

**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT****INVITATION TO APPLY FOR AN EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME
ON INTEGRATED CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT
SHANGHAI, CHINA
29 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER 2017****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 Executive Programme on Integrated Chemicals Management. The programme will be organised jointly by the Secretariat and the Government of China, and will be held in Shanghai, China, from 29 August to 1 September 2017.
2. The programme is intended for chemists, chemical engineers, and other relevant professionals from government, industry, and other institutions of the OPCW Member States who assume managerial and leadership responsibilities related to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”).
3. The overall objective of the course is help the Member States to build capacity to develop in-depth knowledge and leadership skills in integrated chemicals management, including in the areas of chemical safety, security, and sustainability.
4. The course will sponsor up to 15 participants from Member States whose economies are either developing or in transition.
5. This programme marks the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention and the establishment of the OPCW.

Basic structure of the programme

6. The programme features the following structure:
 - (a) Day 1: Opening, lectures on the Convention, introduction to the concept of integrated chemicals management, and the related challenges and trends in the global chemical industry.
 - (b) Day 2: Lectures on coping with and anticipating changes in the global chemicals market through integrated chemicals management, an integrated approach to chemical safety and security, convergent trends in the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological Weapons Convention, integrated



chemicals management, and sustainable industry development; with peer interaction and insights from the latest developments in this field.

- (c) Day 3: Lectures on topics related to integrated chemicals management: experience of relevant international organisations, management of chemical the supply chain, and executive leadership on integrated chemicals management: role models and lessons learned.
- (d) Day 4: Study visit to a nearby Chinese global chemical industry, course evaluation, and closing.

Sponsorship

- 7. Sponsorship will be provided by the Secretariat to a limited number of participants from Member States whose economies are either developing or in transition. The sponsorship will cover costs of travel, medical insurance, and accommodation. Sponsored participants will be also provided with a limited subsistence allowance to cover meals and miscellaneous costs. Further details regarding the accommodation and other logistical arrangements will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date. 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 that it has not arranged.
- 8. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas before travelling to China. The cost of visa applications will be reimbursed to participants upon production of original receipts. The Secretariat will send information to participants regarding visa applications.
- 9. The Secretariat will not pay for medical assistance. Therefore, participants should be fit to travel. All participants taking prescribed medication should arrive with sufficient supplies for the duration of the events.
- 10. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. The Secretariat will purchase tickets and send them to participants. Participants will be allowed to purchase tickets locally only if this leads to further savings for the Secretariat and if the Secretariat authorises it. Sponsored participants shall bear all costs resulting from any changes they make once the Secretariat has purchased the tickets. Non-sponsored participants will be requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, although the Secretariat can, if necessary, arrange accommodation. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive no earlier than **Monday, 28 August 2017** and to depart no later than **Saturday, 2 September 2017**.
- 11. The Secretariat strongly encourages Member States to nominate non-sponsored participants to the programme.

Eligibility requirements and selection procedure

12. Applications will be carefully screened on the basis of the criteria specified in paragraph 2 above. Eligible candidates from government, industry, or other institutions who have work experience in or who interact with the chemical industry in their country are encouraged to apply.
13. All course 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.
14. Nominations of female candidates are strongly encouraged.

Application procedure

15. Candidates who are interested in applying for the programme are invited to fill out the forms in Annex to this Note. Applications that are incomplete or improperly filled out cannot be considered.
16. Applications should be submitted to the Secretariat, via the respective Member State's National Authority or Permanent Representation to the OPCW, **no later than Friday, 30 June 2017**. Once endorsed, the Permanent Representation should then send the application to the Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. Applications may also be sent by email to icb@opcw.org indicating "Executive Programme" in the subject line of the message.
17. Additional information about this programme may be obtained from Ms Halimatussaadiah Mat Som, International Cooperation Officer (tel: +31 (0)70 416 3260; email: halimatus.matsom@opcw.org).

Annex: Application Form

Annex

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APPLICATION FORM

Please submit the completed form by email, along with a brief curriculum vitae and the required recommendation, **by 30 June 2017** to:

The Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW

Email: icb@opcw.org

1. Before completing this form, applicants should read the guidelines presented in the cover Note to confirm their eligibility.
2. Applicants should complete sections 1 to 4 below, attach the documents listed in section 5, and sign section 6, and then send the form either to their National Authority or to the Permanent Representation of their country to the OPCW, with a request that one of them complete section 7 and/or provide a letter of support.

SECTION 1. PERSONAL AND CONTACT DETAILS			
Family name of nominee ¹			
First name(s) ¹			
Work address			
Home address			
Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
Citizenship			
Gender ²	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Passport number			
Date of issue	Day	Month	Year
Date of expiry	Day	Month	Year
Place of issue			
Email address			
Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
	Work		
	Mobile		

¹ Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.

² For this and all like items, please tick the appropriate box.

Fax numbers, including country and city codes		Home	
		Work	
SECTION 2. EDUCATION AND TRAINING			
Please list each degree or other qualification you have earned, starting with the most recent.			
1.	Name and location of institution		
	Main field(s) of study		
	Dates attended	From	To
	Degree or qualification earned		
2.	Name and location of institution		
	Main field(s) of study		
	Dates attended	From	To
	Degree or qualification earned		
3.	Name and location of institution		
	Main field(s) of study		
	Dates attended	From	To
	Degree or qualification earned		
SECTION 3. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY			
What is your profession?			
Please give a brief description of your current work.			
Please list below all posts you have held, starting with the most recent.			
1.	Employer		
	Title		
	Dates	From	To
2.	Employer		
	Title		
	Dates	From	To
3.	Employer		
	Title		
	Dates	From	To

SECTION 4. PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF THE PROGRAMME

Have you received financial or other support from the OPCW within the past three years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If so, please give details.	
Have you applied for any other support from the OPCW?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If so, please give details.	

SECTION 5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
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Please attach the following documents to your application:

- (a) a letter of recommendation from your supervisor, which confirms your qualifications in the light of paragraph 2 of the Note to which this form is annexed, and that attests to the relevance of this programme to the work of the institution at which you are working;
- (b) an updated curriculum vitae;
- (c) a one-page description of your practical experience. State briefly why you are applying for the programme, and indicate both what you expect from it and how it would benefit your work, your institution, and your country; and
- (d) a scanned copy of the identification pages of your passport.

Applications without full supporting documentation cannot be accepted.

SECTION 6. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT
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Signature: _____	Date: _____
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SECTION 7. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY OR THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION TO THE OPCW

Signature, with seal or stamp, of an authorised representative of the National Authority or of the Permanent Representation to the OPCW

_____ Date: _____