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OPCW CALENDAR FOR MARCH TO DECEMBER 2021

1. The calendar annexed hereto lists the events organised by the OPCW in the period from March to December 2021. It includes also the sessions of the policy-making organs and their subsidiary bodies. It does not include consultations of an informal nature or other activities of the Executive Council; these are reflected in the OPCW weekly Journal.
2. In light of the restrictions posed by the current pandemic (COVID-19) and in line with the measures adopted by the OPCW Host Country Government, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) is regularly reviewing the feasibility of the planned events and their delivery format. This may require further updating of this list as conditions evolve. The Secretariat is committed to resuming the in-person format of delivery as soon as conditions permit, while actively pursuing the provision of capacity-building support through alternative means in the form of remote online sessions.
3. The calendar is also available on the OPCW website, www.opcw.org, and will be updated periodically.

Annex: OPCW Calendar for March to December 2021



Annex

OPCW CALENDAR FOR MARCH TO DECEMBER 2021

Dates	Title	Reference	Location	Secretariat Contact ¹
MARCH				
1 – 5 March	Detection, identification, and sampling skills training for States Parties from the Latin America and Caribbean region	—	Virtual Meeting	APB
1 March – 15 April	Online training course on fulfilling declarations and inspections obligations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention	S/1929/2021, dated 18 February 2021	Virtual Meeting	IPB
3 & 4 March	Thirty-First Session of the Scientific Advisory Board	SAB-30/1, dated 12 November 2020	Virtual Meeting	OSP
9 – 12 March	Ninety-Sixth Session of the Executive Council	EC-94/4, dated 9 July 2020	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands, and online streaming	PMO
15 – 19 March	Reconnaissance and sampling skills training for States Parties from the Asian region	—	Virtual Meeting	APB

¹ Legend for Division and Branch names:

APB: Assistance and Protection Branch
 BFB: Budget and Finance Branch
 ICB: International Cooperation Branch

IPB: Implementation Support Branch
 OCS: Office of Confidentiality and Security
 OSP: Office of Strategy and Policy

PMO: Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs

Dates	Title	Reference	Location	Secretariat Contact¹
APRIL				
12 – 16 April	Basic course on Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) and Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER) for States Parties from the Latin America and Caribbean region	—	Virtual Meeting	APB
19 – 23 April ²	Twenty-Fifth Session of the Conference of the States Parties – Part II	C-22/5*, dated 1 December 2017 and C-25/INF.2, dated 27 November 2020	World Forum, The Hague, the Netherlands, and online streaming	PMO
19 – 23 April	Workshop on best practices to develop the Responsible Care® Programme for the chemical industry	S/1920/2020, dated 16 December 2020	Virtual Meeting	ICB
MAY				
24 – 27 May	Train-the-trainer course for representatives of customs training institutions	—	Virtual Meeting	IPB
25 – 27 May	Assistance and protection project for States Parties, members of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)	—	Yaoundé, Cameroon	APB
26 – 28 May	Twenty-Third Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality	CC-22/1, dated 4 November 2020	Modality to be determined	OCS

² Date, time, and modalities are tentative, to be confirmed at a later stage.

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JUNE				
1 – 4 June	Fiftieth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-49/1, dated 31 July 2020	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	BFB
29 June – 1 July	Regional assistance and protection tabletop exercise for States Parties, members of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	—	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	APB
JULY				
6 – 9 July	Ninety-Seventh Session of the Executive Council	EC-94/4, dated 9 July 2020	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
27 – 30 July	Fifty-First Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-49/1, dated 31 July 2020	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	BFB
30 July – 1 October	Associate Programme 2021	S/1911/2020, dated 4 November 2020	Various locations	ICB
SEPTEMBER				
8 – 10 September	Hospital Chemical Incident Preparedness: Emergency toxicology for receiving medical facilities in Africa	—	Lázně Bohdaneč, Czech Republic	APB
20 – 24 September	Two parallel courses on promoting chemical safety management for States Parties; one for Africa, and the other one for Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean region (University of Wuppertal)	—	Wuppertal, Germany (alternatively online)	ICB

Dates	Title	Reference	Location	Secretariat Contact ¹
OCTOBER				
5 – 8 October	Ninety-Eighth Session of the Executive Council	EC-94/4, dated 9 July 2020	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
11 – 15 October	Basic course on emergency response to chemical incidents for States Parties, members of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)	—	Khartoum, Sudan	APB
25 – 29 October	Advance course on emergency response to chemical incidents for States Parties from North Africa and the Sahel region	—	Rabat, Morocco	APB
NOVEMBER				
29 November – 3 December	Twenty-Sixth Session of the Conference of the States Parties	C-22/5*, dated 1 December 2017	World Forum, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO

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