

Workshop on Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention

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Co-Chairpersons

H.E. Mr Abuelgasim Abdelwahid Sheikh Idris

Ambassador Idris was the Chairperson of the 12th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Ambassador Idris is a diplomat who joined the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1975. Within a year of joining, he was posted to London in 1976 for a three-year period, following which he took up a diplomatic assignment in Stockholm from 1979 to 1981. Ambassador Idris has also served in the Sudanese Embassies in Cairo (1981-1986), Tokyo (1986-1996), Rome (1996-1997) and Geneva (1997-1999). Ambassador Idris has also held a number of important posts within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including Director of the Legal Department. He has participated in conferences and meetings representing his country, including UNGA, OAU, Arab League, OIC, IGAD and ECOSOC.

Ambassador Idris received his LLB (Law) from Cairo University Egypt in 1974 and his Masters in International Relations, from Sophia University in Japan.

H.E. Mr Maarten W.J. Lak

Ambassador Maarten W.J. Lak was the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) from 2006 to 2008.

Prior to that, Ambassador Lak served as Advisor (director) Strategic Policy Planning (2000-2005); and before as Deputy Director of the European Department and as Counsellor at the Dutch Embassy in Germany. He joined the Foreign Service in 1976 and has served in Belgrade, Dakar, Paris, and in European Political Cooperation Secretariat in Luxembourg, London and Brussels. In the Ministry, he served as Deputy Director for Asia 1987-1990 and in Vienna as Deputy Head of Delegation to the CSCE in 1990. Ambassador Lak has published articles on the CSCE/OSCE (International Spectator, 1992), on the Chemical Weapons Convention (International Spectator, April 2007) and on the OPCW activities (Netherlands Yearbook on Peace and Security, 2007).

Ambassador Lak studied European and International Law in Groningen and International History, Economics and Law at the IUHEI in Geneva. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs seconded him for a year in 1981-1982 to the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris.

Facilitators

Dr. David Faraday

Lead Facilitator and Facilitator of Group C

Dr. David Faraday obtained a Ph.D. in Bioprocess Engineering from the University of Surrey in 1990. Subsequently he worked as a Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer and Senior Professional Training Tutor at the University of Surrey. Dr. Faraday is a corporate member of the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) and became a Chartered Engineer in 1999. During his career, Dr. Faraday has, among many other positions, worked closely with the United Nations Special Commission in Iraq. In this position, Dr. Faraday was the process engineering expert on an international biological weapons inspection team in 1998. More recently, Dr. Faraday acted as an expert advisor to the International Cooperation Branch at the OPCW during the creation of the highly regarded and successful Associate Programme. He has been continuously leading the University of Surrey segment of the Associate programme for the past 10 years.

Dr. John Makhubalo

Key speaker on *“Chemical knowledge promotion and exchange”* and Facilitator of Group B

Dr. John Makhubalo obtained his Ph.D. in Chemistry (1978) from the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. Between the years 1978 and 1993 he taught chemistry at the University of Zambia and at the University of Zimbabwe, and also worked for Unilever at their plant in Harare as Development Manager. In 1993 he joined the Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS) of the OPCW as Director of Technical Cooperation and Assistance. At Entry Into Force (EIF) of the Chemical Weapons Convention in 1997, he continued working for the Organisation as Director of International Cooperation and Assistance, a position that he held until early 2007. Currently, he is engaged by the University of Zimbabwe to coordinate their industry-oriented M.Sc. course in Analytical Chemistry.

Mr. David Moore

Key speaker on *“Chemical safety in chemical industry”* and Facilitator of Group A

David Moore is the President and CEO of the AcuTech Consulting Group, a risk management consulting firm based in McLean, VA, USA. Mr. Moore has over thirty years of experience in chemical safety and security management. He is actively involved in consulting and training assignments to industrial facilities and governments worldwide. He has provided risk consulting services and training to industrial companies worldwide, including at petroleum refineries, chemical plants, gas plants, pipelines, pharmaceuticals, defense, biotech, and manufacturing plants. Also, Mr. Moore has taught process safety and security courses to many of the world's largest corporations.

Key speakers

Dr. Norman Kirkby

Key speaker on *“Integrated chemicals management”*

Dr. Norman Kirkby earned his Chemical Engineering degrees in the University of Nottingham and the University of Surrey and his doctorate at Cambridge University. He is currently, a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences and researches in modelling of biological systems. He is an Honorary Consultant in the Addenbrooke's Hospital. Dr. Kirkby was part of the think-tank that helped ICB in developing the core business of the IC programme in 1999, particularly the Associate Programme. He worked for many years in the Chemical Engineering Department of the University of Surrey and is particularly recognised for teaching excellence.

Dr. Paula Vanninen

Key speaker on *“Enhancing laboratory capabilities”*

Dr. Paula Vanninen is the Director of Finnish Institute for Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (VERIFIN). She obtained her Ph.D. from the University of Oulu in 1992. Dr. Vanninen is the Head of the National Authority of Finland for the CWC Implementation. Dr. Vanninen has been the coordinator for several official OPCW TS Interlaboratory Comparison Tests as well as the coordinator on the VERIFIN training courses for chemists of developing countries and OPCW analytical chemists/inspectors.

Dr. Valerii Kukhar

Key speaker on *“CWC and advance in chemical science”*

A member of the OPCW Scientific Advisory Board, Dr. Valerii Kukhar obtained his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the Institute of Organic Chemistry, Ukraine Academy of Science in 1974. He is a member of the Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences and a Professor and Director of the Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry and Petrochemistry of the NAS of Ukraine. For a long time Dr. Kukhar had been the Vice-President of Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences and the President of Ukrainian Chemical Society. Dr. Kukhar's main specialization is Bioorganic Chemistry and Fine Organic Synthesis of Fluorine; and Phosphorous Analogs of natural Compounds.