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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**  
**OPCW CALENDAR FOR JUNE TO DECEMBER 2023**

1. The calendar annexed hereto lists events that the OPCW has organised—some in cooperation with one or more Member States—that are to be held from June to December 2023. It also includes sessions and meetings of the policy-making organs and their subsidiary bodies. It does not include consultations of an informal nature or other activities of the Executive Council; these are reflected in the OPCW weekly Journal.
2. The calendar is also available on the OPCW website ([www.opcw.org](http://www.opcw.org)) and will be updated periodically.
3. The last column in the calendar indicates which unit of the Technical Secretariat can be contacted about each event listed.

Annex: OPCW Calendar for June to December 2023



## Annex

## OPCW CALENDAR FOR JUNE TO DECEMBER 2023

Date	Title	Reference	Location/modality	Secretariat Contact <sup>1</sup>
<b>JUNE</b>				
6 – 9 June	Fifty-Fourth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-53/1, dated 28 July 2022	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, Netherlands	BFB
19 & 20 June	Symposium on Women in Chemistry	S/2137/2023, dated 21 February 2023	OPCW ChemTech Centre, Nootdorp, Netherlands	ICB
19 – 23 June	Basic course for first responders	—	Seoul, Republic of Korea	APB
20 – 22 June	Fifteenth Session of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, Netherlands	OSP
20 – 22 June	Advanced seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention and chemical safety and security management for States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean	—	Mexico City, Mexico	ICB
21 – 23 June	Workshop on Policy and Diplomacy for Scientists	S/2154/2023, dated 20 March 2023	OPCW ChemTech Centre, Nootdorp, Netherlands	ICB
26 – 29 June	Online foundation course on assistance and protection against chemical weapons	S/2159/2023, dated 17 April 2023	Virtual course	APB

<sup>1</sup> Legend for Division and Branch names:

APB: Assistance and Protection Branch

BFB: Budget and Finance Branch

ERD: External Relations Division

ICB: International Cooperation Branch

IPB: Implementation Support Branch

OSP: Office of Strategy and Policy

PMO: Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs

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26 June – 6 July	Online basic analytical chemistry course	S/2167/2023, dated 25 April 2023	Virtual course	ICB
27 – 29 June	General training course on the Chemical Weapons Convention and national obligations for personnel of National Authorities and relevant stakeholders of States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean	—	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	IPB
<b>JULY</b>				
3 – 8 July	Basic course in assistance and protection	—	Spiez, Switzerland	APB
4 – 6 July	Twenty-Fourth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean	S/2162/2023, dated 20 April 2023	Brasília, Brazil	IPB
10 – 15 July	Basic training course for African States Parties on responding to incidents involving chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals	S/2152/2023, dated 8 March 2023	Abuja, Nigeria	APB
11 – 13 July	Basic analytical chemistry course for women chemists	S/2146/2023, dated 3 March 2023	OPCW ChemTech Centre, Nootdorp, Netherlands	ICB
11 – 14 July	103rd Session of the Executive Council	EC-100/CRP.2, dated 7 July 2022	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, Netherlands	PMO
21 July – 22 September	Associate Programme 2023	S/2117/2022, dated 28 November 2022	Various locations	ICB
25 – 27 July	Twenty-First Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Africa	S/2163/2023, dated 20 April 2023	Harare, Zimbabwe	IPB
25 – 28 July	Fifty-Fifth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-53/1	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, Netherlands	BFB

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<b>AUGUST</b>				
20 – 31 August	Online course on the Emergency Response Guidebook, the Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders, and the Incident Command System	S/2152/2023	Virtual course	APB
28 August – 1 September	Thirty-Seventh Session of the Scientific Advisory Board	SAB-36/1*, dated 29 September 2022	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, Netherlands	OSP
29 & 30 August	Twenty-Second Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Eastern Europe	—	Virtual meeting	IPB
29 – 31 August	Twenty-First Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Asia	S/2161/2023, dated 18 April 2023	Siem Reap, Cambodia	IPB
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
1 September – 6 October	Online Wuppertal course on explosion protection and safety management in the chemical process industries	S/2118/2022, dated 30 November 2022	Virtual course	ICB
4 – 15 September	Analytical skills development course (ASDC) at the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT)	S/2143/2023, dated 3 March 2023	Hyderabad, India	ICB
11 – 15 September	Practical, hands-on basic training course at the Federal Academy for Civil Protection and Civil Defence	S/2159/2023	Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler, Germany	APB
11 – 22 September	Analytical skills development course for States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean (in collaboration with LAVEMA Spain)	—	Madrid, Spain	ICB
11 – 22 September	Two courses on the enhancement of laboratory skills at the Finnish Institute for Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (VERIFIN)	S/2140/2023, dated 22 February 2023	Helsinki, Finland	ICB
18 – 22 September	Asser Institute Annual Training Programme on Disarmament and Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction	S/2150/2023, dated 7 March 2023	The Hague, Netherlands	ERD

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23 September – 4 October	“CHEMEX Africa” (multi-component chemical emergency response capacity-building exercise for the Africa region)	S/2142/2023, dated 21 March 2023	Algiers, Algeria	APB
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
2 – 31 October	Online course on the Emergency Response Guidebook, information systems for emergency responders, and the Incident Command System	S/2159/2023	Virtual course	APB
10 – 13 October	104th Session of the Executive Council	EC-100/CRP.2	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, Netherlands	PMO
15 – 19 October	2023 International Medical Training Course	—	Tehran, Iran (Islamic Republic of)	APB
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
6 – 8 November	International conference on medical and clinical aspects of exposure to toxic chemicals (in emergencies and combined emergencies)	—	OPCW ChemTech Centre, Nootdorp, Netherlands	APB
6 – 10 November	Emergency response course involving toxic chemicals in unconventional environments for States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean	S/2133/2023, dated 9 February 2023	Murcia, Spain	APB
6 – 11 November	Swiss Laboratory Course	—	Spiez, Switzerland	APB
13 – 17 November	Practical, hands-on integrated advanced course and exercise at the Defense Science and Technology Organization	S/2159/2023	Islamabad, Pakistan	APB
13 – 25 November	Course for States Parties in Asia on assistance and protection in deterrence and prevention on the use of chemical weapons and toxic industrial chemicals, from a LEO first responders’ perspective	—	Singapore	APB
15 – 21 November	Integrated advanced course and exercise for African States Parties on responding to incidents involving chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals	S/2152/2023	Windhoek, Namibia	APB

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27 November – 1 December	Twenty-Eighth Session of the Conference of the States Parties	C-26/5, dated 2 December 2021	World Forum, The Hague, Netherlands	PMO

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