



## Programmes and Activities of the International Cooperation & Assistance (ICA) Division

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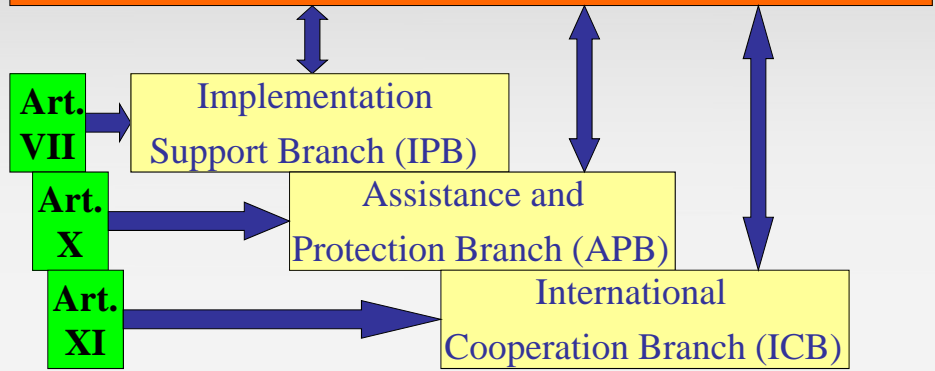


### Core objectives of the ICA

- **Assistance and protection** against the use, or threat of use, of chemical weapons (Implemented by the Assistance and Protection Branch, APB)
- **International cooperation** in the peaceful uses of chemistry (Implemented by the International Cooperation Branch, ICB)
- Full and effective **national implementation** of the Convention (Implemented by the Implementation Support Branch, IPB)
- **Education and outreach** to all stakeholders involved in the implementation of the CWC (all ICA branches)



## International Cooperation and Assistance Division



## Implementation Support Branch (Article VII)





## Support for National Implementation

- CWC is not a self-executing document
- Article VII: *each State Party shall adopt the necessary measures to implement the CWC*
- Article VIII 38 (e): *the Technical Secretariat shall provide technical assistance and technical evaluation to States Parties in the implementation of the Provisions of the Convention*



## Status of implementation of Article VII:

### KEY FIGURES



## **Status of national implementation of Convention**

- As at 20 October 2015, 147 (77 %) States Parties have adopted implementing legislation
- 117 (61%) States Parties have legislation covering all initial measures
- 30 (16%) States Parties have legislation covering some of the initial measures
  
- Since July 2014, 5 States Parties have adopted legislation that covers all initial measures



## **Obligation to inform OPCW on measures taken to implement the Convention**

- Note verbale sent to all States Parties on 25 February 2015 requesting information on steps taken to implement the Convention
- Deadline for submission of update was 26 June 2015
- TS consolidated this information in the 2014/2015 annual reports
- 53 States Parties submitted inputs this year, up from 35 in 2014



## Objectives of the IPB

- Assisting States Parties in complying with the requirements of the Article VII Action Plan
- Capacity building in National Authorities for implementation purposes
- Boosting the process of adoption of national implementing legislation
- Improving the quality of industry declarations
- Developing regional autonomy to improve the overall implementation process



## IPB's Programmes (1)

- Annual National Authority Day
- Regional Meetings of National Authorities back to back with Education and Outreach Meetings in 4 OPCW regions
- Thematic workshops (Article VI, inspection escorts, customs)
- Basic Training Course for National Authorities
- Internships for Legal Drafters and National Authority Representatives
- National Capacity Evaluation Visits
- Mentorship and Partnership Programme



## IPB's Programmes (2)

- Influential Visitors Programme
- Electronic Resources (e-learning modules of the CWC, Legislative Assistant Support Tool (LAST))
- Working with other partners/stakeholders
- Meeting of National Authorities and Chemical Industry (**new**)
- Strengthening Capacity of Regional Centres of Excellence (**new**)
- Workshop for Customs Training Academies (**new**)
- Regional National Authorities Stakeholders Forum (**new**)



## Assistance and Protection Branch (Article X)





### **Rights of States Parties under Article X**

- State Party has the right to request and , [...] receive assistance and protection against chemical weapons and toxic chemicals
- Receive expert advice and assistance for the development and improvement of their protective capacity
- Participate in exchange of equipment, material, scientific and technological information
- Access a databank containing on available information concerning various means of protection



### **The rights of States parties are serviced through the provision of expert advise (paragraph 5 of Article X)**

- National and regional courses– provided by the OPCW, with or without support from MS (funds, experts and equipment)
- International courses – Offered by MS to support the development of response capabilities and training experts from other SP
- Maintenance of Protective Data Bank accessible to Member States:  
accessible by Member States (Permanent Representatives & National Authorities) through the external servers

\*request must be made to TS for the password for access



## Obligations of States Parties

- Provide annually to the Secretariat information on its national programmes related to protective capacity.
- Facilitate exchange of equipment, material, scientific and technological information concerning means of protection.
- Provide assistance through the OPCW by electing one of the following measures:
  - Contribute to the voluntary fund,
  - Conclude Bilateral Agreement,
  - Declare what kind of assistance it might provide in case of request (unilateral offers)



## International Cooperation Branch -Article XI-







## ICB Mandate

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Role of Conference of States Parties  
Article VIII Paragraph 21 (g)

The Conference shall:

*“Foster international cooperation for peaceful purposes in  
the field of chemical activities”*



## ICB Mandate (Continued)

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Article XI

- Economic and technological development
- International exchange of scientific and technical information, chemicals and equipment for the production, processing and use of chemicals for purposes NOT prohibited under the CWC



## Core ICB objectives

- Promote international exchange of scientific and technical information
- Provide support for national capacity building to foster peaceful use of chemistry
- Facilitate national implementation of the Convention



## International Cooperation Activities (Article XI)

- **Integrated chemicals management**
  - Associate Programme
- **Chemical knowledge promotion and exchange**
  - Conference Support programme
  - Support for Research
  - Fellowship Programme
  - Information Service
- **Enhancing laboratory capabilities**
  - Analytical Skills Development Course
  - Laboratory Assistance Programme
  - Equipment Exchange Programme
- **Industry outreach**
  - Promoting Chemical Safety and Security Management





**Plans for 2016**

	Programme	Plans for 2016
<b>Capacity building</b>	<b>Associate Programme</b>	Organising the 17 <sup>th</sup> edition AP for 32 participants, and continue to strengthen the role of nearly 400 Alumni in promoting the implementation of the CWC.
	<b>Fellowship Programme</b>	Providing sponsorship to approximately 10 scientists and engineers from developing countries to undertake advanced research (3-6 months) in laboratories in industrialised countries.
	<b>Analytical Skills Development Courses</b>	Organising several global and regional ASD courses for analytical chemists in various official languages of the OPCW.
	<b>Research Projects Programme</b>	Providing financial support, solely or jointly with the International Foundation for Science (IFS), to at least 20 research projects.
	<b>Conference Support Programme</b>	Providing financial support to at least 15 international conferences and scientific events related to peaceful applications of chemistry (Agriculture, medical, pharmacy, industry, etc).



**Plans for 2016 (Continued)**

<b>Capacity Building</b>	<b>Laboratory Assistance Programme</b>	Providing specialized training and technical audit to a limited number of laboratories engaged in chemical analysis and aspiring to gain the OPCW designation
	<b>Equipment Exchange Programme</b>	Provide financial support for a number of transfers of equipment, made available by institutions in industrialised countries, to publicly funded laboratories in developing countries
<b>Chemical safety and security</b>	<b>Industry Outreach Programme</b>	Organising several regional and global workshops aiming at sensitising State Parties to modern approaches to safety and security management, safety culture, and promoting safety in the management and handling of chemicals, especially in small and medium-sized enterprises
	<b>Responsible Care</b>	Workshop on best practices for developing Responsible Care
<b>Education and outreach</b>	<b>Science diplomacy</b>	Regional courses on policy and diplomacy for scientists



## Specific recent activities in E&O in 2015

- Course for safety management in the lab, Argentina (June 2015)
- WWI centenary event (April 2015)
- Conclusion of cooperation agreement with ICCA (August 2015)
- Conclusion of cooperation agreement with WCO (end of 2015)
- 5th WCO Technology and Innovation Forum (October 2015)
- Education and Outreach events back to back with the regional meetings of National Authorities in Asia (May 2015) and Africa (June 2015)
- Presentation on the OPCW and the CWC for representatives of Chemical and Allied Industries Association in South Africa – (October 2015)



## New E&O initiatives and outlook for 2016

- Advisory Board on Education and Outreach to start functioning in early 2016
- Pilot national projects on E&O with certain States Parties, supported by the Secretariat
- Education and outreach event back to back with the regional meeting of National Authorities in 4 regions
- Education and outreach as a topic for discussion/side event at all ICA courses outside the OPCW HQ
- Policy and diplomacy for scientists, training workshop in cooperation with TWAS/UNESCO, South Africa, September 2016
- Best practices of using the Responsible Care® programme, training course for industry representatives (in Russian language), Moscow, April 2016
- Meeting of National Authorities and Chemical Industries



## OPCW Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa

- ✓ Objectives:
  - Full and effective implementation of the Convention in Africa
  - Increased participation by African State Parties in programmes and activities designed to promote the peaceful uses of chemistry for economic and technological development and enhance national protective capacities
  - Universality of the Convention in Africa
  - NB. currently 52 MS in Africa: 2 are not yet members (Egypt and South Sudan)
- ✓ Started in 2007, has been extended into a 3rd phase (2014-2016)
- ✓ Details of delivery of Programme in DG's note



## Africa Programme: Way Forward (1)

- The third cycle of the Africa Programme finishes in 2016: it is time to **review** the approaches undertaken to implement the Programme and to **evaluate** its effectiveness and efficiency
- The OPCW is in the process of transition and it needs to adapt its structure and programme of work, in order to remain fit for purpose. **RBM approach** to programme management including the Africa Programme should be applied
- Applying the RBM approach to the OPCW programming means reinforcing **the needs analysis** and the planning through **enhanced consultations** with various national and international stakeholders



## Africa Programme: Way Forward (2)

- Support should be provided through the **combination of regular budget funds and extra-budgetary contributions**. Funding the programme only with extra-budgetary funds could make it vulnerable due to the changes in the donor priorities and availability of resources
- The success of implementation of the CWC in Africa depends much on the commitment and efforts undertaken by the respective SPs at the national level. Only a **stronger national ownership** of the results achieved through the assistance of the TS as well as through support provided by other SPs could lead to effective implementation
- More focus on **capacity building of relevant national and regional institutions**. This would provide for continuous in-service training for national officials and ensure the sustainability and the longevity of the capacities created through the various TS programmes



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