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**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE TWENTIETH REGIONAL MEETING  
OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES IN ASIA  
(ONLINE)  
23 – 25 MAY 2022**

1. On behalf of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite National Authorities in the Asian region to nominate representatives to attend the Twentieth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Asia, which will be held online from 23 to 25 May 2022.
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 to:
  - (a) provide States Parties with updates on the Technical Secretariat’s (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) capacity-building activities and discuss regional priorities and support needs;
  - (b) discuss national implementation of Article VII of the Convention, specifically the adoption of national implementing legislation;
  - (c) share and discuss challenges and good practices related to national implementation of the Convention;
  - (d) explore opportunities for regional and subregional cooperation;
  - (e) discuss issues related to States Parties’ declaration and inspection obligations arising under Article VI of the Convention;
  - (f) provide States Parties with updates on policy issues and the Secretariat’s preparations for the Fifth Review Conference;<sup>1</sup> and
  - (g) discuss broadening the geographic representation of Secretariat staff.

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<sup>1</sup> The Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.



4. The expected results of the meeting include:
  - (a) enhanced understanding of specific issues related to Articles VI, VII, X, and XI of the Convention, and the relevant technical assistance and capacity-building support provided by the Secretariat;
  - (b) increased awareness of the importance of the comprehensive implementation of Articles VI and VII of the Convention; and
  - (c) the collection of feedback on ways and means to further improve capacity-building activities towards facilitating improved regional implementation of the Convention.
5. The provisional programme for the regional meeting is provided as an Annex 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 command of English.
8. Participants nominated by their State's National Authority are invited to register online through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Nominations for this event will be open from 18 April 2022. The deadline for submission of nominations is **16 May 2022**. Each nomination must be approved digitally on the Eventus platform by the respective nominee's National Authority.
9. Nominated participants who would like to deliver a presentation on one of the following thematic areas are encouraged to inform the Secretariat via the emails listed below as soon as possible: national implementing legislation (Article VII); industry verification (declarations); or industry verification (inspections).
10. Additional information about anything included in this Note may be obtained from the Implementation Support Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the Secretariat. The contact persons are Mr James Pettit (Email: [james.pettit@opcw.org](mailto:james.pettit@opcw.org)) and Ms Olukemi Adenuga (Email: [olukemi.adenuga@opcw.org](mailto:olukemi.adenuga@opcw.org)).

Annex: Provisional Programme

**Annex**

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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

<b>Time (CET)</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b><i>Monday, 23 May 2022</i></b>	
09:00 – 09:30	Introduction and opening remarks
09:30 – 10:30	Update on OPCW capacity-building activities under Articles VI, VII, X, and XI
10:30 – 10:40	<i>Break</i>
10:40 – 11:20	National implementing legislation (Article VII): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• update on the status of implementation of Article VII in Asia; and</li> <li>• national presentation (TBD)</li> </ul>
11:20 – 11:45	Q&A and general discussion
11:45 – 12:00	Summary of day one
<b><i>Tuesday, 24 May 2022</i></b>	
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and explanation of programme
09:10 – 10:10	Article VI declarations issues and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• overview of Article VI declarations in the Asian region;</li> <li>• update on the programme of work for the Declarations Branch; and</li> <li>• national presentation (TBD)</li> </ul>
10:10 – 10:20	<i>Break</i>
10:20 – 11:20	Article VI inspection issues and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• current topics under discussion in the industry cluster;</li> <li>• general inspections issues; and</li> <li>• national presentation (TBD)</li> </ul>
11:20 – 11:45	Q&A and general discussion
11:45 – 12:00	Summary of day two
<b><i>Wednesday, 25 May 2022</i></b>	
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and explanation of programme
09:10 – 09:30	Preparation for Fifth Review Conference
09:30 – 09:50	Overview of policy-related issues, including the Scientific Advisory Board
09:50 – 10:00	<i>Break</i>
10:00 – 10:40	Broadening the geographic representation among OPCW staff and the role of National Authorities
10:40 – 10:50	Q&A and general discussion
10:50 – 11:00	Summary of day three
11:00 – 11:10	Closing remarks