



**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE NINETEENTH REGIONAL MEETING  
OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES IN ASIA  
(ONLINE)  
22 – 24 JUNE 2021**

1. On behalf of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite National Authorities in the Asia region to nominate representatives to attend the Nineteenth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Asia, which will be held online from 22 to 24 June 2021.
2. The regional meeting of National Authorities has served as a forum for States Parties to discuss the status of the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), as well as practices, challenges, and capacity-building support needs for pursuing a comprehensive and integrated approach to national implementation in line with each State Party’s constitutional requirements.
3. The objectives of the meeting are for the National Authorities in the Asia region to:
  - (a) review and discuss the status of the national implementation of the Convention, and regional priorities and needs for capacity-building support;
  - (b) share and discuss practices and challenges facing States Parties in the national implementation of the Convention, and explore potential mutual cooperation and support among States Parties in Asia;
  - (c) discuss approaches and means to further improve capacity-building programmes of the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) that meet the specific needs of the States Parties in Asia;
  - (d) discuss ways and means to support the National Authorities and other stakeholders, such as facilitating the effective implementation of the National Implementation Framework; and
  - (e) encourage bilateral discussions and the formation of State-to-State support initiatives.
4. The expected results of the meeting include:
  - (a) increased awareness of the status of Convention implementation, as well as a shared understanding and enhanced sense of ownership by the National Authorities of national implementation challenges; and



- (b) the collection of feedback, both on ways and means to further improve capacity-building activities for the region and on the tools to improve national implementation, including the National Implementation Framework.
5. The provisional programme for the regional meeting is attached as Annex 1 to this Note.
  6. The National Authority of each State Party is requested to nominate up to three participants to attend the regional meeting.
  7. The meeting will be conducted in English. All participants are therefore expected to have a good oral and written command of English.
  8. Participants nominated by the National Authorities are invited to register online **no later than 21 May 2021** through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). **Each nomination must be accompanied by an endorsement form (Annex 2) from the nominee's respective National Authority.**
  9. Nominated participants who would like to provide a presentation on one of the following thematic areas should inform the Secretariat as soon as possible. Thematic areas include the national implementation of the Convention focusing on: national implementing legislation (Article VII); assistance and protection (Article X); international cooperation (Article XI); industry verification and transfer control regimes (Article VI); and gender mainstreaming, including the role of women in chemical safety and security management.
  10. Furthermore, National Authorities may express their interest in bilateral consultation with the Secretariat on specific issues relating to the national implementation of the Convention.
  11. Information on national presentations and bilateral consultations should be provided by the respective nominees to Ms Chizu Matsushita (Email: [chizu.matsushita@opcw.org](mailto:chizu.matsushita@opcw.org)), programme manager for this meeting.
  12. Additional information about this meeting may be obtained from the Implementation Support Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the Secretariat. The contact persons are Ms Chizu Matsushita (Email: [chizu.matsushita@opcw.org](mailto:chizu.matsushita@opcw.org)) for substantive matters and Mr Alberto Fernandez (Email: [alberto.fernandez@opcw.org](mailto:alberto.fernandez@opcw.org)) for administrative matters.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Programme

Annex 2: National Authority Endorsement Form

**Annex 1**

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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b><i>Tuesday, 22 June 2021</i></b>	
07:00 – 07:15*	Introduction and overview of the meeting programme
07:15 – 07:30	Opening remarks
07:30 – 08:30	Summary of presentations: status of adoption of national legislation implementing the Convention and States practices, followed by Q&A and discussion
08:30 – 08:45	<i>Break</i>
08:45 – 09:30	Summary of presentations: national implementation of Article X and XI and State practices, followed by Q&A and discussion
<b><i>Wednesday, 23 June 2021</i></b>	
07:00 – 08:30	Summary of presentations: Article VI declarations issues and State practices, followed by Q&A and discussion
08:30 – 08:45	<i>Break</i>
08:45 – 09:45	Summary of presentations: Article VI inspections issues and State practices, followed by Q&A and discussion
<b><i>Thursday, 24 June 2021</i></b>	
07:00 – 07:30	Presentation on the status of the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (the ChemTech Centre) project, followed by Q&A
07:30 – 08:30	Summary of presentations: role of women in chemical safety and security management, gender mainstreaming in the Convention national implementation, and State practices, followed by Q&A and discussion
08:30 – 08:45	<i>Break</i>
08:45 – 09:15	Final Q&A and discussion session
09:15 – 09:30	Conclusion and closing remarks

\* Please note, all times shown are in Central European Time (CET).

**Annex 2**

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**ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

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

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Head/Chief Coordinator of the National Authority of the State Party of \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of the Government of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby endorse the nomination of Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_, holding the position/designation of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Office/Division/Branch of \_\_\_\_\_, for participation in the Nineteenth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Asia, to be held online from 22 to 24 June 2021.

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

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Official seal of the National Authority: