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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT****INVITATION TO APPLY FOR A WORKSHOP ON BEST PRACTICES  
TO DEVELOP THE RESPONSIBLE CARE® PROGRAMME  
FOR THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY  
(ONLINE EVENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS)  
19 – 23 APRIL 2021****Purpose of the training workshop**

1. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) wishes to inform Member States that it will hold a training workshop in Russian on best practices for developing the Responsible Care® programme for the chemical industry, online via Microsoft Teams, from 19 to 23 April 2021. The workshop will be organised in cooperation with the Russian Chemists Union (RCU) and the D. Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology of Russia (MUCTR), with support from the National Authority of the Russian Federation.
2. The objective of the training workshop is to provide an update on the Responsible Care® programme to environmental health and safety managers, qualified technologists, and representatives of chemical industry associations and governmental organisations from Russian-speaking Member States of the OPCW,<sup>1</sup> and to raise awareness on a broader range of topics related to sustainability, safety, and security in chemical industries. Within the scope of the capacity-building programmes on the peaceful applications of chemistry under Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the training workshop will aim to enhance the national capacities of chemical industries in relevant Member States in the implementation of Responsible Care® and the adoption of the principles of sustainability.

**Content**

3. The one-week training programme will include theoretical lectures and practical and interactive sessions, as follows:
  - (a) Participants will be introduced to the general framework of the Responsible Care® initiative and to the work of the European Chemical Industry Council, ICCA, and the OPCW in the promotion of safe and sustainable practices for chemical industries, as well as to the United Nations Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management. They will also receive theoretical

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<sup>1</sup> Countries where Russian is an official language or is spoken by a significant portion of the population.



knowledge on the concept of sustainability and sustainable development goals. Various elements of Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> will be addressed, including product stewardship, environmental protection and environmental technologies, labelling of chemicals, integrated systems for chemical safety and security management, occupational medicine, and health protection. Case studies will be presented on the implementation of Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> in the Russian Federation and internationally. The topics of dual use and ethical issues in chemistry will be also included in the theoretical programme.

- (b) Construction of the “Pyramid” for sustainable development: this is an interactive method which includes the elements of planning and decision making. The objective is to identify priorities for action, taking into account environmental, economic, and social factors, as well as the interests of stakeholders. Participants will also be encouraged to present case studies and issues from their organisations that are relevant to the Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> objectives.
4. The training workshop will accommodate a maximum of 20 participants from the relevant Member States, who will be selected based on their qualifications and experience.

#### **Admission requirements**

5. The training workshop is open to those who:
- (a) have a minimum of a first degree (BSc or equivalent) in chemical or environmental sciences or engineering from a recognised university or institution (or a degree in other fields accompanied by at least five years of qualifying experience, as referred to in subparagraph (c) below);
  - (b) are citizens of Member States with developing economies or economies in transition<sup>2</sup> and in which Russian is an official language or is spoken by a significant portion of the population; and
  - (c) have been working in the chemical industry or in organisations that coordinate the work of the chemical industry for at least five years, preferably in a field related to environmental protection, health, safety, and security.
6. The training workshop will be conducted in Russian. Candidates must therefore have a strong command of both written and spoken Russian.
7. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

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<sup>2</sup> Countries appearing on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development’s Development Assistance Committee list of official development assistance recipients are eligible to nominate participants. The list is available at: [http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC\\_List\\_ODA\\_Recipients2018to2020\\_flows\\_En.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC_List_ODA_Recipients2018to2020_flows_En.pdf)

### **Selection procedure**

8. Applications will be carefully screened on the basis of the criteria specified in paragraphs 5 and 6 above. The Secretariat may decide to interview applicants. Only successful candidates will be contacted for admission, **no later than 30 March 2021**.

### **Application procedure**

9. Interested candidates are invited to apply for participation in the training workshop by filling out, in English, the form that is annexed to this Note. It should then be submitted to the Secretariat, via the National Authority or the Permanent Representation of their country to the OPCW,<sup>3</sup> **no later than 10 March 2021**.
10. Application forms (see the Annex to this Note) should be sent to the International Cooperation and Assistance Division via email ([icb@opcw.org](mailto:icb@opcw.org)) with the words “Responsible Care Training Workshop, 2021” in the subject line of the email.
11. Eligible applicants are also invited to complete the online application through Eventus—the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). They must first create an account and then register for the event.
12. Application forms must be accompanied by:
  - (a) an updated curriculum vitae;
  - (b) a letter of recommendation from the supervisor of the candidate in his or her institution that addresses the candidate’s qualifications in the light of the criteria specified in paragraph 5 above, and attests to the relevance of the training to the work of the institution;
  - (c) a copy of the personal identification pages of the candidate’s passport; and
  - (d) an endorsement from the National Authority or Permanent Representation of the candidate’s country to the OPCW (Section 7 of the application form in annex).
13. Incomplete or improperly filled-out applications cannot be considered.
14. Additional information about this training opportunity may be obtained by email from the International Cooperation Branch of the OPCW ([icb.events@opcw.org](mailto:icb.events@opcw.org)), from Mr Oleg Prozherin, Adviser at the RCU (Tel.: +7 903 129 8281; Email: [prozherin@yandex.ru](mailto:prozherin@yandex.ru)), and from Ms Anna Makarova, Lead Researcher at the MUCTR (Tel.: +7 910 459 2664; Email: [annmakarova@mail.ru](mailto:annmakarova@mail.ru)).

Annex (English only): Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> Training Workshop 2021 – Application Form

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<sup>3</sup> Applicants are advised to approach their country’s National Authority or Permanent Representation to the OPCW. Contact details are available on the OPCW website (<https://www.opcw.org/about-us/member-states>).

## Annex

**RESPONSIBLE CARE® TRAINING WORKSHOP 2021  
APPLICATION FORM**

1. Before completing this form, applicants should read the guidelines presented in the cover Note to confirm their eligibility.
2. Applicants should complete sections 1 to 4, attach the documents listed in section 5, and sign the form in section 6. The form should then be sent to either their National Authority or the Permanent Representation of their country to the OPCW, with a request to complete section 7.
3. The National Authority or the Permanent Representation should complete section 7 and forward the form to the International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR, The Hague, the Netherlands, so that it is received **no later than 10 March 2021**.

**Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS**

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

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

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





**SECTION 5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Please attach the following documents to your application:

- (a) a letter of recommendation from your supervisor, which confirms your qualifications in the light of paragraph 5 of the cover Note, and that attests to the relevance of this training to the work of the institution at which you are working;
- (b) an updated curriculum vitae; and
- (c) a photocopy of the personal identification pages of your passport.

Applications without full supporting documentation cannot be accepted.

**SECTION 6. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 7. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY OR THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION**

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

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_