) or by email ([icb.events@opcw.org](mailto:icb.events@opcw.org)).

Annex:           Endorsement Form

**Annex****ONLINE EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMME  
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OR PERMANENT REPRESENTATION**

This form must be signed, duly sealed, and uploaded when submitting the application electronically (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Head/Chief Coordinator of the National Authority/Permanent Representation of the State Party of \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of the Government of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby endorse the nomination of Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_, holding the position/designation of \_\_\_\_\_ in the University of \_\_\_\_\_, as indicated in the online registration, for participation in the online Education Training Programme on Peaceful Uses of Chemistry for Youth, to be held on 7 April 2022.

**I also certify that the above candidate fulfils all the requirements mentioned in the Invitation Note.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Official seal of the organisation: