

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of National Authorities The Hague, The Netherlands, 19 - 21 November 2025

	<b>Tuesday, 18 November 2025</b>
14:00 - 17:30	Pre-registration of participants (OPCW Lobby)
	<b>DAY 1: Wednesday, 19 November 2025</b>
08:30 - 09:30	Registration of participants (OPCW Lobby)
09:30 - 09:45	<b>Opening Address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias, Director-General of the OPCW</li> </ul>
09:45 - 10:00	<b>Group Photo and Administrative Announcements</b>
	<b>OPCW SECRETARIAT UPDATES</b>
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Presentation: Updates on capacity-development activities of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Suljuk Mustansar Tarar, Director, International Cooperation Division (ICA)</li> <li>Ms Beatrix Lahoupe, Head, Implementation Support Branch (IPB), ICA, OPCW</li> <li>Ms Rebecca Eapen, Head, Assistance and Protection Branch (APB), ICA, OPCW</li> <li>Mr Li Zhao, Head, International Cooperation Branch (ICB); ICA, OPCW</li> </ul>
	<i>Open Discussion and Q&amp;A</i>
10:30 - 10:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:50 - 11:10	<b>Presentation: Advancing Our Mission: Strategic Focus Areas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Marcin Wroblewski, Director, Strategy and Policy Office of the Director, OPCW</li> </ul>
	<i>Open Discussion and Q&amp;A</i>
11:10 - 11:30	<b>Presentation: Updates on Declarations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Sonja Regler, Head of Declarations Branch (H/DEB), OPCW</li> </ul>
11:30 - 11:50	<b>Presentation: Updates on Activities of the Inspectorate Division</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Rebecca Kimbrell, Head of the Programme Control and Monitoring Branch, Inspectorate Division, OPCW</li> </ul>
11:50 - 12:00	<i>Open Discussion and Q&amp;A</i>
12:00 - 12:30	<b>Presentation: Status of Implementation of Article VII of the CWC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Suzanna Khoshabi, Programme Officer (Legal), IPB, ICA, OPCW</li> </ul>
	<i>Open Discussion and Q&amp;A</i>
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
	<i>Administrative matters (for sponsored participants only, RM 003 and RM 001)</i>
14:00 - 15:00	<b>Bilateral Meetings with relevant Secretariat staff/other States Parties</b> [Note: to be requested in advance: <a href="mailto:sabrina.maaliou@opcw.org">sabrina.maaliou@opcw.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:belle.bramer@opcw.org">belle.bramer@opcw.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:rene.betancourt@opcw.org">rene.betancourt@opcw.org</a> ]
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	<b>REGIONAL GROUP MEETINGS</b>
15:15 - 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Africa (Ieper Room)</b> Chairperson: National Authority of Kenya Facilitator: Mr Solomon Haile, Senior Coordination and Planning Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW</li> <li><b>Asia (Training Room B11)</b> Chairperson: National Authority of India Facilitator: Ms Suzanna Khoshabi, Programme Officer (Legal), IPB, ICA, OPCW</li> <li><b>Eastern Europe (Room 027)</b> Chairperson: National Authority of Romania Facilitator: Ms Elena Gjoreska, Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW</li> <li><b>Latin America and the Caribbean (Ooms Room)</b> Chairperson: National Authority of Trinidad and Tobago and National Authority of Bolivia Facilitator: Mr Rene Betancourt, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Western Europe and Others</b> (Room B33)</li> </ul> <p>Chairperson: National Authority of Italy Facilitator: <i>Ms Beatrix Lahoupe, Head, IPB, ICA, OPCW</i></p>
17:30 - 19:30	<b>Reception at the OPCW Delegates' lounge</b> <i>Hosted by H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias, Director-General of the OPCW</i>
<b>DAY 2: Thursday, 20 November 2025</b>	
09:00 - 09:30	<b>Administrative matters</b> (for sponsored participants only, RM 003 and RM 001)
09:30 - 09:35	<b>Summary of Day 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Rene Betancourt, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
09:35 - 10:20	<b>Presentation: Rapporteurs' feedback from Regional Group Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Africa</i></li> <li>• <i>Asia</i></li> <li>• <i>Eastern Europe</i></li> <li>• <i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i></li> <li>• <i>Western Europe and Others</i></li> </ul>
10:20 - 10:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	<b>THEMATIC SESSION 1: CWC Comprehensive Implementation: National Legislation &amp; Emerging Security Challenges</b>
10:35 - 10:50	<b>Presentation: Chemical Risks, Emerging Threats, and the Security Imperative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Ian Tippet, Specialized Officer, Chemical Explosives Terrorism Prevention Unit, INTERPOL General Secretariat</i></li> </ul>
10:50 - 11:05	<b>Presentation: The Dual-Use Chemicals: Balancing Legislation, Security, and Scientific Progress</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Machiko Kanetake, Academic Director, Asser Institute</i></li> </ul>
11:05 - 11:15	<i>Open Discussion and Q&amp;A</i>
11:15 - 11:25	<b>Presentation: Advancing CWC Implementing Legislation: Current Trends and Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Suzanna Khoshabi, Programme Officer (Legal), IPB, ICA, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
11:25 - 11:45	<b>Expert Insights: Strengthening the Application of CWC Implementing Legislation to Address Emerging Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Ralf Trapp, International Disarmament Consultant</i></li> </ul>
11:45 - 12:30	<b>Panel Discussion: Developing Effective CWC Implementing Legislation – National Experiences, Challenges, and Collaboration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Ralf Trapp, International Disarmament Consultant</i></li> <li>• <i>Seychelles</i></li> <li>• <i>Philippines</i></li> <li>• <i>Dominican Republic</i></li> <li>• <i>Sao Tome and Principe</i></li> </ul>
	<i>Open Discussion and Q&amp;A</i>
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
	<b>THEMATIC SESSION 2: Global Enforcement Efforts to Prevent the Re-Emergence of Chemical Weapons</b>
14:00 - 14:15	<b>Presentation: Penal Provisions in CWC Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Rene Betancourt, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
14:15 - 14:30	<b>Presentation: Ensuring Accountability for CWC Prohibited Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Talgat Toleubayev, Regional Coordinator for South East and Eastern Europe, Expert Trainer, UNICRI</i></li> </ul>
14:30 - 15:00	<b>Panel Discussion: National Experiences in Applying Chemical Weapons Legislation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>United Kingdom</i></li> <li>• <i>Pakistan</i></li> <li>• <i>Netherlands</i></li> <li>• <i>INTERPOL</i></li> </ul>
15:00 - 15:10	<i>Open Discussion and Q&amp;A</i>
15:10 - 15:25	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	<b>THEMATIC SESSION 3: Enhancing States Parties' Measures to Prevent Illicit Transfers of Toxic Chemicals</b>

15:25 - 15:35	<b>Presentation: Legislative Measures to Prevent Illicit Transfers and Strengthen Capacity Building</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Solomon Haile, Senior Coordination and Planning Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
15:35 - 15:50	<b>Presentation: Risk Management of Scheduled Chemicals in International Commerce</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr James McColm, Head of Unit - Border Security Unit at World Customs Organization, WCO</i></li> </ul>
15:50 - 16:05	<b>Presentation: Combating Illicit CBRN Material Transfers: Cross-Border and E-Commerce Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr João Simões, Head of CBRN &amp; Explosives, EUROPOL</i></li> </ul>
16:05 - 16:35	<b>Panel Discussion: Preventing Illicit Transfers of Toxic Chemicals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Australia</i></li> <li>• <i>Cambodia</i></li> <li>• <i>Chile</i></li> <li>• <i>Oman</i></li> <li>• <i>Netherlands</i></li> <li>• <i>Singapore</i></li> </ul>
	<b>Breakout Group Exercise with the participation of all Member States on the following topics:</b>
16:35 - 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Countering Illicit Chemical Transfers in E-Commerce and Cross-Border Trade [IPB] (<i>Ooms Room - no interpretation</i>)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Law to Practice: Enhancing the Effectiveness of National Implementing Legislation [IPB] (<i>Room B33 - no interpretation</i>)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing the Role of the National Authority to Support Frontline Emergency Responders during Chemical Incidents [APB] (<i>Leper Room – interpretation EN/FR/ES</i>)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Path to Enhancing Designated and Twinning Laboratories [ICB] (<i>Room B11 - no interpretation</i>)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridging the Gap between Reporting and Readiness: Making Article X Work for National Resilience [APB] (<i>Room 027 - no interpretation</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 3: Friday, 21 November 2025</b>	
09:00 - 09:05	<b>Summary of Day 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Rene Betancourt, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
09:05 - 09:35	<b>Presentation: Rapporteurs' feedback from the Breakout Group Exercise</b> <i>[5 Member States]</i>
	<b>THEMATIC SESSION 4: Assistance and Protection</b>
09:35 - 09:40	<b>Introduction</b>
09:40 - 09:50	<b>Presentation: Integrated Advanced Course and Exercise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Miguel Albaladejo Pomares, Senior Programme Officer, APB, ICA, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
09:50 - 10:20	<b>Country presentations: Integrated Advanced Course and Exercise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Malaysia</i></li> <li>• <i>Ecuador</i></li> <li>• <i>Panama</i></li> </ul>
	Open Discussion and Q&A
10:20 - 10:30	<b>Overview and Analysis: Status of Protection and Assistance Databank and Article XI, Paragraph 4 reporting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Toko Okazaki, Associate Programme Officer, APB, ICA, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break
	<b>MENTORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME</b>
10:45 - 11:00	<b>Presentation: Recent developments regarding the Mentorship/Partnership Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Solomon Haile, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
11:00 - 11:25	<b>Presentations: Mentorship/Partnership Programme: Lessons learned and experiences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>USA and Lebanon or/and</i></li> <li>• <i>United Kingdom and Ghana</i></li> </ul>
	Open Discussion and Q&A

	<b>THEMATIC SESSION 5: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE</b>
11:25 - 11:45	<b>Presentation: Highlights and Updates on the CWC and Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Peter Hotchkiss, Science Policy Advisor, OSP, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
11:45 - 12:00	<b>Presentation: Emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence and ICA's role</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Taeon Kim, Programme Officer, International Cooperation Branch, ICA, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break <i>Administrative matters (for sponsored participants only, RM 003 and RM 001)</i>
13:30 - 13:40	<b>Presentation: Identifying challenges in the use of AI under the framework of the CWC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Manish Jhinkoe-Rai, Policy Officer Export Control and Strategic Goods, National Authority of the Netherlands</i></li> </ul>
13:40 - 14:10	<b>Panel Discussion: Emerging Technologies and CWC: Navigating Opportunities and Risks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Germany</li> <li>• Korea</li> <li>• Asser Institute: <i>Ms Thea Coventry, Researcher at T.M.C Asser Institute</i></li> <li>• OPCW's Inspectorate using the technology: <i>Mr Ardalan Zargham, Head, Technology Hub &amp; Logistics, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
14:10 - 14:25	<b>Presentation: Talent Acquisition at the OPCW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Milan Jelenkovic, Head, Talent Acquisition, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
14:25 - 14:35	<b>Open plenary: reflections, actions, and way forward</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Beatrix Lahoupe, Head, IPB, ICA, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
14:35 - 14:45	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>H.E. Ambassador Odette Melono, Deputy Director-General, OPCW</i></li> </ul>
14:45 - 17:30	<b>Bilateral meetings</b> -with relevant Secretariat staff/other States Parties <i>Note: to be requested and arranged in advance</i>

**Additional information:**

**Information Desk and Ticketing**

- *Ms Olukemi Adenuga, Senior Project Assistant, IPB, ICA, OPCW*

**Pre-registration Desk**

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- *Ms Adela Brozmanova, IPB, ICA, OCPW*
- *Mr Alberto Fernandez, Project Assistant, IPB, ICA, OCPW*

**Registration Desk**

- *Mr Rene Betancourt, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OCPW*
- *Ms Belle Bramer, IPB, ICA, OPCW*

**Bilateral Desk**

- *Ms Belle Bramer, IPB, ICA, OPCW*
- *Ms Sabrina Maaliou, IPB, ICA, OPCW*

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- *Ms Nune Aghayan, IPB, ICA, OCPW*

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