



**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A SEMINAR ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
CONVENTION AND CHEMICAL SAFETY AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT  
FOR MEMBER STATES OF THE OPCW IN THE AFRICA REGION  
PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS  
14 – 16 APRIL 2020**

1. On behalf of the Government of Mauritius and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General is pleased to invite National Authorities and senior government representatives responsible for chemical safety and chemical security management, representatives from chemical industry associations, and managers involved in chemical industry safety and security and Responsible Care®, to submit applications for a seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) and chemical safety and security management for Member States of the OPCW in the Africa region, to be held in Port Louis, Mauritius, from 14 to 16 April 2020.
2. The seminar is being organised in order to improve national frameworks for chemical safety and security management, to facilitate oversight of high-risk chemical facilities, and to promote international cooperation programmes that focus on the implementation of chemical safety and security management, with a view to implementing Article XI of the Convention. The aim of the seminar is to raise awareness of the importance of chemical safety and security management, so as to prevent chemical accidents and the potential misuse of highly toxic chemicals in African countries. The overall goal is twofold: firstly, to sensitise States Parties to new approaches in chemical management system that can be adopted in relation to chemical safety and security, with a particular focus on the national policy framework; and secondly, to promote and share good practices among chemical industries. By promoting and disseminating best practices in chemical safety and security, the seminar will benefit policymakers, chemical industry personnel who are involved in safety and security management issues, National Authorities, academics and chemical industry associations in Member States of the OPCW in the Africa region, and will indirectly benefit the general public as a whole.
3. Objectives of the seminar are to:
  - (a) provide an opportunity for participating States Parties to consider and discuss specific national policies and issues related to chemical safety and security management in connection with chemical processes that have a direct bearing on the effective implementation of the Convention;



- (b) contribute to the sharing of information and the exchange of experiences on the practical implementation of chemical safety and security management programmes;
  - (c) deepen the discussion on the specific topics of risk assessment, risk mitigation measures, performance auditing, and development of national action plans;
  - (d) foster wider cooperation among States Parties on issues related to the chemical industry toward achieving the objectives of Article XI of the Convention promoting the peaceful use of chemistry; and
  - (e) enhance and promote the safe handling of chemicals at the national level.
4. This seminar will allow ample time for question and answer sessions and will include theoretical and practical components. During the seminar, participants will be provided with updated information on, inter alia, current practices and concepts relating to safety and security management, modern safety and security strategies, current models for chemical safety and security policies, current trends in safety and security management strategies, chemical site security management, and safety and security culture. The best practices from the chemical industry will also be presented. Leading experts in chemical safety and security management will give presentations and facilitate the discussions.
5. The following issues will be discussed:
  - (a) existing national frameworks for chemical safety and security management;
  - (b) best practices of the local chemical industry and chemical industry associations;
  - (c) safe handling of chemicals at the regional and international levels;
  - (d) chemical process safety and security management; and
  - (e) models for quantitative risk assessment, process safety management, and emergency management for industrial incidents.
6. Seminar participants will be expected to prepare brief presentations on current policies, legislation, and directives on safety and security management practices based on their experience, including suggestions for improving the safety management culture in their respective countries or at the companies for which they work.
7. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants. Applications from Member States should be forwarded through their respective National Authorities. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, meals, and medical insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The Secretariat will also arrange and pay for accommodation for sponsored participants. A letter with the detailed programme will be sent to all the sponsored and registered participants.
8. Each application should specify whether sponsorship is a condition of the participation of the nominee. Member States are welcome to nominate participants for whom sponsorship is not required. The Secretariat strongly encourages applications from qualified female candidates.

9. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. It will purchase tickets and send them to participants. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, participants are expected to arrive no earlier than **Monday, 13 April 2020** and to depart no later than **Friday, 17 April 2020**. The agreement of the Secretariat is required for any changes to the arrival and departure dates. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the seminar or resulting from unauthorised changes to travel arrangements. Sponsored participants must bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased tickets. Participants who have not been sponsored 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 seminar. When applying for an entry visa, they should present the Embassy or Consulate of Mauritius with a copy of the acceptance letter from the OPCW. Only selected candidates will be notified by the Secretariat.
11. The seminar will be conducted in English. All participants are therefore expected to have a good written and oral command of one of the English language. **Nominations from those who have not yet participated in an OPCW chemical safety and security management seminar are especially encouraged.**
12. Interested applicants from National Authorities and their relevant stakeholders are invited to register their nomination through Eventus—the OPCW event management system—**no later than 2 March 2020**. The Eventus registration link is accessible via the OPCW website (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Applicants should create an account in Eventus and then register for the seminar. Please note that all questions marked with an asterisk (\*) in the online registration form must be answered, and an endorsement letter from the relevant National Authority must be uploaded during the registration process (see Annex 2). Interested applicants who, for technical reasons, are unable to submit their application online via Eventus are requested to send the nomination form (Annex 1) along with the endorsement form from the National Authority via email attachment ([icb@opcw.org](mailto:icb@opcw.org)) with a reference to the name and location of the event in the subject line of the message. Selected participants will be contacted no later than two weeks after the submission deadline.
13. Additional information about the seminar may be obtained from the International Cooperation Branch in the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW. The OPCW contact persons for the seminar are Mr Rohan Perera, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3615, and Ms Ting Zhang, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3534.
14. This programme is co-sponsored through voluntary contributions from the European Union.

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Nomination Form  
Annex 2: Endorsement Form

**Annex 1**

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**NOMINATION FORM**

Please submit your application online (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>) by **2 March 2020** to:  
Email: [icb-evenet@opcw.org](mailto:icb-evenet@opcw.org)

**Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS**

Family name of nominee*	
First name(s)*	
Date of birth	Day                      Month                      Year
Citizenship	
Gender**	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	
Areas of expertise (please attach the applicant's curriculum vitae, a passport-size photograph and the title of the planned presentation (including a one-paragraph abstract))	
Employer	
Position	
Contact address (please do not give a post office box number)	Street
	Number                                      Postcode
	City
	Country
Departure airport	
Email address	
Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home
	Work
	Mobile
Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home
	Work
Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

\*\* For this item and all like items, please tick the appropriate box.

**Annex 2**

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**ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

This form must be signed, duly sealed, and uploaded while submitting your application  
online (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>)

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, Head/Chief Coordinator of the  
National Authority of the State Party of \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf  
of the Government of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby endorse the nomination  
of Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_, holding  
the position/designation of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the Office/Division/Branch of \_\_\_\_\_,

as indicated in the attached nomination form, for participation in seminar on the Chemical  
Weapons Convention and Chemical Safety and Security Management, to be held in Port  
Louis, Mauritius, from 14 to 16 April 2020.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Official seal of the Organisation: