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**DECISION**

**ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANISATIONS AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF  
THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

**The Conference of the States Parties,**

**Bearing in mind** Rule 33 of its Rules of Procedure, as amended by the Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in decision RC-3/DEC.2 (dated 8 April 2013), which reads: “Representatives of non-governmental organisations may attend the plenary sessions of the Conference, and participate in the activities of review conferences, in accordance with such rules or guidelines as the Conference has approved”, as well as the Guidelines for Future Attendance and Participation by Non-Governmental Organisations annexed to the aforementioned decision;

**Hereby:**

1. **Approves** the attendance and participation, at the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Conference of the States Parties, of the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) whose names appear in the list annexed hereto; and
2. **Decides** that the attendance and participation of the NGOs whose names appear in the list annexed hereto will take place through remote access and pre-recorded statements.

Annex (English only):

List of Non-Governmental Organisations Registered to Attend the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Conference of the States Parties



**Annex**

**LIST OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS  
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27. Halabja Victims Home for Peace
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30. Human Rights Development Organisation
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33. International CBRNE Institute Belgium
34. International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS)
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36. Iranian Greenpeace Chemical Weapons Association
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39. Kenyatta University
40. Kirkuk Engie Organization (KED)
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43. Linx Foundation
44. Margliz Foundation
45. Mayors for Peace
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47. Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO)
48. Observatory for the Peaceful Uses of Chemistry
49. Organisation Against Weapons of Mass Destruction in Kurdistan
50. Organisation for Defending Sardasht Victims of Chemical Weapons (ODVCW)
51. Organisation of Defending Mass Grave Victims' Rights
52. Organisation of Resisting Torture and Execution (ORTE)
53. Organisation of the Justice Campaign (OJC)
54. Pakistan House
55. Peace Dove Organisation
56. Peace Foundation and International Cooperation
57. Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs
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60. Society for Defending the Right of Veterans and Victims of Chemical Weapons of Fars Province
61. Society for the Study of Peace and Conflict
62. South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI) University
63. Stimson Centre
64. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
65. St. Petersburg State University – School of International Relations
66. The Trench
67. T.M.C. Asser Institute
68. United Service Institution of India (USI)
69. University of Embu
70. University of Hamburg – Institute of Physical Chemistry
71. University of Leeds
72. Verification, Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC)
73. Women Victims of Genocide

## **Background information:**

### **1. African Centre for Science and International Security (AFRICSIS)**

City/Country: Yaoundé/Cameroon

Contact person(s): Hubert K. Foy

Website: [www.africsis.org](http://www.africsis.org)

Overview: The mission of AFRICSIS is to help African states, and other countries the world, comply with international treaties and conventions to stop the spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and to develop the safe and peaceful uses of nuclear, biological, and chemical technologies. We are a Public Policy Research, Analysis, and Engagement Organisation (also known as a think tank) registered as a nongovernmental organisation in Ghana and operating since 2012.

Activities: AFRICSIS uses a network of global and multi-sectoral partnerships to assess security threats, identify implementation challenges, reflect on regional approaches, and build the human capacities and capabilities vital for governments to understand and make informed choices about issues of domestic and international concern. We leverage expertise and maximise resources at bilateral, sub-regional, and regional levels to complement and fill gaps in the efforts of national governments, their western partners, and international agencies.

Financial Resources: Our operation is 100% grant-funded. AFRICSIS provides support and full funding for salary, work expenses, travel, supplies, and consultants/contracts. We encourage grant funding from donors, organizations, and companies in all areas. It is expected that office rent, bills, and major equipment will be supported through seed grants. A pattern of significant pro bono effort from our researchers and experts has already been established. However, we encourage governments seeking consulting services on national implementation plans to provide matching funds to cover the cost of travel and stay, as well as honoraria to compensate expert time.

Our major partners are governments (Ghana, Cameroon, the U.S., the U.K., and Netherlands) and organisations (Nuclear Threat Initiative, Centre for Non-proliferation Studies, International Atomic Energy Agency, World Institute for Nuclear Security, Chatham House, Fissile Material Working Group). We are always seeking broader collaboration in our mission. We hope you will partner with us to defend against the dangerous and violent uses of nuclear, biological and chemical technologies—and to promote their peaceful and beneficial uses.

Membership: Our Major Partners are governments (Ghana, Cameroon, the U.S., the U.K., and the Netherlands) and organisations (Nuclear Threat Initiative, Center for Non-proliferation Studies, International Atomic Energy Agency, World Institute for Nuclear Security, Chatham House, Fissile Material Working Group). We are constantly seeking broader cooperation in our mission.

### **2. AIDEN Niger**

City/Country: Niamey/Niger

Contact person(s): Abdourahamane Ibrahim Issa

Website: [www.aidenniger.org](http://www.aidenniger.org)

Overview: AIDEN encourages social entrepreneurship through innovative ideas to develop projects in areas such as agribusiness, environment, health and safety.

We work closely with national and international institutions to develop programs that contribute to the struggle against poverty.

Activities:

- To meet the goal of the chemical weapons non-proliferation and disarmament, improve dialogue and deliberation over the understanding of key nuclear science and technology issues and challenges by promoting transparency among researchers, policy makers, and the public.
- Create tools to aid researchers, scientists, and policymakers to better understand complex issues and systems.
- Facilitate better scientific and public understanding of key technological and applied science issues like the dual use of chemicals (article XI of the CWC, UN Resolution 1540, and Responsible Care).
- Develop long-term, multidisciplinary collaborations and partnerships between Niger and foreign institutions to advance regional and global non-proliferation and disarmament initiatives.

Financial Resources: Membership fees; assistance from other social institutions, NGOs and civil society organisations; training support.

Membership: Anybody can be a member if she/he has fulfilled the condition: to accept to sign and abide by the charter of the Organisation.

### **3. American Public Health Association**

City/Country: Washington/ United States of America

Contact person(s): Georges C. Benjamin

Website: [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org)

Overview: The mission of APHA, a 501(c) (3) organization in the United States, is to improve the health of the public and achieve equity in health status. APHA's values reflect the beliefs of over 20,000 members from all disciplines of public health and over 40 countries. The APHA champions the health of all people and all communities and strives to strengthen the public health profession by speaking out for public health issues and policies backed by science. APHA publishes the American Journal of Public Health and The Nation's Health newspaper.

Activities: APHA has a very long history in addressing the use, management, regulation, reporting, and potential impacts of toxic chemicals, including weaponized chemicals, on the public's health and the environment. APHA is supportive of all arms control and disarmament treaties and agreements including the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention; they have worked for full universality and national implementation of this historic multilateral treaty. APHA policies related to chemical weapons and their use and management are posted on the APHA website at [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org). Finally, the last APHA annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, included one or more seminars on chemistry and public health.

Financial resources: The main source of funding is from member dues and registrations and sponsorships at the annual meeting. In addition, special projects are supported by foundations, such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and government agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC).

Membership: APHA has over 25,000 members who are public health professionals from a large variety of disciplines (e.g. medicine, sociology, epidemiology, nursing, psychology, law, etc.) who live in the 50 states of the United States and over 40 countries around the globe. Each member pays annual dues fee to join. Members are organized into multiple sections, state affiliates and caucuses that address all aspects of public health from creating a sustainable environment, preparing for all types of emergencies, educating the public and professionals, implementing a universal health care system, and investing in prevention and health promotion policies and programs.

#### **4. ArgIQ**

City/Country: Buenos Aires/Argentina

Contact person(s): Maria Jose Espona

Website: [www.argiq.com.ar](http://www.argiq.com.ar)

Overview: ArgIQ is a non-profit organisation devoted to research and applying the information quality methodology. Because of this, we organise courses, perform research and events not only about information quality but applying it to non-proliferation in general.

Activities: Our perspective helps to understand the WMD proliferation, and the chemical weapons and dual use problem from the informational perspective. Understanding that each stakeholder has their own bias and perspective is critical to performing an accurate and relevant research.

Financial Resources: Our organisation is self-funded.

Membership: We are a group of people who share values and knowledge about the topic. Our commitment is to perform our work according to the highest standards.

#### **5. Armiti Human Rights Organisation**

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Hzhar Wali

Website: N/A

Overview: The organisation is concerned with the defense of human rights in all fields, at the national and international levels, monitors human rights related activities and the violations that occur. It can also participate, according to its potential and resources, in meetings and conferences or global organisations. The Organisation provides early warning to official and non-official bodies about possible human rights violations before they occur to avoid humanitarian tragedies.

Activities: The Organisation's activities include:

- Data collection and analysis to identify hazardous areas and persons most at risk and reduce risks by minimising accidents caused by the use of chemical weapons by providing safer alternatives as non-polluting and safer areas through cooperation with other humanitarian organisations and the government; Raising awareness of the dangers, through activities to raise awareness of the population of the dangers of these weapons and how to respond to them in emergencies;
- Survey and disinfection.

The Organisation works in cooperation and coordination with national and international non-governmental human rights organisations, in view of universal human rights.

Financial resources: Human rights organisations in Iraq. Kurdistan University. Academics and civil society organisations in Iraq and abroad.

Membership: Academics and civil society members.

#### **6. Arms Control Association**

City/Country: Washington/United States of America

Contact person(s): Daryl G. Kimball

Website: <https://www.armscontrol.org/>

Overview: Since 1971, the Arms Control Association had the mission to promote public understanding of and support for effective arms control policies. The organization promotes arms control and non-proliferation around the world. The Arms Control Association aims to deliver authoritative information, ideas, and analysis that help shape the public policy debate in Washington, across the United States, and around the world.

Activities: The Arms Control Association (ACA) is a national nonpartisan membership organization dedicated to promoting public understanding of and support for effective arms control policies. Through its public education and media programs and its magazine, Arms Control Today, ACA provides policy-makers, the press and the interested public with authoritative information, analysis and commentary on arms control proposals, negotiations and agreements, and related national security issues. In addition to the press briefings the ACA holds on major arms control developments, the staff provides commentary and analysis on a broad spectrum of issues for journalists and scholars both in the United States and abroad.

Financial Resources: The Arms Control Association depends on the contributions of individuals who share ACA's goal of promoting public understanding of and support for effective arms control policies. The Arms Control Association is currently supported by grants from the following foundations: Carnegie Corporation of New York, Charles Koch Foundation, German Foreign Federal Office, Janelia Foundation, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, New-Land Foundation, Open Society Foundations, Pentagon Budget Campaign and the Colombe Foundation, Ploughshares Fund, Prospect Hill Foundation, Selma Ankist Family Trust, Stewart R. Mott Charitable Trust, The Susan A. and Donald P. Babson Foundation.

Membership: The ACA has about 1,000 members in the US and globally, and accepts all interested stakeholders who support the arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation goals of the organization.

## **7. Association for Supporting Victims of Chemical Weapons (PSVCW)**

City/Country: Tehran/Iran

Contact person(s): Seyedkamal Lohmousavi

Website: <http://www.psvcw.ir/>

Overview: Supporting the victims of chemical weapons in the field of public health and helping them meet their needs and social and family problems also training them.

Promoting the prohibition of the production, storage and use of weapons of mass destruction.

Collaborating with national and international organisations to help victims of WMD and prevent the spread of chemical weapons.

Documenting the history of chemical attacks by Iraq against Iran, the damage inflicted, the social, medical and environmental consequences.

Carrying out cultural, scientific and artistic activities to promote the prohibition of the spread of chemical weapons.

Activities: Our activities support the victims of chemical weapons and prevent chemical weapons production and apply supporting of the goals of the OPCW.

- Participate in legal and judicial assemblies to defend the rights of victims of chemical weapons.
- Perform recreational and cultural programs for victims of chemical weapons.
- Documenting the history of chemical attacks by Iraq against Iran, the damage inflicted, the social, medical and environmental consequences, as well as the memories of the chemical victims for public awareness.

Financial Resources: Charitable donations and other non-governmental organisations, as well as income from cultural services and products, membership fees and financial support from charities.

Membership: We have about 5,000 members. Members are those who are either victims of chemical weapons or support the victims.

## **8. Association for the Defence of Chemical Injuries Fars Province (SCWVSF)**

City/Country: Shiraz/Iran

Contact person(s): Mohammed Reza Hajipour

Website: N/A

Overview:

- Defending the rights of veterans of Iran and Iraq war;
- Declaring objection to making and using chemical weapons;
- Prohibiting our country from making chemical weapons;
- Showing the society of Fars the damage of chemical weapons use.

Activities: Prohibiting our country from using, making or buying chemical weapons.

Holding free camps in the places damaged by chemical bombs.

Financial resources: Our main funding is supplied by our country and the Martyr Foundation and Veterans Affairs of Shiraz.

Membership: N/A

## **9. Bradford University**

City/Country: Bradford/United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Dr Simon Whitby

Website: <https://www.brad.ac.uk/acad/bdrc/>

Overview: We research arms control and disarmament particularly in regard to the CWC and The BTWC. I have a particular interest in the problem of so called non-lethal chemical agents (incapacitants) and discussions of the meaning of Article II.9(d).

Activities: We recently published Preventing Chemical Weapons: Arms Control and Disarmament as Sciences Converge published by the UK Royal Society of Chemistry. My chapter of the book concerned the implications of advances in neuroscience for the problem of dual use.

Financial Resources: My own funding at the moment is an Emeritus Fellowship from the Leverhulme Trust in the UK.

Membership: Dr Simon Whitby, Dr Michael Crowley and Professor Malcolm Dando.

## **10. CBRNe Society**

City/Country: Leiden/The Netherlands

Contact person(s): Ilja Bonsen

Website: <https://nct-events.com/cbrne-society/>

Overview: The CBRNe Society is an international non-profit organisation. The purpose of the foundation is to serve as the nucleus of the global CBRNe community by developing and sharing knowledge, promoting innovation and building bridges between relevant governmental, military, industrial and scientific stakeholders. Through the foundation, these stakeholders are given the opportunity to gather and form partnerships to strengthen resilience against CBRNe threats.

Activities: Through the organisation of conferences and workshops, CBRNe Society Foundation is giving civil/military/industry stakeholders the opportunity to gather and discuss issues related to chemical weapons, share lessons learned, raise awareness on the risks posed by such weapons and learn about the technologies available to safely deal with CWA. By also providing practical scenario trainings for first responders, the CBRNe Society is committed to the capability development of Chemical Protection/Defense operators all over the world, contributing to the overall goal of making the world safer from WMDs.



Financial resources: The CBRNe Society's main source of funding are grants from funders who share and are committed to CBRNe Society's mission.

Membership: Organisations that are partners of the CBRNe Society are the following: the Chemical Information Center of Peru (CINQUI), The Institute for Nuclear Biological Chemical and Radiological Defense of Japan, the Korean Society for Chemical Biological, Radiological Defense, the Civil Protection Administration of the Republic of Srpska (CPA RS) BiH, the Philippines Bomb Data Center, the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority, the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center.

## 11. CBW Events

City/Country: Bradford on Avon/United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Dr Richard Guthrie

Website: [www.cbw-events.org.uk](http://www.cbw-events.org.uk)

Overview: CBW Events is a long-term project to create a record of events to enable and encourage understanding of how policies on issues relating to chemical and biological warfare (CBW) have been developed. It is a collaborative project, with contributions from researchers specialising in various aspects of CBW issues. The Coordinating Editor collates the available information in a systematic manner.

Activities: The core aim of CBW Events is to create an easily accessed historical record of relevant developments back to 1 January 1946. This is supplemented by analysis and reporting on significant events in the current development of CBW policy and briefing materials to assist non-specialists engage with the subject matter. These include daily reports from the Second, Third and Fourth CWC Review Conferences as well as CSP-23 and CSP-24 (<http://www.cbwevents.org.uk/cwc-rep.html>). Briefing materials include the Resource Guide for the Third CWC Review Conference (<http://www.cwc2013.info>) in collaboration with the Harvard Sussex Program.

Financial Resources: CBW Events is funded through project work. For example, the daily reports from CWC Review Conferences were funded by the Ploughshares Fund (2008) and through the CWC Coalition (2013 & 2018). Financial support for the production of daily reports from meetings of the BWC in Geneva have included: Ploughshares Fund, Acronym Institute, VERTIC (through a Ford Foundation grant), as well as the Foreign Ministries of Canada, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK. The BWC Briefing Book produced for the Seventh BWC Review Conference and the Resource Guide for the Third CWC Review Conference were both funded by the UK FCO.

Membership: CBW Events is not a membership organisation.

## 12. Center for Non-Proliferation and Export Control

City/Country: Bishkek/Kyrgyzstan

Contact person(s): Timur Cherikov

Website: [exportcontrol.kg](http://exportcontrol.kg)

Overview: Promotion of the Kyrgyz Republic community of experts and professionals in the field of:

- Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (hereinafter non-proliferation);
- Arms control;

To attract investment for research and works to strengthen non-proliferation regimes through:

- Organising and holding of expert and advisory services;
- Organising events (conferences, seminars, meetings), including international events, on non-proliferation issues;

- Organising informative studies;
- Promoting democratic reforms in the country and promoting the development of democratic institutions and other public organisations that contribute to preventing and resolving ethnic conflicts, the strengthening of inter-ethnic harmony and tolerance in CIS.

Activities:

Our activities include:

- Organising and conducting symposiums, seminars, scientific conferences and trainings on export controls for government officials;
  - Especially those involved with:
    - Export control specialists enterprises;
    - Exporters of goods and services.
- Assisting in the development of our own internal program of export controls, and the implementation of an enterprise, as well as establishing a database on the subject;
- Consulting on various aspects of export controls and providing advice on the preparation and processing of documents regarding export controls;

Financial resources: Our resources include: UN ODA/UNSCR, the program office in Bishkek OSCE, the US embassy, the Canadian government and others as well as the Global Security program.

Membership: We are partnered with other organisations including the Green Coalition, in addition, we are signed several MoU's with African NGOs, Pakistani NGOs and a Kazakh NGO: <https://exportcontrol.kg/en/category/news/>

### **13. Centre for International Security and Policy**

City/Country: Nur-Sultan/Kazakhstan

Contact person(s): Alimzhan Akhmetov

Website: [www.cisp-astana.kz](http://www.cisp-astana.kz)

Overview: The non-profit organisation, Center for International Security and Policy, was registered in February 2017 in Kazakhstan. The mission of the centre is to create a national disarmament school in Kazakhstan and support disarmament activities in Central Asia and beyond. The centre's vision is to become a key NGO in Kazakhstan and Central Asia in the field of disarmament and international security.

Activities: The centre did not participate in previous CWC conferences and has not conducted activities in this field yet.

Financial resources: We receive donations and grants to fund ourselves. We have received grants from the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

Membership: N/A

### **14. Centre for International Security Studies and Strategic Research (MEF Strategy)**

City/Country: Istanbul/Turkey

Contact persons(s): Mustafa Kibaroglu

Website: [www.mef.edu.tr/en](http://www.mef.edu.tr/en)

Overview: The Centre for International Security Studies and Strategic Research (MEF\_Strategy) aims to carry out elaborate and comprehensive research on world affairs with special emphasis on the developments taking place in the realm of international security and military strategy. In accordance with this objective, MEF\_Strategy convenes workshops, seminars, and conferences on specific issues extending from the proliferation of weapons of

mass destruction (WMD) to cybersecurity, and intelligence assessment, by bringing together academics and experts working in these fields. MEF\_Strategy also takes part in the realisation of similar gatherings by sister organisations with which it is cooperating.

Activities: One of the important missions of MEF\_Strategy is to compile and disseminate publications, such as occasional papers and proceedings of the research projects that will be undertaken by the researchers at MEF\_Strategy. In that respect, the participation of MEF\_Strategy researchers in such important events like the CSP under the auspices of the OPCW, is of extremely great value to the quality of the work done at the Centre.

Financial Resources: MEF\_Strategy does not have a significant source of funding. Researchers who are at the same time faculty members at MEF University conduct research in their own capacity.

Membership: MEF\_Strategy has five (soon to be six) permanent (academic) members who are also faculty members at MEF University, in addition to a dozen Board Members consisting of distinguished individuals from various sectors, such as the state bureaucracy, including former diplomats and military personnel, academia, the media as well as intellectuals, who share their invaluable insights and suggestions with the Centre that help guide its activities.

## **15. Colorado Citizens Advisory Commission for Chemical Demilitarization**

City/Country: Colorado Springs/ United States of America

Contact person(s): Irene L. Kornelly

Website: [www.colorado.gov/cdphe/cocac](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/cocac)

Overview: The mission of the Colorado Citizens' Advisory Commission (COCAC) for chemical demilitarization is to provide an advisory role to federal, state and local governments, as well as private citizen stakeholders to keep them informed of the demilitarization process and to address their concerns.

Activities: The COCAC holds monthly public meetings in the community to keep all interested parties up to date on the progress on the weapons destruction. Additional meetings are held with the Department of the Army, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to address additional concerns and to discuss problems and successes in a more in depth manner. With the COVID-19 global pandemic it has been crucial to keep lines of communication open even though all meetings have been virtual.

Financial Resources: The COCAC receives funding from the U.S. Department of Defense to cover the costs of advertising of meetings, mailings, meeting room rental and recording of all meetings and minimal administrative expenditures. These costs can exceed no more than USD 25,000.

Membership: The COCAC is made of nine members appointed by the Governor of Colorado. Each member volunteers their time to serve on the commission. Two of the nine members of the commission are members of the Governor's staff who play a role in the administration of the policy or regulations of the chemical weapons destruction. The remaining members are private citizens who have an interest in the destruction of the weapons.

## **16. Consejo Argentino de Relaciones Internacionales (CARI)**

City/Country: Buenos Aires/Argentina

Contact person(s): Julio Hang

Website: [www.cari.org.ar](http://www.cari.org.ar)

Overview: The Argentine Council for International Relations (also known as CARI) is a civil society, partisan-free and non-profit organisation, with a long-standing track record that has made it a flagship institution in the field of international relations in Argentina.

CARI's mission entails of a deep study of the main global challenges and the road that Argentina must take to face them. For such a purpose, major players in the various public and private sectors have the opportunity to establish dialogue with their peers domestically and worldwide on the most relevant international issues for Argentina.

Activities: Direct relationship with the Chemical Control Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Training on the new concepts and activities of the OPCW. Relationship with institutions interested in what is determined by the OPCW. Analysis and distribution of what was done in the 24th plenary meeting of the OPCW.

Financial Resources: CARI has three types of membership. On the one hand, Individual Affiliate Members, who voluntarily approach the Institution for membership purposes and contribute to financially support the Council. On the other hand, CARI appoints designated members on the basis of their interest in international issues, solidarity with the Council, and generously shared experience at the various forums of discussion held at CARI's premises.

Membership: The different member categories are as follows:

- Honorary Members;
- Chiefs of State or Governments of foreign countries;
- Correspondent Members;
- Ministers and Cabinet Members, Presidents of International Organisations, and other international personalities;
- Counsellors and Consultants.

These are local members, with academic and/or public background, who participate in CARI's activities and are entrusted with the Institution's administrative oversight and control.

## **17. Democracy and Human Rights Developing Organisation**

City/Country: Sulimanya/Iraq

Contact person(s): Peshraw Amin

Website: N/A

Overview: Working towards establishing a democratic society in Iraq through:

- Promoting the principles of human rights and democracy;
- Publishing the idea of respecting human rights;
- Publishing the idea of coexistence within the people of Iraq;
- Informing the individuals of their rights;
- Creating awareness among the victims of genocide about their rights.

Activities: We are working towards creating awareness within the society about the evils of war, because our society is victim of genocide and the use of chemical gases. We see it as our duty to work together to prevent any kind of use of weapons of mass destruction. The Chemical Weapons Convention goals or other conventions regarding weapons of mass destruction, cannot be achieved in non-democratic authority, therefore, democratisation is the important base for achieving these conventions.

Financial resources: We have three financial resources:

- Annual membership fee;
- Donations from other international humanitarian organisations;
- Funds from local companies (through applications).

Membership: N/A

## **18. Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA)**

City/Country: Cairo/Egypt

Contact person(s): Ambassador Gillane Allam

Website: <http://www.ecfa-egypt.org>

Overview: The Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation launched in Cairo, Egypt, in May 1999. It serves as an informal forum for exchange of views and ideas with different foreign think tanks and dignitaries on how to prevent proliferation, acquisition and more so use of WMDs including nuclear and chemical weapons as well as means of establishing peace, fighting terrorism through a strong multilateral system and organisations bound by the rule of international law, respect for sovereignty of states, achieving cooperation and prosperity for peoples and dignity for humans.

Activities: Though Egypt is not a State Party to CWC, Ambassador Rogelio Pfirter, 1st OPCW DG was received in Egypt as a guest of ECFA where he gave a thorough expose of CWC and OPCW to a large audience of formal and informal experts and government officials. Ambassador Allam, as representative of ECFA, has participated and contributed extensively to the CSPs and Review meetings since NGOs have been invited to attend. Chemical weapons in Libya and Syria and their potential acquisition by Non State Actors is still a matter of great concern bearing in mind the dangerous evolving situation in the ME. Financial Resources: ECFA funding depends on the annual subscription fees, donations or grants by its individual and well established corporate members. ECFA does not ask or accept any funds from non-Egyptian sources. Hence, ECFA does not have the means of any support for any of its members invited to participate in out of Egypt regional or international organisation, think tank, research centre or university dealing with the issues of common concern.

Membership: ECFA draws and builds upon a variety of expertise of its members, including retired ambassadors, former military high ranking officers, media experts and officials, academia, writers, economists, bankers, business men, public figures, etc. Only credible, capable and expert personalities applications and recommended by 2 Board Members are scrutinised and eventually accepted by Board of Trustees of ECFA. ECFA present membership is of the order of +500 distinguished members.

## **19. Environmental Protection and Public Care Organisation**

City/Country: Aden/Yemen

Contact person(s): Prof. Matouk Al-Rainee

Website: N/A

Overview: Our aim is to create public awareness about the use of chemical and biological weapons, in cities and areas that were targeted by terrorists and Alhawthi militia. Moreover, to create awareness on illegal chemicals that can be converted into weapons through training customs. All our work and trainings are in accordance with the CWC and its annexes. In addition, together with the Ministry of Defence and Interior for detoxification and decontamination of chemical weapons, we organise trainings, also in accordance to the CWC and its annexes.

Activities: We are an active NGO in Yemen and the only organisation working in the field of chemical and biological weapons, all our work is according to CWC and its annexes. We make programs with customs regarding illegal chemicals, these are in the form of training courses for example, on ways to inspect and report.

Financial Resources: Our finances come in the form of:

- Funding from industrialists;
- Membership contributions;

- Our studies;
- Fees from our courses and trainings.

Membership: We have members all over the country these include:

- Volunteers;
- Chemists;
- Pharmacists;
- Micro biologists.

## **20. Farmers Care Foundation**

City/Country: Tema/Ghana

Contact person(s): Thomas Kwame

Website: N/A

Overview: Our aims include:

- Sensitising communities on dangers of chemical weapons and its harmful threat to humanity and the environment;
- Organising symposiums, forums, workshops and seminars to disseminate information on chemical weapon usage and the dangers it poses;
- Fostering collaboration with similar organisations elsewhere, especially those whose governments have not rectified the Chemical Weapon Convention and push for their overwhelming adoption;
- Proposing measures that will enhance abolishing of chemical weapon;
- Displaying our commitment and seeking total elimination of chemical weapons.

Activities: We achieve our goals through:

- Keeping abreast of developments of CWC;
- Seeking out to strengthen our staff and volunteers alike with the skills required to protect and offer assistance to the communities in an occurrence of unforeseeable emergencies of a chemical weapons deployment;
- Meetings which are held regularly on topics of current interest, and to exchange views by hearing diverse opinions on the perception of chemical weapons within the communities;
- We take recognised accounts on responds from the communities and provide feedback to the authorities on issues raised to formulate policies in regard to chemical weapons.

Financial Resources: The Organisation derives its funding mainly from the members' contributions and dues, community donations, and other voluntary donations Limited funds are raised often through fund-raising during and after the general annual meetings. Such meetings have been held since the establishment of the organisation in 2004.

Membership: N/A

## **21. Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society**

City/Country: Berlin/Germany

Contact person(s): Prof. Dr Brietislav Friedrich

Website: <http://www.fhi-berlin.mpg.de>

Overview: The Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society (FHI-MPG) is one of the Society's two oldest institutes and also one of the most distinguished, with the highest number of affiliated Nobel Laureates of any Max Planck Institute (seven). Founded in 1911, the Institute has been a leading institution in basic academic research in physical chemistry and chemical physics worldwide (with notable interruption during WWI and during the Nazi era).

In particular, after WWII, the Institute has become one of the world's leading centres in surface chemistry and physics.

Activities: In keeping with its responsibility to promote CW awareness, the FHI-MPG, along with the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, organised in 2015 an international symposium to mark the centennial of the infamous chlorine attack at Ypres, Belgium. This attack was orchestrated by Fritz Haber. It focused on the history of chemical warfare from 1915 until 2015. The papers were published as *One Hundred Years of Chemical Warfare: Research, Deployment, Consequences* by Springer-Nature. Members have given statements to State Parties in response to the 2018 nerve agent attack, and organised a workshop on CBW and the environment in 2019.

Financial Resources: The Institute is funded by the Max Planck Society, a private research institution funded, in turn, by the Land of Berlin and the Federal Government of Germany (taxpayer money).

Membership: FHI-MPG has currently 410 employees. These are research directors, permanent staff scientists, non-permanent staff scientists, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, electronics and machine shop professionals, administrative staff and auxiliary staff. Members of the institute are hired solely based on their professional abilities and in compliance with German labour laws.

## **22. Global Green**

City/Country: Santa Monica/ United States of America

Contact person(s): Paul Walker

Website: [www.globalgreen.org](http://www.globalgreen.org)

Overview: Founded by President Gorbachev to foster a global value shift toward a sustainable and secure future. For 20 years, Global Green USA has been a national leader in advancing smart solutions to climate change that improve lives and protect our planet. Activities: The CWC Coalition is pursuing to promote the goals and objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Financial resources: Voluntary contributions by various entities from different parts of the world as well as chemical industries committed to the world free from chemical weapons.

Membership: N/A

## **23. Global Network for Sustainable Development**

City/Country: Lagos/Nigeria

Contact person(s): Dr Marek Wosinski

Website: [www.gnsd.org](http://www.gnsd.org)

Overview: Our mission is to ensure for a peaceful world, where there would be no destruction of lives and property from chemical weapons. Many lives are lost across countries and continents, with millions of people being increasingly displaced every year. We believe that the needless loss of lives can be drastically reduced and a peaceful co-existence around the world can be made possible.

Activities: We provided humanitarian services to people displaced by conflicts, especially to women and children, who are the most vulnerable.

Financial resources: We receive funding from grants (which is not always easily accessible). Most of our funding comes from voluntary donations, philanthropists and our members.

Membership: N/A

## **24. Green Environment Organisation**

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Sherko Ahmad Abdulla

Website: N/A

Overview: A non-governmental organisation that aims to protect the environment from contamination throughout Iraq and Kurdistan, and through pressure on parliament to legislate laws to protect the environment from the pollution of factories and by encouraging the government's commitment to the environment.

In addition to spreading awareness among the community to protect nature and work to prevent the import of chemical materials for the industry that harm the environment, we are also pressing the government to compensate for the areas affected by the chemical weapons bombing.

Activities: Working to prevent the use of chemical weapons in armed conflicts by pressing the parliament to legislate related laws. We also urge the government to prevent the import of all chemical materials that can be used in the manufacture of chemical weapons. In addition, we monitor terrorist acts in which chemical materials are used by illegal armed groups or terrorist groups.

Financial Resources: Sources of funding:

- Membership subscriptions;;
- Donations from members;
- Donations from persons outside an organisation or other institutions according to the law;
- Donations and funding of international organisations for some activities;
- Remuneration and contributions of investors under the law and the rules of procedure of the organisation, free of charge and without conditions.

Membership: Green Environment Organisation, has 73 members

Membership criteria:

- Completing 18 years of age.
- Graduate of colleges and institutes for the study of the environment or an activist interested in the environment.
- Not previously convicted by state courts of committing human rights violations or crimes damaging the environment.
- Commitment to work towards achieving the objectives of the Organisation.
- To abide by laws and charters related to the environment and human rights of all kinds.

## **25. Halabja Chemical Victims Society**

City/Country: Halabja/Iraq

Contact person(s): NA

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/komalayqwrqbnyan>

Overview: The Organisation was established to act as a representative of victims, injured and lost people of chemical weapon and to indicate their requirements to relevant parties.

We gather evidence and documents related to chemical crime of Halabja city.

Other goals:

- To punish the doers and helpers of Halabja chemical crime;
- To punish the companies that helped to produce chemical weapon or sold the materials needed to produce chemical weapons;
- To cure the injured people of Halabja city in or out of Kurdistan;



- To find the children who had been lost and are still missing.

Activities: The Organisation complained against the past regime of Iraq in high court of crimes of Iraq, that attacked the Halabja city and its surroundings with chemical weapons,

- Participation in various activities, revolutions and disagreement courses against using chemical weapons in many parts of Syria like (Ghota) in Damascus.
- Making complaints in local courts and other countries' court against many companies that had sold chemical materials to Saddam Husain
- Efforts to overcome and lessen the bad and horrible effects of chemicals in Halabja city and surrounding areas.

Financial Resources: Our group has no permanent sources of financing, and everyone works here as volunteers. Our financial sources include:

- Collected money from members of the group that they pay as required;
- Making connections with international organisations to make many process to serve victims of chemicals and the organisations help us to make money in those projects such as:
- Surveying of lost peoples of Halabja city project which is done with the help of ICMP.
- Complaint making project against those companies that helped Saddam to do his chemical rampage and sold him chemicals with the help of GJG and MM.LAW lawyers

Membership:

- Board members:
- Must be a capable person who loves his country and has a clear past.
- Age must be above 22.
- Must be one of the relatives of a victim.
- Must be an educated person.
- Must be expert in organisations works.
- The normal members - to be a regular member:
- Must be one of the victims who has got the definition card made by an organisation under the researches of special doctors.
- Must give a request form to be a member of the group.

## **26. Halabja Memorial Foundation**

City/Country: Rijswijk/The Netherlands

Contact person(s): Dana Mirza

Website: [www.halabja.eu](http://www.halabja.eu)

Overview: The Halabja Monument Foundation is a non-profit and independent organisation that strives for the construction of a monument in The Hague, and wants the poison gas attack on Halabja and the Anfal campaign to be recognised as a genocide in the world.

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Financial resources:

- The capital intended to realise the object of the foundation is formed by:
- Subsidies, gifts and donations;
- Inheritances or bequests;
- Otherwise obtained;
- Inheritances may only be accepted under the privilege of inventory.

Membership: The foundation is managed by a general chairman, secretary and treasurer, employed by the foundations, in addition, the foundation may employ volunteers or other employees. This also applies to the department of technicians and administration etc.

## **27. Halabja Victims Home for Peace**

City/Country: Halabja/Iraq

Contact person(s): Dr Hozan Hikmat

Website: N/A

Overview: The aim of our organisation is the establishment of the peace in our country and all over the world, and act against the all the crimes and genocides that happened against humanity and supporting the victims of the war. To achieve this, we have done many activities and participated in conferences related to the peace in our country and the world.

Activities: Participating in conferences for peace in (Kurdistan region of Iraq / Erbil)

Participating in the (IPB International Peace Bureau) conference in (Ieper / Belgium)

Participating conferences of peace ambassadors in Tehran / Iran.

Financial resources: Our organisation has no permanent financial support, we get help from charity organisations, and all members act as volunteers.

Membership: N/A

## **28. Harvard Sussex Program**

City/Country: Brighton/ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Dr Caitriona McLeish

Website: <http://hsp.sussex.ac.uk>

Overview: HSP is an inter-university collaboration for research, communication and training in support of informed public policy towards chemical and biological weapons. The Program links research groups at Harvard University in the United States and the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom.

Activities: HSP seeks to instil the traditions, practice and benefits of scholarship into the formation of public policy on issues involving chemical (and biological) weapons. University-based research and publication, other forms of international communication, constructive association with people in policy-shaping and policy-making circles, and training of young people are the means HSP uses. HSP also maintains The Sussex Harvard Information Bank (SHIB) which is the product of HSP's concerted and continuing effort to acquire up-to-date information about CBW and to make that information available.

Financial Resources: HSP is funded through grants. An illustrative list of HSPs major funders would include: John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation of Chicago, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Alfred P Sloan Foundation of New York, UK Economic & Social Research Council, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council, the European Commission.

Membership: There are eight people on the staff of HSP. Mostly based at Harvard and Sussex universities, some are members of faculty, some are doctoral candidates and others are support staff or consultants. Should faculty positions become available they are advertised on the respective university sites. Opportunities for postgraduate study at the Sussex end of HSP are to be found on the SPRU website <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/spru/study> and handled at the institutional level.

## 29. High Hope

City/Country: Accra/Ghana

Contact person(s): Samuel Asamoah Asare

Website: N/A

Overview: To broadcast the news about the Chemical Weapons Convention; to study the chemical weapon operations and support to realise their aims; to propagate their agenda holistically for a successful end; to promote the elimination of chemical weapons and other related dangerous weapons.

Activities: We achieve our aims through various activities including:

- Formulating measures where the Organisation can collaborate and get acquainted with anti-chemical weapons policies;
- Gaining a good understanding of the Chemical Weapons Convention;
- Being informed adequately in order to formulate relevant respective measures to tackle the issue;
- Understanding the aims of the Chemical Weapon Convention, how they ought to be achieved and what help is needed by all to achieve those goals;
- Adhering to policies aiming at eradicating chemical weapons; and tapping into the ideas available to solve the situation.

Financial Resources: We receive funding from, annual membership fees, local public donations, appeals for funds, and individual contributions.

Membership: N/A

## 30. Human Rights Development Organisation

City/Country: Sulaymaniyah/Iraq

Contact person(s): Araz Khalil

Website: N/A

Overview: A non-governmental organisation that aims to monitor violations of human rights in Iraq committed by the security services of the State or by illegal armed groups, as well as monitor government and legislative decisions on human rights. It also publishes reports on human rights violations every six months, organises demonstrations against human rights violations and participates in local and international conferences.

Activities: Working to prevent the use of chemical weapons in armed conflicts by pressing a parliament to legislate related laws it also happened in the 1980s. We also urge the government to prevent the importation of all chemical materials that can be used in the manufacturing of chemical weapons. In addition, we monitor terrorist acts in which chemical materials are used by illegal armed groups or terrorist groups.

Financial Resources: Sources of funding:

- Member subscriptions.
- Donations of members and persons outside the organisation or other institutions, without any condition or consideration.
- Donations and funding of international organisations for some activities.
- Rewards and contributions of investors in the framework of the law and the rules of procedure of the organisation and free of charge.
- Subsidies provided by the Kurdistan regional government for NGOs according to the organised projects.

Membership: Membership criteria:

- Over 18 years of age.
- Preliminary study.

- Not accused by state courts of crimes that violate human rights and not found guilty of a violation of human rights.
- Pledges to work towards achieving the objectives of the Organisation.
- Commitment to human rights laws and charters of all kinds.

Human Rights Development Organisation has 127 members.

### **31. Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)**

City/Country: New Delhi/India

Contact person(s): Sujan R. Chinoy

Website: [www.idsa.in](http://www.idsa.in)

Overview: A non-partisan, autonomous body dedicated to objective research and policy relevant studies on all aspects of defence and security. Its mission is to promote national and international security through the generation and dissemination of knowledge on defence and security-related issues. The core values that serve as guiding principles of the institute are: Integrity and Honesty; Commitment; Professionalism; Pursuit of excellence; Teamwork; and Innovation and Creativity.

Activities: A well-qualified multi-disciplinary research faculty drawn from academia, defence forces and the civil services, representing a diversity of views. Research at the Institute is driven by a comprehensive agenda and by the need to provide impartial analyses and policy recommendations. Institute's journals, monographs, briefs, and books are the principal mediums through which these analyses and policy recommendations are disseminated. In addition, the news media also carry the views of the institute's experts in the form of op-eds, interviews and participation in debates.

Financial Resources: Our financial resources includes:

- Funding from the government of India;
- Membership fees;
- Sales of publications;
- Scholars' contributions from their earnings from outside the institute.

Membership: Members and Life Members form the General Body of the Institute. They have the right to vote to elect the executive council, which governs the institute. Generally, people who have contributed to the field of security are given membership by the membership committee. Associate membership is given to scholars and journalists working on security issues.

### **32. International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Kurdistan**

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Kawa Nader Qader

Website: [fb.com/ICAN-Kurdistan-584132411663984/](https://fb.com/ICAN-Kurdistan-584132411663984/)

Overview: ICAN Kurdistan – IKN – is a part of ICAN. We work at the local level for the abolishment of all WMDs, mainly chemical WMDs but also nuclear. We do this work at a local level in Iraq. ICAN stands for the International Campaign for the Abolishment of Nuclear Weapons. At the Iraqi level we have now 127 organisations present in our coalition.

Activities:

- Rallies against the use of WMDs and against governments that protect the arms dealers that sell these;
- Seminars to inform scholars and students at universities about these weapons;

- Art exhibits that depict the cruel consequences of using WMDs; distributing 20,000 copies of brochures in all languages and dialects in the Middle East to define OPCW actions and achievements for people in general and chemical weapons victims in particular;
- <https://www.facebook.com/584132411663984/photos/p.3075564845854049/3075564845854049/?type=1&theater>
- Opening a photo exhibition in all cities and regions affected by chemical weapons, for victims of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons in the world.

Financial Resources: Subsidies from the local Kurdish regional government and from our members. Our organisation is run by volunteers and our activities are low budget.

Membership: We are open to any organisations that work in the same field as ours. One of the main criteria is that they have to be independent from political and religious organisations and ideologies. They also have to respect the international law. Our current organisational membership is 127.

### **33. International CBRNE Institute Belgium**

City/Country: Hainaut /Belgium

Contact person(s): Yves Dubucq

Website: [www.ici-belgium.be](http://www.ici-belgium.be)

Overview:

- The ICI's main mission is to strengthen CBRNE risk mitigation at the regional, national and international levels;
- ICI has also moved into the humanitarian field, robotics, crisis management and the fight for the protection of the environment;
- ICI engages in a range of CBRNE-related activities such as:
  - Developing and supporting academic and policy-related research;
  - Organising conferences, seminars and workshops;
  - Contributing to professional development for responder (basic to command levels).
- As independent sources, the two ICI expert groups aim to promote best practices, standards and innovations in their different specialties.

Activities: Besides the various courses, seminars, conferences organised either at the Institute or outside, the ICI was responsible for various activities as an organiser at the international level such as:

- The International conference ISMCR 2018 (20 ns);
- The European competition on robotics ELROB 2018 (15 nations);
- The 22nd International Meeting of National Mine Action Program Directors and UN Advisers (ICI Side event);
- A seminar in Multidisciplinary Management of Exceptional Situations (Brussels University);
- A international workshop: RISE'2019 (Risky Interventions, Environmental survey);
- Trainings: Towards a strengthening of legal instruments and international mechanisms related to nuclear risks in Africa (for Devco EU) (Yaoundé)

Financial Resources: The funding for ICI mainly comes from: courses, conferences, seminars, workshops and sponsors (including: Hotzone Solutions Group, Cristanini, Ouvry, Ansell, TCPS, Proengin, etc.)

Membership: The ICI has a cooperation agreement with 29 universities mainly from the EU, 446 experts and another 1549 contacts.

### **34. International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS)**

City/Country: Warsaw/Poland

Contact person(s): Ambassador Krzysztof Paturej

Website: [www.iccss.eu](http://www.iccss.eu)

Overview: ICCSS offers chem-bio and environmental safety and security and cybersecurity to all stakeholders in need, including local partners, governments, international organisations, industries, academia, civil society and youth. ICCSS identifies, operationalises and internationalises best practices, capacity building, standards and regulatory measures.

ICCSS ground-breaking work to identify and fill gaps in existing national, international and industry standards and practices, to raise awareness and promote new tools that can be utilised to enhance safety and security and reduce cyber risks, combined with our global networks and partnerships, elevates chem-bio and environmental safety, security and cybersecurity, as global priorities.

Activities: ICCSS is a pioneer and global leader and solutions provider in integrated/harmonised approaches to chemical and environmental safety and security and industry cybersecurity based on the principles of sustainability, continuity, public-private partnership; modern management; enterprise and project risk management; multi-stakeholder participation.

Among its flagship project and initiatives aiming to enhance chemical security are:

- Middle East Programme;
- EU-CHEM-REACT and EU-CHEM-REACT 2 in the framework of chemical civil protection programme;
- Bullseye project;
- Industrial cybersecurity programme;
- Local Awareness and ChemFriendly programme;
- Dialogue cooperation Hub.

Financial resources: ICCSS as a non-profit foundation does not receive direct funding or subsidies from any institution. The funding sources come from the international grants for projects the ICCSS applies and receives, from featured donations for joint activities conducted with international donors, and from ICCSS training and education activities. Among ICCSS's major funders are the European Commission and the Norwegian Fund.

Membership: N/A

### **35. International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions (IDUM)**

City/Country: The Hague/Netherlands

Contact person(s): Terrance P. Long

Website: [www.underwatermunitions.org](http://www.underwatermunitions.org)

Overview: IDUM is recognized as an accredited body of experts, where stakeholders can come together in an open and transparent process to discuss the policy, science, technology and responses to dumped munitions in the seas. IDUM's mission promotes the creation of an Internationally Treaty for the eradication of all classes of Underwater Munitions (UWM's). The Treaty would provide a Venue for Stakeholders to openly and transparently discuss public safety, human health and environment issues related to UWM's. The OPCW/CWC is an Arms Control Treaty, whereas civil society needs to discuss the impacts from decades of decaying UWM's in the seas.

Activities: United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14 - Ocean Commitment # 21356. IDUM's, Ocean Action is in the UN Ocean Registry, is to take-action to support United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG) "Life below water". The UN Ocean Commitment

was accepted by United Nations to Establish the International Marine Training Centre for Innovative Science and Technology for Underwater Munitions in Cape Breton. The Ocean Commitment is to support SDG 14 Life below water - to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources. Underwater munitions are a major threat to the implementations of UNSDG 14 Life below water.

Financial Resources: IDUM a non-profit foundation that does not receive direct funding or subsidies from any private donor or institution. IDUM funding sources come from international grants for underwater munitions projects directly related to projects for underwater munitions Policy, Science, Technology and Responses. International partners and donors are invited to make voluntary contributions and or offer of in-kind support for financial assistance for Core funding or to support United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG) “Life below water” Ocean Action#21356 to establish the International Marine Training Centre for Innovative Science and Technology for the eradication of Underwater Munitions.

Membership: IDUM is registered in Canada and The Netherlands. IDUM has a Management Board and an International Science and Technology Advisory Board on Underwater Munitions (UWM's) consists of 16 Board Members who are diplomats, scientists, academics, experts and officials representing more than ten nationalities and who act in their personal capacities. The purpose of the international science and technology advisory board on underwater munitions is to provide independent advice on scientific, technical, responses and organizational aspects of dumped chemical munitions in the context to promote dialogue and bilateral and multilateral contacts in this area amongst interested governments and international organizations.

### **36. Iranian Greenpeace Chemical Weapons Association**

City/Country: Tehran/Iran

Contact person(s): Rezvan Khajeh Salehani

Website: [www.igcwa.ir](http://www.igcwa.ir)

Overview: This association is recently established with more than 2,000 victims of chemical weapons as members, in addition to some social workers that are active in the scene of promoting international peace. This association takes care of the victims of chemical weapons, especially in the field of medical, by arranging some meetings to improve their knowledge. Every month, we invite one specialist to give lectures. The idea for establishing this association is to unite all 2,300 victims of chemical weapons in the Charmahal province and to also connect with other victims at the national and international level to work for peace and friendship.

Activities: The objective of this association is to support and organise meetings among all the victims in the province and the nation, to attend conferences at international level, especially those hosted by the OPCW, which are highly respected among all the Iranian victims of chemical weapons. We believe that the Iranian victims of chemical weapons are suffering for many years and many of them are ready to work for a peaceful world in which their children can have a better future and the world should be without any chemical weapons. This association decided to attend conference at the OPCW along with some of our members every year, so this connection can improve the knowledge of our members. Preference is given to those who are more affected by chemical weapons, especially those who were admitted to the European Hospital during the Iran-Iraq war, so these victims can conduct more effective interviews.

Funding resources: All the members pay the minimum amount of 500,000 Rials (30 Eur) for membership and we get funding from the Foundation of Martyrs and War Veterans Affair, a semi-governmental organisation taking care of all the war veterans and their families.

Membership: In Charmahal, we have 2,300 victims. Other victims at the national level can join.

### **37. Istanbul University**

City/Country: Istanbul/Turkey

Contact person(s): Prof. Sadik Toprak, Dr Mustafa Oral Oncul

Website: <https://www.istanbul.edu.tr/en/>

Overview: Founded in 1453, Istanbul University is among the first and longest-standing institutions in Turkey. Located in various campuses and research centres in and around the city, Istanbul University is a public academic institution comprising: 15 faculties, one conservatory, two vocational schools, two colleges and 12 graduate institutes.

Istanbul University aims to increase the number and quality of EU projects and other international projects and to develop the recognition and awareness of the University sustainably at national and international levels in the projects and collaborations related to the grants and supports by EU and international organisations.

Activities: Istanbul University supports research on chemical weapons at both national and international levels. The University gives valuable opportunities to their researchers by opening its laboratories and facilities. There are ongoing research activities about chemical weapons in Istanbul University laboratories. In order to increase research capabilities on chemical weapons, Istanbul University employed Prof. Sadik Toprak at the Forensic Medicine Department in 2019. Prof. Sadik Toprak has received grants from all over the world about chemical weapons since 2010. Prof. Sadik Toprak and his team have been carrying out their research at Istanbul University Laboratories.

Financial resources: Istanbul University is a public university. The University receives a wide variety of grants from all around the globe.

Membership: With an academic staff of 7067 and 2391 administrative staff, Istanbul University continues to develop by establishing new departments and master programs.

### **38. Kentucky Environmental Foundation (KEF)**

City/Country: Berea / United States of America

Contact person(s): Craig Williams

Website: [www.kyenvironmentalfoundation.org](http://www.kyenvironmentalfoundation.org)

Overview: The Kentucky Environmental Foundation (KEF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the cause of environmental democracy by: improving public access to information, developing practical solutions, building consensus, fostering cooperation between government and citizens, and encouraging grassroots participation in the environmental decision-making process. Our primary focus since our founding has been the safe and protective elimination of the world's chemical weapons.

Activities: KEF's Director is a member of the Kentucky Governor's Commission on Chemical Weapons Destruction as well as Co-chair of the Kentucky Citizens Advisory Board on Chemical Weapons Demilitarization. KEF's Director has been engaged in the issue beginning in 1984. Has testified before the U.S. House and Senate and received numerous awards recognizing his efforts to encourage safe disposal and U.S. compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Financial Resources: We support for our efforts entirely from fundraising events and individual donors. Historically we depended on grants, but for the past five years we have not applied for such support.

Membership: KEF is not a membership organization per se. We serve communities with no membership requirements. We keep a list of supporters numbering around 600 individuals.



### 39. **Kenyatta University**

City/Country: Nairobi/Kenya

Contact person(s): Dr Margaret Muturi

Website: [www.ku.ac.ke](http://www.ku.ac.ke)

Overview: To provide quality education and training, promote scholarship, service, innovation and creativity and inculcate moral values for sustainable individual and societal development.

Activities: Kenyatta provides facilities and coordinate collaborations with institutions dealing with security and who are willing to partner with the University to offer training to their personnel. It trains and promotes Biosafety and Biosecurity and the use of chemistry for peaceful purposes. KU promotes and contributes to the aims of OPCW through participation in CWCC and has created platforms in the relevant departments to create awareness and Weapon of mass destruction.

Financial Resources: The organisation is a public university with funding coming mainly from fees paid by students. It also benefits from the government of Kenya funding and from donations and research grants.

Membership: N/A

### 40. **Kirkuk Engie Organisation (KED)**

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Salah Muhammedhaseeb Mawlood

Website: N/A

Overview: Kirkuk Engie Organization (KED) is a local civilian organisation that works to serve the society and the people from different nationalities and social groups.

Three out of eight stages of the Anfal camping (March 1988 - August 1988) were implemented in the Kurdish villages around Kirkuk province and Garmian areas. The result of these three stages was that more than 100,000 innocent children and elderly have been killed by different kinds of methods mass destruction and chemical weapons; the environment of nearly 2,500 villages in those areas was destroyed and poisoned. Our organisation, KED, is trying through all efforts to have a major part in developing these areas and helping victims to return to normal life.

Activities:

- To evacuate and clean up all areas exposed to chemical weapons and toxic gases;
- To restructure these areas or to find a new areas free of the effects of destruction and reconstruction in a manner appropriate to the extent of the damage from these attacks;
- Agricultural projects development in that areas if possible;
- Humanity support;
- Public services;
- Society development.

Financial Resources:

- Engineers associations in Iraq;
- KED members and capital owners;
- Civil and governmental organisations in Iraq.

Membership: More than 40 engineers and volunteers.

#### **41. Kurdish Organisations Network Coalition for the International Criminal Court (KONCICC)**

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Sarkout Mahmoud

Website: [www.koncicc.org](http://www.koncicc.org)

Overview: The mission of the organisation is Iraqi membership at the ICC, which will prevent war crimes including the use of chemical weapons in the future.

Activities: The use of chemical weapons is prohibited by the ICC (ICC Statute, Article 8(2)(b)(xviii)). Thus, an Iraqi membership at the International Criminal Court will prevent the usage of chemical weapons in Iraq. If not, it will make it possible to prosecute the individuals using these kinds of weapons. We also help organisations that are part of our coalition to organise their own rallies promoting the banning of chemical weapons and prosecuting the individuals using these weapons.

Financial Resources: All of our funds come from subsidies provided by the Kurdistan regional government and from our member NGOs.

Membership: The number of NGOs that are a member of our organisation is 351. The main criterion for the membership of our organisation is that they have to be related to one of the following fields: human rights, international law, law, anti-genocide or anti-war crime. Naturally, they have to work in an ethical, impartial, non-biased manner.

#### **42. Kurdistan Without Genocide**

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): A. Mhamad

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/kurdistan genocide>

Overview: Kurdistan Without Genocide (KWG) is a civil, independent, and not-for-profit association to support the demands of victims' families in the Kurdistan Region. It works to prevent and crime the use of chemical weapons, genocide and war crimes that are being committed against humanity and removing the effects of war by bringing peace to the Kurdistan region.

Activities: Our activities include:

- Supporting the efforts of the international tribunals to combat genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity at the international level;
- Supporting resolutions, action plans and programs of organisations such as the OPCW;
- Banning the arms trade;
- Supporting the work of environmental protection organisations at the international level;
- Filing lawsuits against companies and countries that have assisted the criminal Baath regime by manufacturing, selling, and transporting logistical chemicals;
- Working to define March 16 as an international day for chemical use;
- Holding events in memory of the use of chemical weapons in all cities and towns of Iraq and the countries of the Middle East.

Financial resources: Our funding comes from, the subscription fee for membership in the NGO, donation and funds obtained from selling the organisation's publications, and donations from the KRG (Kurdistan Regional Government.).

Membership: Kurdistan without Genocide has 138 members who work for free at the organisation. Most of our members are victims of chemical attacks. Our members must stand against genocide and chemical warfare.

### **43. Linx Foundation**

City/Country: Dormaa Ahenkro/Ghana

Contact person(s): Eric Adjei

Website: N/A

Overview: We welcome any organisations that share similar interests and exist to avoid the use of chemical weapons in whatever form. We are dedicated to this cause. As a private organisation, we work together to liaise with public and governmental institutions alike with the common aim at protecting the environment against chemical weapons.

Activities: Our activities include:

- Working to bring together the stakeholders' concerns that can help formulate an effective policy.
- Collaborating with research institutions that work in the fields of chemical science in order to keep us abreast and informed.
- Assessing and evaluating the work of the government, in regards to the policies of CWC/OPCW.

Financial Resources: We receive funding through: membership monthly contributions; local public voluntary donations, and community support.

Membership: N/A

### **44. Margliz Foundation**

City/Country: Accra/Ghana

Contact person(s): Aggrey Moses

Website: N/A

Overview: Our aims are:

- To promote awareness of chemical weapons causing extensive damage to the environment and other living things.
- To spread information about the elimination of chemical weapons.
- To draw attention to the health threats caused by chemical weapons.
- To draw attention to the dangers of chemical weapons as a tool of destruction and why they must not be accepted.

Activities:

- Formulating measures where the Organisation can collaborate and get acquainted with the Chemical Weapons Convention to liaise with its policies;
- Being informed adequately to formulate relevant measures that do not go contrary to the Chemical Weapons Convention;
- Helping in achieving the goals of the Chemical Weapon Convention to ensure safety of all;
- Adhering to the provisions of the CWC.

Financial Resources: Margliz Foundation solely depends on local donations, members' dues and contributions to run its finances.

Membership: N/A

#### **45. Mayors for Peace**

City/Country: Halabja/Iraq

Contact person(s): Kheder Kareem

Website: <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/>

Overview: The purpose of the "Mayors for Peace" organisation is to contribute to the attainment of lasting world peace by arousing concern among citizens of the world for the total abolition of nuclear weapons through close solidarity among member cities as well as by striving to solve vital problems for the human race such as starvation and poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation. Due to the Halabja Gas attack on 16-3-1988, the former Mayor of Halabja (Khder Kareem) was elected as vice-president of the organisation in August 2009, and decided to open a branch of MFP in Halabja.

Activities: As the Mayors for Peace, we will support any local or international initiations for the total abolition of nuclear and chemical weapons in the world.

Financial Resources: We depend on our member's fees, in addition, for any activities we apply for funds from local companies.

Membership: Most of the Mayors of Iraqi cities joined our office in Iraq, and we have about 27 volunteers.

#### **46. Miran Health and Environmental Charity**

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Sorkot Fattah

Website: N/A

Overview: The charity started according to its specific vision of being a leading model for those who want to volunteer in the health sector and the environmental field and being a point of reference for patients in need, destitute families and for all charitable hearts who are ready to direct their charities towards health and the environment. Its mission is to provide charity health care, and extend a helping hand to help those in need, to participate in protective and remedial health programs and increase the awareness on the dangers of using chemical weapons and benefits of the safe use in chemicals.

Activities:

- Provide training on health awareness, education and epidemiology and facilitate rehabilitation of cadres, seminars and conferences.
- Provide preventive services and environmental health.
- Organise workshops based on awareness-raising in the field of chemical and industrial safety.

Financial resources:

- Dwobz organisation for environmental protection.
- Dr. Khattab medical clinic.
- Doctors from different specialities and medical health workers.

Membership: The charity allows membership for medical and chemical professionals who have experience in protection, health and environment. Currently, more than 40 doctors and 60 health workers are associated with the charity.

#### **47. Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO)**

City/Country: Rijswijk/Netherlands

Contact person(s): Dr Maarten Nieuwenhuizen

Website: [www.tno.nl](http://www.tno.nl)

Overview: TNO – Nederlandse Organisatie voor toegepast-natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek TNO (in English: The Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research TNO) is a not-for-profit contract research organisation whose expertise and research make a substantial contribution to the competitiveness of businesses and organisations, to the economy and to the quality of our society as a whole. As a large contract research organisation, TNO provides a link within the innovation chain between fundamental research as a source of knowledge and practical application as the use of knowledge that can be commercially exploited.

Activities: The CBRN Protection department of TNO Defence, Safety, and Security focuses on Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Protection including threat research and all defensive capabilities such as toxicology/pathology, detection and identification, protection, decontamination, and medical countermeasures. It is a world class research department consisting of about 50 people and a so-called High Tox facilities, biosafety facilities and radioisotope laboratories. Regarding the CWC the department is a laboratory for protective purposes as well as a designated laboratory. Furthermore, the department is consulting the government of the Netherlands regarding treaty-related technical issues.

Financial Resources: Main funding source is the government of the Netherlands as well as institutional funding from the European Commission and the USA.

Membership: N/A

#### **48. Observatory for the Peaceful Uses of Chemistry**

City/Country: Bujumbura/Burundi

Contact person(s): Gerard Nirungika

Website: N/A

Overview: Our organisation's mission is to promote and disseminate the peaceful uses of chemistry in general, including outreach and education by sensitising government, industries, academia, private sector and the general public. In addition, the Observatory fights against the prohibited trade of chemical products, sensitises the industries and employers to minimise adverse environmental impacts, and protects the health and safety of the employees and the public. The OPACIS participates actively to promote the principles and practices of Responsible Care.

Activities: The members of OPACIS have vast experience in implementing the CWC and are engaged in ensuring that the treaty is disseminated within the general public as a priority.

Financial resources: The Observatory operates with regular contributions from the members, donations and grants from the private sector.

Membership: As of July 2020, the Observatory has five founding members and 50 voluntary members.

#### **49. Organisation Against Weapons of Mass Destruction in Kurdistan**

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Dashti Sleman Qadir

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Organization-Against-Weapons-of-Mass-Destruction-in-Kurdistan-200374950433138/>

Overview: OAWMD is a civil non-profit organisation that aims for a Middle East free from any weapons of mass destruction. The Organisation aims to do so with the following activities:

- Providing training courses for identifying those efforts to prevent WMDs from emerging in the world.
- Participating in conferences related to the goals of the Organisation.
- Doing public works for achieving the Organisation's goals and organising events about WMD usage and global efforts to prevent them.

Activities:

- Organising activities in the memory of chemical weapons victims in Halabja, Hiroshima, and the day of preventing chemical weapons.
- Cooperation with the efforts of organization for the prevention of chemical weapon in the world (OPCW).
- Raising legal appeals against the people, companies, and countries which contributed to the criminal regimes by selling, making, transferring, taking part in logistics, and developing of chemical weapons or other WMDs.
- Campaign in all areas targeted by chemical weapons at the address-thanks OPCW, and supporting letters and activities of the OPCW for the communities of the areas were subjected to chemical weapons attacks.

Financial Resources: Funding comes from small donation from the general public. The trip to the CSP is funded by the activists themselves. Funded by the Ministry of Martyrs and the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq.

Membership: The 31 members of the Organisation are all volunteers and active activists. New members should have the same profile. Members should believe in a world free from chemical and biological weapons, and all weapons of mass destruction.

## **50. Organisation for Defending Sardasht Victims of Chemical Weapons (ODVCW)**

City/Country: Sardasht/Iran

Contact person(s): Abdolrahim Karimi Vahed

Website: [www.odvcw.org](http://www.odvcw.org)

Overview:

- Giving legal and other support to the Victims of Chemical Weapons of Sardasht;
- Promoting the objectives of society to act for a world free from chemical weapons and WMDs;
- Organising all victims of chemical weapons to have a collective approach;

Activities:

- Acting for a world free from chemical weapons;
- Promoting the objective of the CWC to eliminate the existing chemical weapons arsenal;
- Promoting the universality of the Convention.

Financial Resources: Mainly through membership fees. In addition, contributions from other persons and companies.

Membership: Open to:

- Victims of chemical weapons in Sardasht;
- Family members of victims of chemical weapons in Sardasht;
- Individuals accepting the statute of the Organisation;
- Individuals contributing to the cause of Organisation.

## 51. Organisation of Defending Mass Graves Victims' Rights

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Kochar Murad

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/odmg.1988>

Overview: Our mission is to search for and exhume mass graves of innocent people who had been killed by Saddam Hussein's regime. We want to bring back their corpses to their homeland and give them a respectful ceremony and a proper resting place.

Activities:

- Hosting development courses and activities for the families of the victims of chemical gas;
- All kinds of peaceful civil activities;
- Conducting research on mass graves;
- Holding seminars, conferences, workshops, meetings and public dialogues;
- Creating brochures, books and booklets;
- Participating in international conferences and congresses related to the victims of massacres and chemical weapons;
- Being a member of the Coalition mentioned above, as one of the goals of the Organisation;
- Advocacy in rights, achievements and compensation for the families of the victims;
- Publishing information about our activities on the Organisation's website.

Financial resources: Donations from members and the people.

Membership: Our organisation focuses on mass graves. In Iraq, we have many mass graves for which we have a special team designated to explore these sites. We are involved for example at the moment in a search for mass graves from the Anfal campaign. We help with the processing of the victims of these mass graves.

Our team includes:

Mr. Murad: General Director,

Mr. Mohammed: Director of Chemical mass graves

Mr. Arab: Relations Director and Translator

Mrs. Chnar: Women affairs

Mr. Abduljabbar: Member

Mr. Ali: Member

Mr. Ibrahim: Member

Mrs. Rozhan: Member

## 52. Organisation of Resisting Torture and Execution (ORTE)

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): J. Necm

Website: N/A

Overview: Our aim is to maintain human rights standards through:

- Making suggestions to the Parliament of the Kurdistan region regarding laws on torture;
- Keeping a record on crimes, especially involving torture;
- Organising activities, rallies and protests to decrease torture and execution in the region;
- Maintaining a record of civilians that were injured in chemical weapon attacks conducted by the ex-regime;
- Organising activities and conferences to help victims and their families.

Activities: Organising anniversaries by doing the following activities:

- Opening galleries;

- Announcements;
- Conferences;
- Keeping a record on crimes, especially involving torture;
- Organising activities, rallies and protests to decrease torture and execution in the region;
- Maintaining a record of civilians that were injured in chemical weapon attacks conducted by the ex-regime;
- Organising activities and conferences to help victims and their families.

Financial Resources: The Organisation's funding comes from memberships, all donations that come from people and members are spent on activities and conferences.

Membership: ORTE has approximately 255 active members.

Criteria:

- Members should be able to work loyally for the organisation and stay active through all their membership period;
- Members should pay their monthly/yearly membership and collect donations.

### **53. Organisation of the Justice Campaign (OJC)**

City/Country: Erbil/Iraq

Contact person(s): Hewa Saleem

Website: [www.facebook.com/1529892493937226](http://www.facebook.com/1529892493937226)

Overview: The Organisation is a civil non-profit organisation that aims to build an Iraq with social, economic, legal and environmental justice and free from weapons of mass destruction and genocide.

Activities: In the previous 11 years, every year we hold activities in the memory of chemical weapon incidents in Halabja, Goptapa, Balasan, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki, as well as the day for preventing chemical weapons.

We also organised multiple activities against the refineries around cities, which is a major cause of environmental pollution and one of the causes of administrative corruption. We held 34 gatherings for fair salary for victims in Erbil and other cities. We have also organised a campaign to support victims of chemical weapons during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as, run a campaign to purchase ventilation equipment by the government.

Financial resources: It has to be noted that most of our activities don't need a lot of funding in the first place and all members are volunteers.

We rely on membership fee, donation and funds obtained from selling the Organisation's publications.

Membership: The 81 members of the organization are all volunteers and already active in field of public activism. New members should have the same profile, and be active in the causes we believe in.

### **54. Pakistan House**

City/Country: Bronshoj/Denmark

Contact person(s): Muhammad Athar Javed

Website: [www.pakistanhouse.net](http://www.pakistanhouse.net)

Overview: Our aim is to establish better channels of communication between nation-states and contribute to a positive discourse among stakeholders.

Activities: Since 2013, Pakistan House has been promoting the culture of responsible chemistry especially in South Asia. Every year at the occasion of CSP, Pakistan House publishes statements of civil society organisations and distributes a free of cost document, in order to support the positive role of civil society organizations in preventing the spread of chemical



weapons and related material. Through participation in different forums, seminars, and social media campaigns, Pakistan House generates awareness about the mandate of OPCW. We consider that a complementary role of civil society organizations in a democratic country is vital and OPCW has strengthened this role.

Financial Resources: Pakistan House is a non-profitable and non-governmental organisation. Pakistan House's main source is based on the annual membership fee, project-based funds, and small donations/travel grants from international NGOs.

Membership:

Pakistan House has three categories of membership:

- Ordinary members include students, researchers, and civil society members;
- Extraordinary members include businessmen, industrialists' especially chemical industrialists, and philanthropist organisations;
- Executive members include endowments/organisations that provide project-based funds to promote the culture of responsible use of chemistry.

## **55. Peace Dove Organisation**

City/Country: Halabja/Iraq

Contact person(s): Gulstan Ahmad

Website: N/A

Overview: We are as a new NGO in Halabja city, we work towards establishing a peace society in Kurdistan and Iraq. We also have plans to advocate for the rights of the survivors of Halabja gas attack.

Activities: We would like to work and cooperate with the other local and international organisations to eliminate all kinds of chemical weapons because we are victims of these weapons.

Financial resources: We are all volunteers in our NGO and we depend on ourselves for any activities and for any financial supports.

Membership: N/A

## **56. Peace Foundation and International Cooperation**

City/Country: Leiden/Netherlands

Contact person: Tawfiq Asaad

Website: [www.pfic-world.org](http://www.pfic-world.org)

Overview: The Peace Foundation and International Cooperation in the Netherlands is an internationally recognised institution with offices in Leiden, the Netherlands and Sulaymaniyah, Iraq. We are a humanitarian institution, particularly concerned with war victims who have suffered genocide and other disasters. Our aim is to give these people a second chance in life. The non-proliferation trend has a legal and ethical responsibility on these issues and works to make better efforts to prevent the proliferation of chemical weapons.

Activities: PFIC is committed to working in the direction of the countries that have signed the Treaty of Non-Proliferation of Chemical Weapons, holding legal and moral responsibility for the matter and working towards more strenuous efforts for the non-proliferation of chemical weapons.

We support the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons so that it can increase the non-proliferation of chemical weapons, and exchange information between members. The treaty represents the only binding obligation with a goal. Chemical weapons, as well as landmines and cluster munitions, are banned, which has resulted in reductions in the use of these weapons.

Financial Resources: We do not have any financing or financial assistance from any person, governmental or interested party. Non-profit organisations are aid that comes only from active and not mandatory or compelling members.

Membership: Currently, we have more than 800 members, split between our head office in the Netherlands, and our office in Iraq.

## **57. Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs**

City/Country: Geneva/Switzerland

Contact person: Dr Sergey Batsanov

Website: [www.pugwash.org](http://www.pugwash.org)

Overview: Pugwash Conferences is a network of natural and social scientists with the main purpose of preventing military conflict and use of WMD, and to ensure that WMD are prohibited and eliminated. While the nuclear weapons-related issues receive priority in this context, Pugwash is also active in the fields of chemical and biological disarmament.

Activities: Pugwash has contributed significantly to negotiations on Chemical Weapons Convention by holding regular workshops and seminars, helping to find solutions to difficult political and scientific issues. Following the conclusion of negotiations, it continued to offer advice on a range of issues related to the CWC implementation and achieving its universality.

Financial Resources: Several national Pugwash chapters contribute financially or in kind to Pugwash events. Countries like Germany, Norway, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada; UK and others contribute, on request, to specific projects, seminars or workshops. Furthermore Pugwash is receiving grants from major US-based foundations like Carnegie and Plowshares.

Membership: Pugwash does not have strict membership rules or records. In fact, we define ourselves as a network or movement. However, an individual can become a member only upon invitation to a Pugwash event, and the invitees are being carefully selected. The best numerical indication of membership can be offered by regular Pugwash Conferences, which, over the past 10 years were being attended by 250-300 activists from around the world.

## **58. Rif Memory Association**

City/Country: Al Hoceima/Morocco

Contact person(s): Omar Lemellam

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/memoirederif>

Overview: The Rif Memory Association aims to diffuse knowledge and information about the Rif in general, its inhabitants, environment, culture, customs and traditions, history and resistance, and crimes committed against its people, such as chemical warfare.

It also aims at:

- Unveiling historical truths about chemical warfare and making it available to researchers;
- Recognising crimes committed against the Rifian population by their colonisers;
- Getting to know the types of chemical weapons used in the Rif war;
- Collecting, diffusing and encouraging studies about the effects of chemical weapons on the environment;
- Getting to know the relationship between the use of chemical weapons and cancer.

Activities: To achieve these goals the association organises different activities such as:

- Organising seminars on the effects of chemical weapons; and presenting books dealing with chemical warfare in the Rif;
- Giving lectures in schools about chemical warfare;
- Publishing articles in newspapers and electronic media about the topic.

Financial Resources: The sources of our organisation's funding are:

- Membership fees;
- Private donations from the Association members and other sympathisers;
- Grants from the local municipality and regional councils;
- Grants from the local office of the Ministry of Culture.

Membership: Our Association has an elected committee of 11 members. There are 50 active members. Applying for membership requires a written request that is seen by the committee to decide on its acceptance or rejection.

## **59. Rutgers University Camden**

City/Country: Camden/United States of America

Contact person(s): Howard Marchitello

Website: <https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/expert/chevrier>

Overview: As one of the leading comprehensive public research universities in the nation, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, has the threefold mission of:

- Providing for the instructional needs of New Jersey's residents through its undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs;
- Conducting the innovative research that contributes to the medical, environmental, social, and cultural well-being of the state, as well as aiding the economy and the state's businesses and industries;

Performing public service in support of the needs of the residents of the state and its local, county, and state governments. Activities: Professor Chevrier conducts research on the history and implementation of CWC and the BTWC. Citations of research available upon request.

Financial resources: Rutgers University's sources of funding include:

- The State of New Jersey;
- Tuition and fees from students;
- US government grants, i.e. National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation.

Membership: N/A

## **60. Society for Defending the Right of Veterans and Victims of Chemical Weapons of Fars Province**

City/Country: Shiraz/Iran

Contact person(s): Mohammad Reza Hajipour

Website: [www.chemical-janbaz-fars.ir](http://www.chemical-janbaz-fars.ir)

Overview: The mission of the NGO (SCWVSF) is in line with the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) of the OPCW. Our main goal is to support and help the victims of chemical weapons through wards, therapy, medicine and medical equipment, to hold recreational and medical camps, to visit the chemical weapons victims hospitalised and to support the families of the victims in critical situations, such as the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Medical support and assistance to the victims of chemical weapons and striving for a world free of chemical weapons and lasting peace for all the people of the world is our goal. In addition, we meet with other NGOs (such as the OPCW) to improve the medical condition.

Activities: Our community is active in the Fars province, we help victims of chemical weapons through our seven departments

- Health;
- Education and research;
- Public relations and international affairs;

- Administrative;
- Office and support;
- Culture and artistic;
- Environment.

Financial resources: Community funding through NGOs who want peace. As well as people who want to help improve the health and improve the quality of life of chemical weapons victims.

Membership: In the Fars Province, we have 5000 members, all belonging to NGOs.

#### **61. Society for the Study of Peace and Conflict (SSPC)**

City/Country: New Delhi/India

Contact person(s): Animesh Roul

Website: [www.sspconline.org](http://www.sspconline.org)

Overview: The Society's mission is to build linkages and networks with national, regional and global think tanks, with both independent and government organisations who are working towards the greater cause of peace and international security. In addition, we study India's growing role in Asia and in global politics and suggest policy initiatives for the advancement of its strategic interests in the regional and global levels. To undertake qualitative and quantitative research focused on policy issues on national and international security.

Activities: The Society focuses on the following research themes:

- Arms Control & Proliferation;
- National Security & Defence Establishment;
- Emerging & Re-emerging Infectious Disease (ERIDs);
- Terrorism & Homeland Defence;
- Among other security-related domain.

SSPC is part of Bioweapons Prevention Project and CWC Coalition since their inception.

Financial Resources: The Society undertakes projects both collaborative and independent on its core areas of research, funded by Indian research organisations, and donations by voluntary or philanthropic organizations dedicated to policy and the academic focused study of global peace and security.

Membership: Volunteer Members, mostly researchers, students and journalists and career academics. 50+ permanent members.

#### **62. South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI) University**

City/Country: Islamabad/Pakistan

Contact person: Dr Maria Sultan

Website: N/A

Overview: SASSI aims to make a leading contribution to regional and international academics and policy-oriented research discourses about South Asian security. Its work is focused on strategic stability in South Asia and thus on the emergent nuclear relationship which is at the heart of that stability. However, SASSI's remit goes beyond nuclear stability to include the wider issues of chemical and biological weapons, conventional force balance and nuclear export control system.

Activities: The primary thrust of the work carried out by the Institute revolves around the nuclear questions and debates relating to non-proliferation and disarmament, with a particular focus on finding ways and means to enhance capacity building within and outside the region. However, SASSI remit goes beyond nuclear stability to include the wider issues of chemical and biological weapons and conventional force balance, which inform the nature of security

and stability in the South Asian security complex, and thus impact on the nuclear relationship related security issues.

Financial Resources: SASSI generate its resources through organising seminars, conferences, workshops, training courses and other joint ventures with related organisations in the field of chemical weapons, arms control and nuclear non-proliferation, NSG, biological weapons etc.

Membership: N/A

### **63. Stimson Center**

City/Country: Washington, DC/United States of America

Contact person(s): Brian Finlay

Website: <https://www.stimson.org/>

Overview: INNOVATIVE IDEAS CHANGING THE WORLD. For three decades, Stimson has been a leading voice on urgent global issues. Founded in the twilight years of the Cold War, the Stimson Center pioneered practical new steps toward stability and security in an uncertain world. Today, as changes in power and technology usher in a challenging new era, Stimson is at the forefront: Engaging new voices, generating innovative ideas and analysis, and building solutions to promote international security, prosperity, and justice.

Activities: The Henry L. Stimson Center has several programs with projects where it works on the non-proliferation of chemical weapons and engages CWC Member States and the OPCW. This include its Assistance Support Initiative (including its searchable database of assistance programs worldwide); its Chemical Risk Reduction Project (including its searchable database of chemical security laws and regulations, ChemLEXIS); and its Blockchain in Practice Program's proposed project on using blockchain to address the problem of transfer discrepancies in CWC reporting.

Financial Resources: The Stimson Center receives funding from more than 70 charitable foundations, governments, multilateral organizations, corporations and individuals to support its research projects, including, among others, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, General Dynamics, Hitachi Ltd, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Ploughshares Fund, and the governments of Australia, Canada, Finland, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. The Stimson Center does not accept offers of financial support that explicitly or implicitly compromise the Centre's authority over institutional decisions or restricts scholars from promoting their research findings and recommendations.

Membership: Stimson is not a membership organization. It has over one hundred senior fellows, junior staff, distinguished fellows and advisors, operations team members, non-resident fellows and interns working on a range of projects. Our practical approach, independent analysis, and results won the MacArthur Award for Creative & Effective Institutions. The Stimson Center also serves as one of the twenty-five public interest organizations that host Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellows every year. The Stimson Center partners with more than forty other research centres, universities and international and regional organizations, including the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs.

#### **64. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**

City/Country: Solna/Sweden

Contact person(s): Dan Smith

Website: <https://www.sipri.org/>

Overview: SIPRI's mission is to:

- Undertake research and activities on security, conflict and peace;
- Provide policy analysis and recommendations;
- Facilitate dialogue and build capacities;
- Promote transparency and accountability;
- Deliver authoritative information to global audiences.

Activities: SIPRI has conducted research into chemical weapons and international security since it was founded in 1966. The research covers legal, technical and historical aspects of the implementation of international prohibitions against chemical warfare, including the verification of non-production of chemical weapons within the chemical industry and national defence research establishments, and the security implications of dual-use research and technologies in the life sciences.

Financial resources: SIPRI was established on the basis of a decision by the Swedish Parliament and receives a substantial part of its funding in the form of an annual grant from the Swedish Government. The Institute also seeks financial support from other organisations in order to carry out its research. Detailed information about the different sources of funding for SIPRI's work is available on the SIPRI website at URL <https://www.sipri.org/node/5074>.

Membership: N/A

#### **65. St. Petersburg State University - School of International Relations**

City/Country: St. Petersburg/Russia

Contact person(s): Dr Irina Novikova

Website: <http://english.spbu.ru/>

Overview: The School of International Relations at SPBU was established in 1994 to educate the young generation of diplomats, politicians and civil activists. St. Petersburg State University (SPBU) is a leading Russian university with teaching and research excellence ranked among the world's top universities. The structure of SPbU includes over 20 institutes and schools. SPbU has more than 400 partner universities in about 70 countries. More than 25 international summer and winter schools are held at SPbU annually. SPbU is a member of a number of international associations and student exchange programs and internships.

Activities: The School of International Relations at SPbU provides expertise on the broad spectrum of issues related to international security. The Master's program on Strategic and Arms Control Studies at the School of International Relations offers a unique focus on in-depth study of current trends in military strategy and basic national and international legislation in the sphere of non-proliferation, disarmament and arms control. The graduate students conduct their individual research projects on the topics related to the history of CWC and current activities of OPCW.

Financial Resources: St. Petersburg State University is a federal state budgetary educational institution of higher education. The main source of funding is from Russian federal budget. International applicants can apply for a main educational bachelor, master, specialist, medical residency or doctoral degree program on a fee-paying basis. Non-Russian citizens may also apply for the Government Scholarship of the Russian Federation with fully-covered tuition fees, an academic scholarship and reduced dormitory fees. Members of the staff receive grants from governmental and non-governmental institutions. Various academic exchange programs,

as well as research projects, are sponsored by non-governmental organisations and endowments.

Membership: More than 30,000 students study at St. Petersburg State University annually. Annually, it accepts more than 3,000 international students on various degree and non-degree programs. It has 6,000 staff members. More than 300 professors among staff members have foreign citizenship.

## **66. The Trench**

City/Country: Ferney-Voltaire/France

Contact person(s): Jean Pascal Zanders

Website: [www.the-trench.org](http://www.the-trench.org)

Overview: Study and promotion of disarmament, especially in the field of chemical and biological weapons. Dr Zanders has been active in the field of CBW disarmament since 1986, worked for several international research institutes and has attended CSPs and Review Conferences since CSP1 in May 1997.

Activities: Research studies, consultancy, education and training, publications.

Member and past chairperson of the OPCW ABEO.

Financial resources: Contract work (consultancy) in the afore-mentioned areas of activity. Principal current contracts concern the development and implementation of a master's course on CBRN-relevant dual-use technology transfers, funded by the European Commission via the International Science and Technology Centre (Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan) and the Science and Technology Centre in Ukraine (Kiev, Ukraine).

Membership: N/A

## **67. T.M.C. Asser Institute**

City/Country: The Hague/The Netherlands

Contact person(s): Prof. E. Hirsch Ballin

Website: [www.asser.nl](http://www.asser.nl)

Overview: The T.M.C. Asser Institute's mission is to further the development of international and European law in such a way that it serves the cultivation of trust and respect in the global, regional, national and local societies in which it operates. In view of this mission and building on the academic legacy of our predecessors, the board and staff of the institute strive for continuous dissemination of knowledge and results of their research, through courses, conferences and publications. Scholarship and knowledge dissemination are integrated to stimulate intellectual enquiry and lay the foundation for impact in the real legal world.

Activities: Asser Institute has a long-standing record of carrying out national and international research and valorisation projects in the field of public international law, private international law and European law, either on its own or as member of an (inter)national consortium of partner organisations. The institute collaborates with many Dutch and international partners (universities and other academic institutions) to carry out funded projects for local, national and international stakeholders such as the Municipality of The Hague, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security, the European Commission and the European Parliament, and the US State Department.

Financial resources: Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science; Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs; US State Department; Canadian Government; European Commission; Municipality of The Hague.

Membership: N/A

## **68. United Service Institution of India (USI)**

City/Country: New Delhi/India

Contact person(s): Major General BK Sharma

Website: <http://usiofindia.org/>

Overview: The USI of India was founded in 1870 by a soldier scholar, USI stands out as a think tank for its holistic approach to research on wide ranging issues related to Weapons of Mass destruction (WMD); training on strategic thinking, strategy formulation and conduct of strategic simulation games for all premium training establishments in India and abroad. It has nurtured most of the leading strategic thinkers in the security field and expert on WMD. The USI is a unique institution with unequalled expertise in the specialised field of International Security and issues pertaining to Chemical and Biological Weapons.

Activities: USI has built an outstanding reputation for its research on Weapons of Mass Destruction and on strategic and security studies over the last 150 years, by immensely contributing in initiating a strategic culture and policy recommendation and peace studies aspects. The USI deals with historical research of the armed forces, UN peacekeeping training, distant military learning programmes, international seminars, study projects, publications of professional journals and single author books besides conducting Net Assessment and scenario building. USI conducts research on Chemical and Biological weapons and contributes research papers for Chemical and Biological weapons journals. Conducts round table discussions on WMD.

Financial Resources: USI is an autonomous institution and manages its activities with its own funding. Funding mainly comes from membership fees exceeding 15,000.

USI also runs library on Security Studies, and USI library is known for its Books, USI Journal (Quarterly), and USI Digest (Half yearly), Strategic Perspective (On line publication). Library membership fees is nominal and renewed every two years and membership is given to Research Scholars, diplomats, bureaucrats, academicians and defence personnel. USI also runs hostel accommodation with nominal fees for researchers and students.

Membership: USI is an autonomous institution and manages its activities with a membership exceeding 15,000. The members comprise diplomats, bureaucrats, scientists, academicians, scholars and officers of the security forces. They are mainly scholars and subject experts from academia, foreign policy, science, security and military services.

## **69. University of Embu**

City/Country: Embu/Kenya

Contact person(s): Prof. Daniel Mugendi Njiru

Website: [www.embuni.ac.ke](http://www.embuni.ac.ke)

Overview: The mission of the university is to create and disseminate knowledge as an educational institution of higher learning.

Activities: As a university, our goal is education, with emphasis on Pure and Applied Sciences, Medicine and Agriculture. The University has a vibrant Department of Chemistry and Biology and have formulations of research and teaching areas relevant to the CWC.

Financial resources: The University is a public university funded primarily by the exchequer. In addition, it has private students who pay slightly higher fees directly to the university. The university also has a few income generation projects that contribute a small amount to its annual budget.

Membership: The organisation does not operate on membership basis, rather a Governing Council made up of individuals appointed by the government, who provide oversight in its management.



**70. University of Hamburg – Institute of Physical Chemistry**

City/Country: Hamburg/Germany

Contact person(s): Dr Irene Schwier

Website: N/A

Overview: The mission of our group is to enlighten CBRNE threats and carry out civil society surveillance and nonproliferation of chemical weapons

Activities: Our activities include:

- Following the activities of OPCW and the EU with respect to non-proliferation of chemical weapons;
- Scrutinising reports and legal procedures.
- Giving lectures and presentations on non-proliferation activities, enhancing understanding of chemical and physical background knowledge for the detection of breaches of the CWC in open source data for interested students and civil persons.

Financial resources: The association is a voluntarily funded association, of engaged chemists and physicists, all are pensioners and spend on their own resources. Rooms, lecture halls, ITC infrastructure is supplied by the University of Hamburg - due to corona restrictions all personal activities are prohibited since March 2020.

Membership: Open to all interested peaceful persons.

**71. University of Leeds**

City/Country: Leeds/ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Alastair Hay

Website: N/A

Overview: The aim is to increase awareness of the CWC through teaching and training of students, academia and staff of various organisations. We are a member of the ABEO.

Activities: Organising training for better communication of chemical weapons-related issues through active learning. Participating in talks and lectures about chemical weapons. I also chair the UK Chemical Weapons Convention Advisory Committee (CWCAC), a committee with a membership across government in the UK, together with representatives of academe, chemical societies, chemical trade organisations and chemical industry.

Financial resources: Self-funded, apart from financial assistance from various organisations, including OPCW, for travel and accommodation-related expenses involved in attending events at OPCW or the UK CWCAC.

Membership: Single member.

**72. Verification, Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC)**

City/Country: London/ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Contact person(s): Angela Woodward

Website: [www.vertic.org](http://www.vertic.org)

Overview: VERTIC (the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre) is an independent, non-profit making organization in London, United Kingdom. Established in 1986, our mission is to support the development, implementation and verification of international agreements as well as initiatives in related areas. VERTIC publishes its research through a series of openly available publications. We help governments and international organisations in their efforts to make regimes binding by offering ratification/accession support. VERTIC also assists governments in translating commitments undertaken in international law into national legislation and regulations. We conduct all our work in an objective and impartial manner.

Activities: In coordination with the OPCW, VERTIC offers assistance with legislative analysis and drafting for CWC obligations. We prepare legislation surveys for states of their implementing legislation and regulations for the CWC and offer legislative drafting assistance, at no cost. VERTIC proposes approaches to implement the CWC, including amendments to existing legislation, adoption of a single-issue law or omnibus legislation to cover several CBRN treaties. VERTIC also conducts research on chemical security. We regularly present at events to raise awareness on the legislative implementation and verification of the CWC and cover CWC-related issues in our publication Trust & Verify.

Financial Resources: Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; European Union CBRN Centres of Excellence Initiative; Sustainable Criminal Justice Solutions; US State Department; Global Affairs Canada; James Martin Centre for Non-Proliferation Studies.

Membership: VERTIC has 12 staff working across three programmes:

- Verification and Monitoring (VM);
- Compliance, Mechanisms and Measures;
- National Implementation Measures (NIM).

Our projects range from intergovernmental dialogue on nuclear disarmament to expert legal advice to governments on nuclear, chemical and biological weapons treaties. VERTIC has an International Verification Consultants Network of distinguished consultants who are voluntarily involved at any level of the organisation's work. VERTIC is an accredited observer to the International Atomic Energy Agency, and staff participate regularly in meetings of the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions and attend conferences related to UN Security Council Resolution 1540.

### **73. Women Victims of Genocide**

City/Country: Kirkuk/Iraq

Contact person(s): Runak Hassan

Website: N/A

Overview: Our goals include:

- Working for the female victims of terror and genocide;
- Supporting female victims of chemical gas attacks;
- Holding conferences, workshops and trainings for victims of chemical gas attacks;
- Working with local and international NGOs who support victims.

Activities: As victims of chemical gas attacks, one of our purposes is ban any kind of chemical weapons in the world, so that tragedies such as the Halabja tragedy can never happen again anywhere in the world. Also, we want to pressure world communities and local governments to support the Chemical Weapons Convention and the OPCW aims.

Financial resources: We receive funding from support from members, support from other local and international organisations, and from other individuals who believe in our goals.

Membership: At the moment we have 31 members, and we are open to accepting anyone who believes in our goals.