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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**INVITATION FOR THE OPCW EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EVENT
"EDUCATION FOR PEACE: NEW PATHWAYS FOR
SECURING CHEMICAL DISARMAMENT"
THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS
22 AND 23 SEPTEMBER 2014**

Invitation

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat") of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) hereby invites interested parties to an education and outreach event entitled "Education for Peace: New Pathways for Securing Chemical Disarmament," on 22 and 23 September 2014 at the OPCW Headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands.
2. In line with relevant recommendations by the Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (April 2013), the event will provide an international forum for exchanging ideas and best practices in the area of education and outreach, including showcasing relevant materials and tools, among OPCW Member States, international organisations, educational institutions, and relevant think-tank experts, as well as building on outcomes from other OPCW regional events.
3. The timing of the event will also draw on the high international profile of chemical disarmament in the wake of the award of the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize and the OPCW mission in the Syrian Arab Republic, and will set the stage for events in April of 2015 commemorating the centenary of the first use of chemical weapons.

Location

4. The event will take place at OPCW Headquarters.

Objectives

5. The event will provide a forum for wide-ranging discussion and exchanges of ideas and best practices on ways of raising awareness of disarmament and non-proliferation issues, especially in educational institutions. This will include demonstrations of materials and tools in various media formats. The objective will be to identify new



approaches and synergies arising from discussion between different representative groups to better inform future efforts in this area.

Themes

6. Proposed themes are broad-ranging in an effort to go beyond previous OPCW activities, which have been to date largely focused on science and technology. With the aim of drawing in diverse experience and perspectives through mixed participation in panel discussions, the themes address the following:
 - (a) innovative approaches to teaching and awareness-raising
 - (b) information exchange on national initiatives
 - (c) development of educational tools and materials
 - (d) sharing experiences between international organisations
 - (e) embedding relevant topics in educational curricula
 - (f) developing exhibition packages to promote the Chemical Weapons Convention
 - (g) strategies for reaching high school students
 - (h) promoting ethical standards for scientists
 - (i) utility of induction courses in science faculties
 - (j) challenges and opportunities related to engaging foreign students
 - (k) intangible technology transfer challenges
 - (l) new avenues for using social networking tools
 - (m) industry engagement of research institutes

Format

7. The event will be conducted in both plenary and interactive panel-discussion breakout groups, working along the lines of the above themes. Panellists will include representatives from national governments, members of the Scientific Advisory Board's (SAB) Temporary Working Group (TWG) on Education and Outreach, international organisations, academic and research institutions, and other relevant experts. All activities will be conducted in English.

Participation assistance

8. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will, to the extent of the funding resources designated for this event, cover the costs of the most economical and direct airfare, accommodation, and a limited daily subsistence allowance. Sponsored participants will mainly comprise members of the SAB TWG on Education and Outreach, other

noted experts, and a geographically balanced number of National Authority representatives who will participate in planned panel discussions. Sponsored participants who do not intend to use the accommodation arranged by the Secretariat are requested to indicate that as soon as possible, so that the Secretariat does not incur hotel cancellation fees. In any case, the Secretariat will not cover the costs of any accommodation it has not arranged.

9. Participants who attend the course on a non-sponsored basis are requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
10. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the Netherlands.

Registration

11. To register for the event, complete the registration form attached hereto as Annex 2, making sure in particular to provide all the contact details it requests. Completed forms should be sent by e-mail to grb@opcw.org or by fax to +31 (0)70 416 3280. All registration forms must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 10 August 2014**. Information related to the event and registration forms will also be available shortly on the OPCW website: <http://www.opcw.org>.

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Provisional Programme
Annex 2: Registration Form

Annex 1**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

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Time	Activity
<i>Monday, 22 September 2014</i>	
09:30 – 10:40	Plenary session (Ieper Room) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by the OPCW Director-General • Keynote speeches
10:40 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Working plenary session: The National Experience: Programmes and Challenges (Ieper Room) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by National Authority representatives
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster session
14:00 – 15:30	Breakout session 1: Creating Synergies Between Stakeholders Panel 1: Working with Governments and Industry: The View from Universities Panel 2: International Organisations: Sharing Best Practices Panel 3: Empowering Academia and Civil Society
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	Breakout session 2: Crafting Messages That Work Panel 1: Reaching Students and the Need for a Multidisciplinary Approach Panel 2: Responsible Science: Ethical Standards for Scientists Panel 3: Active Learning, Role Play, and Simulations
<i>Tuesday, 23 September 2014</i>	
09:30 – 11:00	Breakout session 3: Using Media That Work Panel 1: Developing the Right Educational Tools and Materials Panel 2: Information Technology and Social Networking: New Horizons Panel 3: A Common Message for an International Audience
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:20 – 12:30	Breakout session 4: Sustaining the Momentum Panel 1: Common Activities Panel 2: Maximising Events: The Nobel Peace Prize and the WWI Centenary Panel 3: Working with Science Centres and Museums and Developing Exhibitions
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:30	Final plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and film on the Fires Project • Closing remarks by the OPCW Director-General

Annex 2

REGISTRATION FORM

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Please submit the completed form by **no later than 10 August 2014** to:
Government Relations and Political Affairs Branch, OPCW
Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands
Fax: +31 (0)70 416 3280; e-mail: grb@opcw.org

Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS

1.	Family name of participant*			
2.	First name(s)*			
3.	Title	Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Prof		
4.	Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
5.	Citizenship			
6.	Gender**	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	Passport number			
8.	Date of issue	Day	Month	Year
9.	Expiry date	Day	Month	Year
10.	Place of issue			
11.	Employer			
12.	Position (including title)			
13.	Employer's address (please do not give a post-office box number)	Street		
		Number	Post code	
		City		
		Country		
14.	E-mail address			
15.	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
		Work		
		Mobile		
16.	Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
		Work		
17.	Does the participant intend to benefit from the OPCW concessional hotel rates?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
18.	Is sponsorship a condition for participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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* Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the participant's passport.

** For this item and each like item, please tick the appropriate box.