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### DECISION

#### **ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AT THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (FIFTH REVIEW CONFERENCE)**

**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 Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, 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 in person or by remote access, as well as through pre-recorded statements.

Annex (English only):

List of Non-Governmental Organisations Registered to Attend the Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention



**Annex**

**LIST OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS  
REGISTERED TO ATTEND THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF  
THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW  
THE OPERATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

1. A World Without Chemical and Biological Weapons (WWW)
2. AIDEN Niger
3. Al-Hayat Human Rights Organization
4. Altar Relief Foundation
5. American Public Health Association
6. American Thoracic Society (ATS)
7. American University, Department of Chemistry
8. Anfal Stories Organization
9. ArgIQ
10. Armiti Human Rights Organization
11. Association for the Defence of Chemical Injuries Fars Province (SCWVSF)
12. BASIC (British American Security Information Council)
13. Bio Social for Culture and Community Awareness (BSOCC)
14. CBRNe Society
15. CBW Events
16. CBWNet
17. Centre de Recherche et d'Information pour le Désarmement et la Sécurité (CRIDS)
18. Chatr Center for Development and Human Rights
19. Chemical Injuries Research Centre – CIRC
20. Chemical Weapons Convention Coalition
21. China Hebei University of Science and Technology – Research Center for Chemical Safety & Security and Verification Technology
22. Christian Fellowship and Care Foundation
23. Climate Organisation to Defend the Victims of Environmental Pollution
24. Culture and Social Development Society in Kirkuk
25. Democracy and Human Rights Developing Organisation
26. Doors NGO
27. Elizka Relief Foundation
28. Eye Organization For Care Victims Kurdocide
29. Farmers Care Foundation
30. Flowers Organisation to Combat Desertification in Iraq (FOCDI)
31. Green Environment Organisation
32. Halabja Chemical Victims Society
33. Halabja Memorial Foundation
34. High Hope
35. Human Rights Development Organization
36. Human Rights Watch
37. HWPL (Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light)
38. ICAN Kurdistan Network (IKN)
39. International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS)
40. International Friendship Organisation

41. IPB Italia
42. Iranian Greenpeace Chemical Weapons Association
43. Iraqi Peace Forum
44. Kirkuk Engie Organisation (KED)
45. Kurdish Organisations Network Coalition for the International Criminal Court (KONCICC)
46. Kurdistan Without Genocide
47. Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons
48. Life Organization to Prevent War and Clean up the Environment from War Remnants (L.P.W.E)
49. Linx Foundation
50. Manawa Organization for Martyrs & Anfal Inquiry
51. Margliz Foundation
52. Miran Health and Environmental Charity
53. New World Hope Organization (NWHO)
54. Organisation Against Weapons of Mass Destruction in Kurdistan
55. Organisation for Defending Sardasht Victims of Chemical Weapons (ODVCW)
56. Organisation of Defending Mass Graves Victims' Rights
57. Organisation of the Justice Campaign (OJC)
58. Peace Foundation and International Cooperation
59. Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)
60. Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs
61. Srivaranam Organization for the Environmental Education (SOEE)
62. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
63. T.M.C. Asser Instituut
64. Tehran Peace Museum
65. The Association of Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Defence Policy Development
66. The Harvard Sussex Program
67. The Henry L. Stimson Center
68. The Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies
69. The Trench
70. Topzawe Foundation for Genocide Studies and Research
71. University of Hamburg (ZNF/INFABRI)
72. Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC)
73. Women Victims of Genocide
74. Yinchuan Yulaiyage Media

## **Background information:**

### **1. A World Without Chemical and Biological Weapons (WWW)**

City and Country: s-Gravenzande, Netherlands

Contact person(s): Ali Mahmoud

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/A-world-without-chemical-and-biological-weapons-www-101151808178542>

Overview: WWW is a civic, non-profit organization that aims for a world free of any chemical or biological weapons. It aims to do this with the following activities:

1. Writing studies on chemical and biological weapons 2. Opening training courses to define efforts to prevent chemical and biological weapons in the world. 3. Participation in global conferences is related to the goal of the organization. 4. Be a member of the agreement found in the organization's goal. 5. Carry out activities in upcoming memories and events to prevent the use of chemical and biological weapons worldwide. 6. We continue to make chemical and biological weapons production a global crime. 7. Conducting all activities against chemical and biological weapons, including opening photo exhibitions and gatherings to commemorate the victims of these weapons 8. Work to expand the list of chemical weapons banned by the OPCW. 9. Working to ban phosphorus weapons in the world.

Activities: Our activities include the preparation and writing of a book titled: The Merchant of Death Trading by Genocide Activist and Chemical Weapons by Ali Mahmoud in two volumes. A third edition has been published on the mission of the Kurdistan Regional Government. We organised a few activities this year to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the chemical weapons attack and genocide in Kurdistan and we held activities on ICC at 20. Participation in the commemoration of the chemical attack on Halabja, Goptapa, and Balisan villages, the opening of the Hiroshima photo exhibition in Chamchamal, the Anfal commemoration in Kirkuk, Sulaimani, and Erbil, and the International Criminal Court's 20th anniversary in Chamchamal, Kirkuk, Sulaimani, and Erbil.

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=2884100215232066](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=2884100215232066)

Link 1: The 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the International Criminal Court on July 17, 2022, in Front of the Office of the Iraqi Parliament in Sulaimani with the Participation of Media Channels and Representatives of the Iraqi Parliament

Link 2: The 34th Anniversary of the Anfal Genocide on April 14, 2022, in Kirkuk, with the participation of activists against genocide and chemical attacks and media channels

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1121485765361472>

Link 3: 35th anniversary of chemical attack on Balisan and Sheikh Wasanan villages; 34th anniversary of Halabja and Goptapa village chemical attack; 34th anniversary of Halabja and Anfal crimes in Erbil, Sulaimani, Kirkuk, Chamchamal.

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid0METcsR2Sahb2TrA8QbRz4e5VGwoyV3ZHXuGatHJJCSRQxqZBrrj2z2F6biUzwyCul&id=101151808178542](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0METcsR2Sahb2TrA8QbRz4e5VGwoyV3ZHXuGatHJJCSRQxqZBrrj2z2F6biUzwyCul&id=101151808178542)

Financial resources: Volunteers pay for their own expenses; we also have a fee. for members and accept donations.

Membership: There are 18 active members and volunteers, most of whom are writers and researchers. All members should follow the same ideals as the organization: believe in the world free from chemical and biological weapons. Anybody can be a member if they agree to sign and abide by the charter of the organization.

## 2. AIDEN Niger

City and Country: Niamey, Niger

Contact person(s): Abdallah Ganda Abdallah

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

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

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

Activities: To meet the goal the chemical weapons non-proliferation and disarmament, improve dialogue and deliberation over an understanding of key nuclear science and technology issues and challenges by promoting transparency in research, policy makers, and the public. Create tools to aid researchers, scientists, and policymakers in better understanding 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).

Due to the high use of cyanide at local gold mining; we organize several campaigns to alert it responsible use. Promote policy to further regional and international non-proliferation and disarmament efforts and advocate for political processes that engage key stakeholders. 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 civilization organizations; training support, philanthropic assistance.

Membership: Free membership if she/he has fulfilled the condition: to accept to sign and abide by the charter of the organization. As per October 2021, there are 42 members from 05 countries.

## 3. Al-Hayat Human Rights Organization

City and Country: Salah Al-Din, Iraq

Contact person(s): Ismael Shekhan

Website: <https://web.facebook.com/ALHAYTNGO>

Overview: 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.

Activities: Work to build a democratic society in Iraq through:

- Promoting the principles of human rights and democracy.
- Educating the victims of genocide about their rights.
- Pressure on Parliament to enact laws that prevent the production of any chemical weapons in the future.
- Awareness of not approaching the areas where chemical weapons were used or stored, to preserve the safety of citizens.

Many activities during the past (12), as follows:

1- On the International Day of Remembrance of All Victims of Chemical Warfare, November 30, 2022, a workshop was organized in the city of Halabja on how to work towards achieving fair compensation for the chemical weapon wounded in Halabja and the families of the victims,

because the Iraqi government did not commit to compensating those affected by the bombing. Chemist for the city of Halabja. Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/580088509058783/posts/pfbid02pU4qL9EdrfGhGRtCv8uT3g6Z7qQdVrTGYMMuggXa86ZofMuYAyty6Z5ADJGkf7ppl/?mibextid=Nif5oz&\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/580088509058783/posts/pfbid02pU4qL9EdrfGhGRtCv8uT3g6Z7qQdVrTGYMMuggXa86ZofMuYAyty6Z5ADJGkf7ppl/?mibextid=Nif5oz&_rdc=1&_rdr)

2- The participation of the representative of the Life Organization for Human Rights, in a joint meeting, with the Human Rights Committee in the Iraqi Parliament on October 13, 2022. The meeting was regarding the draft (Law of the Authority for Nuclear, Chemical, Radiological and Biological Control).

Our representative presented points about the draft law's violation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Iraq is a member of the OPCW, so the draft law must be consistent with the text of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/580088509058783/posts/pfbid02Dp48p3LdDSUsA4PkmG82Fmc3sodm4peLmyStU59HKZgJYbYJkQTLaq7LpeEdu3nAl/?mibextid=Nif5oz&\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/580088509058783/posts/pfbid02Dp48p3LdDSUsA4PkmG82Fmc3sodm4peLmyStU59HKZgJYbYJkQTLaq7LpeEdu3nAl/?mibextid=Nif5oz&_rdc=1&_rdr)

3- Launching a campaign to distribute brochures and pamphlets to the people of the cities of Tal Afar, Sinjar and Mosul on how to prevent remnants of war and chemical weapons remnants. The campaign started on (23/7/2022) and lasted for five days. 5,000 brochures and flyers were distributed. Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/580088509058783/posts/pfbid0XBdNbqnPwdo3XQiaZ5z88xk3hrANQxDGzc78Nmu6vDNAjF4E1pwHisij5epg4HbPI/?mibextid=Nif5oz&\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/580088509058783/posts/pfbid0XBdNbqnPwdo3XQiaZ5z88xk3hrANQxDGzc78Nmu6vDNAjF4E1pwHisij5epg4HbPI/?mibextid=Nif5oz&_rdc=1&_rdr)

Financial resources:

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

Membership: We have (46) members, consisting of Academics and civil society activists.

#### **4. Altar Relief Foundation**

City and Country: Kumasi, Ghana

Contact person(s): Konadu Benjamin

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

Overview: Altar Relief Foundation is registered organization in Ghana. (arfo)

Altar Relief Foundation mission: Seeking to purposefully create and manage opportunities for connection and communication across sectorial and sustainable integrated development by enhancing capacity network. The general aim of the organization is to promote sustainable and social integrated development and social integrated development by assisting and advising community development practitioners, voluntary groups communities in need popular network, and individuals seeking social and sustainable development, to identify, mobilize and gain access to right sources of resources to enable them access and benefit from good education, health, human right initiatives, climate change environment vocational training, drinking water and sanitation, capacity building cultural diversity and charitable support towards the development of a better world.

Activities: Major objectives and the purpose of the chemical weapon convention.

Health: emergencies or disaster to which authorities may be called upon to respond is deliberate use of biological or chemical agent to cause harm.

Priority should be given and major of public health.

Altar Relief Foundation is on good health project but you cannot have that without talking about use of chemical weapons use and the needs to be prohibited to make our world better place to live and get rid of deadly sickness.

**Education:** Altar Relief Foundation is using the media to educate the world on how to stop the use of chemical weapons and the physical effectiveness to humanity.

**Water and sanitation** United Nations water conference.

Altar Relief Foundation has been accredited to attend United Nations water conference 2023. This is very important to talk about the use of the chemical weapons and the effect to our water bodies and how it will be developed and deal with. Climate change

Issues on climate can change when it comes to the use of deadly weapons in our environment destroying our atmosphere and production on agricultural and air been polluted. In conclusion Altar Relief Foundation is in good standing to help in the provide support for the prohibition of chemical weapons.

**Financial resources:** Altar Relief Foundation funding are in two types 1. Staff 2. Voluntary

The organisation get it funds from individual donation, religious group and funding raising events. Nana kofi kankam (chief of wioso). God's crown chapel (general overseer)

Prophet reindolph oduro gyebi. Akwasi oppong group of companies (director dr. Kwasi oppong). Garden city television Altar TVGH Royal TV Great provider multimedia.

**Membership:** Either full membership or associated membership.

We also offer individuals membership for people who want to be part of global movement especially chemical weapons convention agendas. We have about (25) number of members committed to the activities of the organization aims and projects and the other associates (30).

## **5. American Public Health Association**

**City and Country:** Washington DC, United States

**Contact person(s):** Deborah Klein Walker

**Website:** <https://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.” The values of APHA reflect the beliefs of over 20,000 members from all disciplines of public health and over 40 countries. The American Public Health Association (APHA) “champions the health of all people and all communities” and strives to strengthen the public health profession, speak out for public health issues and policies backed by science. The organization has multiple sections, state affiliates and caucuses that address creating a sustainable environment, preparing for all types of emergencies; educating the public; implementing universal health care; and investing in prevention and health promotion policies to create healthy individuals, families and communities. APHA publishes the American Journal of Public Health and The Nation's Health newspaper. At the last APHA Annual Meetings (in Denver, Colorado, in October 2021, and in Boston, Massachusetts, in November 2022) thousands of people shared the latest public health research, including sessions on issues related to toxic chemicals, chemical weapons and environmental threats. ([apha.confex.com](http://apha.confex.com)). APHA leads the public awareness campaign Get Ready.

**Activities:** The APHA has been a member of the Chemical Weapons Convention Coalition since 2018. Deborah Klein Walker, EdD., past president of the APHA, has represented APHA at CSP 23 & RC4, CSP 25, CSP 26, and CSP 27. She presented statements to CSP 23 and CSP 26. She submitted a statement to the Open-ended Working Group for RC5 in December 2022. Much of APHA's focus is on education, outreach, laboratory safety, threat surveillance, treatment of chemical exposures, emergency preparedness and other issues central to the activities of the OPCW and all States Parties. In addition, Paul F. Walker, PhD, founder of the CWC Coalition, is also a member of the APHA; he presented on the CWC at the last two APHA annual meetings (Denver in 2021; Boston in 2022).

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.

## **6. American Thoracic Society (ATS)**

City and Country: New York, United States

Contact person(s): Gary Ewart

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

Overview: The American Thoracic Society (ATS), established in 1905, is a nonprofit organization focused on improving care for pulmonary diseases, critical illnesses and sleep-related breathing disorders. The ATS' mission statement is: "To improve health worldwide by advancing research, clinical care, and public health in respiratory disease, critical illness, and sleep disorders."

Activities: The American Thoracic Society has promoted research related to chemical weapons exposures for many years. In 2006, the ATS established a Section on Terrorism and Inhalation Disasters (TID) that focuses on mechanisms of chemical inhalation injuries by chlorine gas and mustard gas, chemical countermeasures development and public health efforts for preparedness and education. The Section published a research report on chemical injury mechanisms and countermeasures in 2017:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5529138/>

In 2018, Dr. Jonathan Forman of OPCW, was annual meeting plenary speaker.

Activities in recent years included presentations at the ATS annual meeting:

<https://www.abstractsonline.com/pp8/#!/8998/presentations/chlorine/1>

Financial resources: The American Thoracic Society is funded by dues collected from its membership.

Membership: The membership of the ATS consist of more than 16,000 physicians, research scientists, and nurses and other allied healthcare professionals (32 percent of whom work outside the United States).

## **7. American University, Department of Chemistry**

City and Country: Washington DC, United States

Contact person(s): Stefano Costanzi

Website: <https://www.american.edu/cas/chemistry/>

Overview: American University's Department of Chemistry provides undergraduate and graduate instruction in chemistry and biochemistry. The programs offered by the department lead to the following degrees: BS in Chemistry, BS in Biochemistry, MS in Chemistry (with tracks in Applied Chemistry, Clinical Biochemistry, and Chemistry and Society), Graduate Certificate in Clinical Biochemistry. The department's faculty members are active in research in all major subfields of chemistry.

Activities: American University's Department of Chemistry promotes the peaceful use of chemistry through its teaching and research activities. Recently, it launched a new specialization in "Chemistry and Society" for the Master in Chemistry program, which focuses on the application of chemistry to the solution of issues of broad societal interest. Active



research lines relevant to the CWC include CW Nonproliferation and Forensic Chemistry. Listed below is a recent paper by Prof. Costanzi on the development of a prototype of a cheminformatics database intended to assist frontline officers to assess if a chemical is covered by the CWC Schedules or another nonproliferation list.

Costanzi et al. 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1515/pac-2021-1107>

Financial resources: American University is a private university and generates a portion of its funding through tuition. In addition, the Department of Chemistry has received grants from numerous funders, such as governmental institutions (among others, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology), non-governmental organizations (among others, the Stimson Center), and private corporations.

Membership: American University's Department of Chemistry has a total of 15 full-time employees, including faculty members and staff.

## 8. Anfal Stories Organization

City and Country: Slemanya, Iraq

Contact person(s): Karo Ahmed Faith

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057183980507>

Overview: 1 – To document the criminal stories of the Anfal Operations and Chemical Weapon Attacks. 2 – To familiarize all slices and segments of the society with the pains and sufferings of the survivors of the Anfal Operations and Chemical Weapon Attacks.

3 – To build the capacities of the descendants of the families of the Anfal Operations and Chemical Weapon Attacks. 4 – To organize artistic, cultural and social activities in commemorating the Anfal Operations and Chemical Weapon Attacks. 5 – To encourage the writers to serve the survivors of the Anfal Operations and Chemical Weapon Attacks through writing.

Activities: We help the victims of chemical weapons to tell their story through writing and other activities to remind the community of the horrors of chemical weapons and other grave crimes. In the last 5 months of this year, 3 activities have been carried out in memory of the crimes of the Anfal massacre and the chemical bombing of Kurdistan on 16-3, 14-4 and 17-7, with the participation of similar organizations in the field of genocide. Below are two links, and we have published other activities on the page.

<https://fb.watch/eHUtTGnYEC/> <https://fb.watch/eHUUj7bQqb/>

[https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=551272093455585&id=100057183980507](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=551272093455585&id=100057183980507)  
gathering of organizations on the issue of genocide, Anfal, and chemical attacks in Azadi Park in Sulaimani on the anniversary of the chemical attack on Halabja on March 15, 2022, with the participation of a number of activists, organizations, victims, and a good number of media channels.

Participation in World Justice Day in Sulaimani on July 17, 2022.

Financial resources: Anfal Stories organization works voluntarily and provides for its own expenses, with the subscription of members and donations of friends, all volunteer members work.

Membership: 103 volunteer members, many of whom are professionals in related fields. Members make active contribution to our goals.

## **9. ArgIQ**

City and Country: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Contact person(s): Dr Maria J Espona

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

Overview: ArgIQ is a non-profit organisation devoted to spread the information quality methodology through academic activities. These activities include research and design and delivery courses. Because of its members interest, we study the topic of chemical weapons from this perspective, among other topics.

Activities: We perform research activities on chemical weapons, international relations and specifically treaties, CW terrorism, precursors and other chemicals trade and export control impact. We also deliver conferences and lectures on non-proliferation of CBRN agents, mainly in Spanish speaking countries. The lectures include an introduction to the CWC and its objectives and an analysis of the current international situation.

Last year a presentation about understanding chemical terrorism was delivered to the CWCC members; and currently a paper based on it is under elaboration.

Financial resources: ArgIQ is self-funded. So far, we have never engaged in international or national projects.

Membership: We have currently 4 members, and we are undergoing a reorganisation process which will include a new membership system in the future.

## **10. Armiti Human Rights Organization**

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Faiza Khattab

Website: N/A

Overview: Protection of civilian during armed conflict is the cornerstone of humanitarian law. Such protection extends to both public and private civilian. The organization is concerned with the defense of Human Rights in all fields as the national and international levels, monitors human rights related activities and violations that occurs. It can also participate according to its potential and resources in meeting, conferences and other global organizations.

Activities: - To raise awareness of the population of the dangers of the chemical weapons and how to respond to them in emergencies. - Survey and disinfection. - The organization works to cooperate and coordinate with national and non-international non-governmental human rights organizations in view of their universal human rights.

Financial resources: Funding is coming from other organizations and through civil society partners.

Membership: Different academics and civil societies are the main NGO members.

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

City and Country: Shiraz, Iran

Contact person(s): Mr Mohammadreza 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 Convention (OPCW). Our main goal is to support and help the chemical weapons victims in the wards, therapy, medicine and medical equipment, to hold recreational and medical camps, to visit the chemical weapons victims hospitalized, to support the families of the weapons victims Chemical, in critical situations such as 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. Meeting with member NGOs (OPCW) to improve the medical condition.

Activities: Community chemical injuries Fars province is active in seven departments 1. Health 2. Education and research 3. Public relations and international Affairs 4. Administrative 5. Office and support 6. Culture and artistic 7. Environment

Financial resources: Community funding through NGOs that want peace to be achieved. Also people who want to help improve the health and better quality of life of chemical weapons victims.

Membership: The number of non-governmental organisations, victims of chemical Fars Province 5,000 people. Criteria for membership of the injured chemical and individual experts that can be useful in the objectives of Convention OPCW.

## **12. BASIC (British American Security Information Council)**

City and Country: London, United Kingdom

Contact person(s): Anahita Parsa

Website: <https://basicint.org/>

Overview: BASIC is a non-profit think tank based in London, UK. Our mission is to safeguard humanity and our ecosystem from nuclear risks and interconnected security threats, for generations to come. Since 1987, we've been at the forefront of global efforts to build trust and consensus behind progressive global peace and security initiatives, engaging officials internationally.

Activities: Whilst we focus primarily on nuclear policy, BASIC has a history of working across WMD issues, including chemical warfare, and remains interested, looking to renew our institutional interest in this area. BASIC previously attended the BWC and CWC in the 1990s and early 2000s, having most recently attended the BWC RevCon 2022. We will be participating in a UK-based workshop on the implications of AI and CBW in February-March 2023, and hope to explore further issues on CBW in the future.

Financial resources: BASIC receives funding from a mix of states, donors, academic institutions, and private foundations, who are concerned by the threats of nuclear weapons and desirous of a more safe, secure and sustainable global security system. We are selective about our funders, ensuring that funding relationships are built on a basis of trust and that BASIC is always acting in alignment with its mission.

Membership: 11 full-time members of staff, working as Programme Assistants, Policy Fellows, Programme Managers, two of whom have completed PhDs in areas related to WMD and/or security issues, and our Executive Director. We also have a Board of 8 members, each of whom brings a diversity of expertise, approaches and perspectives.

## **13. Bio Social for Culture and Community Awareness (BSOCC)**

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Ahmed Abdulwahid Majeed

Website: N/A

Overview: Our organization is a non-profit organization that seeks to spread knowledge and awareness among members of society and helps humanitarian cases and providing guidance and awareness lectures on dealing with weapons remnants and staying away from them and how to report to the competent authorities and we work hard on issues related to chemicals and waste that directly affect human health and the environment and establish courses for students and workers in the health sector. And assist the displaced and disaster situations.

Activities: Our activities are continuing with the update of international organizations, especially the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. And some activities related to climate change and the factors influencing and their impact on life. Our priority is human life, the earth, the creatures that live together on this planet, and how to preserve them.

Financial resources: Our organization is self-financed by the founder and members of the organization, and we do not receive support from any governmental or civil entity, except for some rich people.

Membership: Our organization consists of 6 main Founders and 4 members of the administrative body and more than 150 volunteers.

#### **14. CBRNe Society**

City and Country: Leiden, Netherlands

Contact person(s): Anna Paternnosto

Website: <https://cbrnesociety.org>

Overview: The CBRNe Society is an international non-profit organization. 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 organization of the global NCT CBRNe conferences and trainings ([www.nct-events.com](http://www.nct-events.com)), 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 providing also 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: Organizations that are partners of the CBRNe Society are: the Chemical Information Center of Peru (CINQUI), The Institute for NBCR Defense of Japan, the Korean Society for CBR Defense, the Civil Protection Administration of the Republic of Srpska (CPARS) BiH, the Philippines Bomb Data Center, the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority, the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center.

#### **15. CBW Events**

City and Country: Bradford on Avon, United Kingdom

Contact person(s): 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.cbw-events.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 via project work. For example, daily reports from CWC Review Conferences were funded by the Ploughshares Fund [2008] and through the CWC Coalition [2013 & 2018]. Financial support for daily reports from BWC meetings in Geneva has included: Ploughshares Fund, Acronym Institute, VERTIC [Ford Foundation], and MFAs of Canada, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK. The BWC Briefing Book for the Seventh BWC Review Conference and the Resource Guide for the Third CWC Review Conference were funded by the UK FCO.

Membership: CBW Events is not a membership organization and therefore has no members.

## 16. CBWNet

City and Country: Berlin, Germany

Contact person(s): Ralf Trapp

Website: <https://cbwnet.org/>

Overview: CBWNet is a joint research project coordinated by the Berlin Office of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH). It aims to identify options to comprehensively strengthen the norms against chemical and biological weapons (CBW).

Activities: CBWNet aims to identify options to comprehensively strengthen the norms against chemical and biological weapons. The project scrutinizes the forms and consequences of norm contestations within the CBW prohibition regimes from an interdisciplinary perspective. This includes a comprehensive analysis of the normative order of the regimes as well as an investigation of the possible consequences which technological developments, international security dynamics or terrorist threats might yield for the CBW prohibition regimes. Wherever research results point to challenges for or a weakening of CBW norms, the project partners will develop options and proposals to uphold or strengthen these norms and to enhance their resilience.

Financial resources: The project is being funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

Membership: The research project CBWNet is carried out jointly by the Berlin office of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH), the Chair for Public Law and International Law at the University of Gießen, the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) and the Carl Friedrich Weizsäcker-Centre for Science and Peace Research (ZNF) at the University of Hamburg.

## 17. Centre de Recherche et d'Information pour le Désarmement et la Sécurité (CRIDS)

City and Country: Charleroi, Belgium

Contact person(s): Simabatu Mayele Sims Nono

Website: N/A

Overview: Our mission is not only to provide a platform for independent information and analysis in support of disarmament and non-proliferation, which is both an immediate and long-term concern, but also to inform the discourse of decision-makers and public opinion through a diverse range of detailed research findings disseminated regularly through direct and indirect engagement.

Activities: For the past two years, we have organized in response to increasing requests for technical assistance from various actors who wish to improve their knowledge on WMD issues including the promotion of the use of nuclear energy and chemistry for peaceful purposes. We often have briefings and discussions with some members of the D.R. Congo National Authority on the legal and regulatory aspects of chemical security to address issues at the national level and to raise awareness on the importance of the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Financial resources: The CRIDS is not yet funded for the moment, it is in this framework that we request a support from the OPCW for Messrs: SIMABATU MAYELE SIMS and MINGSON MINGINA to cover expenses (travel, accommodation, etc.) and facilitate the participation of our organization in this Conference of States Parties.

Membership: N/A

## **18. Chatr Center for Development and Human Rights**

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Hawree Mohammed Ali

Website: <https://web.facebook.com/chatrcenter>

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. Protecting people from weapons is one of its primary goals, especially weapons of mass destruction. The Center believes that, in order to achieve human rights, an end to weapons developments must be put in place. because developments in the field of weapons threaten people and their rights.

The issue of an investigation into the use of chemical weapons by ISIS in Kirkuk Governorate in 2016 is one of the most important files that the center has been working on for three years.

Activities: 1- Work to reduce the risks arising from the use of chemical weapons in cooperation with other humanitarian organizations, and Awareness of the population about the dangers of chemical weapons and how to deal with them in emergency situations. 2- An investigation into the use of chemical weapons by ISIS in Kirkuk Governorate in 2016 is one of the most important files that the center has been working on for three years. Activities in the last (12) months. 1- Examination of displaced children from ISIS-controlled areas, to ensure that they are not infected with the chemicals used by ISIS in their areas, such as chlorine gas, in cooperation with a medical team. More than (180) children were examined, and it was as a result of suspicion that (7) children were infected, and they were transferred to the Capital Hospital to confirm. 2- A training course for a group of activists on the role of civil society organizations in combating chemical weapons. (34) civil society activists and representatives participated in it. Here are the links to those activities:

[https://web.facebook.com/494225844291180/posts/1704558606591225/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/494225844291180/posts/1704558606591225/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/494225844291180/posts/1671712673209152/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/494225844291180/posts/1671712673209152/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

Financial resources: 1- Annual membership fee. 2- Donations of academics and human rights activists. 3- Grants for international organizations working in Iraq.

Membership: 1- Her age should not be less than (18) years. 2- Academics and researchers civil and society activists. 3- He holds a certificate of development and human rights from accredited institutes. 4- Commitment to the international laws and covenants on human rights, the prohibition of chemical weapons. Note: Currently (103) people are members of Chatr Center for Development and Human Rights.

## 19. Chemical Injuries Research Centre – CIRC

City and Country: Tehran, Iran

Contact person(s): Hasan Bagheri

Website: [www.research.bmsu.ac.ir/circ](http://www.research.bmsu.ac.ir/circ)

Overview: The Chemical Injuries Research Center (CIRC) is the lead center for medical chemical defense research in Iran to provide consultation to civilian and military authorities. The CIRC designated as the focal point of research on medical chemical defense and the treatment of chemical injuries over twenty years ago. The missions of the CIRC are to develop treatment and effective medical supports, and the health promotion of the survivors of chemical warfare through clinical and basic research to address diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation challenges of the patients as well as to provide consultation, and training for medical professionals around the country and in international scale. CIRC has also been the focal point for empowering medical professionals and first responders in the medical chemical defense and medical management of chemical casualties through different training courses.

Activities: Over the past two decades, the CIRC has focused on research related to long term-health effects of exposure to CW to address serious challenges of medical community on providing medical treatment for such progressive diseases which are not sufficiently understood by medical professionals due to the unknown toxic mechanism of some of CW agents. CIRC has conducted several international scientific collaborative projects with other universities and research centers around the world as well as with international organizations such as the WHO on medical aspects chemical casualties management. The CIRC has published more than 300 peer-reviewed papers and more than 40 books (Persian or English), many protocols in the field of prevention, detection, treatment, rehabilitation, and medical management of chemical casualties.

CIRC has been the main partner of the OPCW for conducting the annual medical course in Iran under Article X of the CWC which was started since 2000, the 10th course was conducted in 2018 and it is going to be continued in biannual basis. This is a unique opportunity for participants from all CWC States parties to meet with CW survivors in person and discuss with Iranian medical professionals regarding their experiences on medical treatment of such patients. The CIRC also has performed local, national, and international training courses in the fields of pre-hospital and hospital management of chemical incidents periodically with collaboration of various stakeholders and relevant authorities. The CIRC also conducts regular patients education programs for CW victims and their family members and this has contributed very much in improving health status of the CW survivors according to the Iran's veterans department reports.

Another important department of CIRC is the Chemical Emergency Service as a unique structure for effective responding to chemical incidents which was established in 2015.

Financial resources: It is an Academic research Centre under the University of Baghyatallah Medical Sciences

Membership: The CIRC has several faculty members, full time and part time researchers and fellows as well as PhD Students and lecturers

## 20. Chemical Weapons Convention Coalition

City and Country: Washington DC, United States

Contact person(s): Mina Rozei

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

Overview: The Chemical Weapons Convention Coalition (CWCC or CWC Coalition) was established in 2009 as an international network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs),

including academia, civil society, industry, and other interested stakeholders committed to supporting and strengthening the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and its implementing organization, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). The CWCC was initiated and has been coordinated by Dr. Paul F. Walker. It is a project of the Arms Control Association. The CWCC's broad goals have been to expand the involvement of civil society in the CWC and OPCW, primarily through active participation in the CWC's annual Conference of State Parties and Five-Year Review Conferences in The Hague.

Activities: Since 2010, the CWCC has worked to expand NGO registration for the annual CWC Conference of States Parties. The CWCC has also taken a leading role in organizing travel for NGO colleagues, hosting several side events during the week of conference activities, organizing a CWCC reception in the OPCW, and coordinating 15-25 five-minute plenary statements by NGO representatives. Over the past decade, we have worked closely with the OPCW Technical Secretariat (TS), including the Director-General; with the OPCW General Committee; and with several OPCW national delegations and ambassadors who have hosted our annual reception and chaired some side events.

Financial resources: The CWCC receives funding from several sources. The CWCC is funded by the Arms Control Association, where Paul Walker serves as the Vice Chair of the Board. The CWCC also receives funding in the form of grants from the Canadian government's Global Affairs Canada Weapons Threats Reduction Program and the German government's Federal Agency for Foreign Affairs.

Membership: The CWCC's membership is comprised of NGOs. The CWCC has approximately 100 members. More information about our members can be found on our website: <https://www.cwccoalition.org/about-us/>

## **21. China Hebei University of Science and Technology – Research Center for Chemical Safety & Security and Verification Technology**

City and Country: Shijiazhuang

Contact person(s): Fenxia Sun

Website: <https://www.hebust.edu.cn/>

Overview: The Research Center for Chemical Safety and Security and Verification Technology is part of the Department of Chemical and Pharmaceutical Engineering of the Hebei University of Science and Technology. It aims to promote awareness of chemical safety and security and to provide CWC implementation support as required the Chinese National Authority and/or the declared enterprises.

Activities: The Center conducts research projects on the issue of chemical safety and security related to the CWC scheduled or unscheduled chemicals and provides technical support or assistance, as necessary, to the OPCW on-site inspections at declared industry facilities in China.

Financial resources: Projects based programs and/or activities funded by the government agencies, relevant enterprises or the University itself.

Membership: The Center consists of faculties of the University and the Guest Research Fellows and it has around 10 people.

## **22. Christian Fellowship and Care Foundation**

City and Country: Ehime Mbano, Nigeria

Contact person(s): Chimaoge Anita Ezeigwe

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

Overview: Christian Fellowship and Care Foundation is committed to issues of development, democracy and peacebuilding. The mission of the organisation is to provide free health care and



humanitarian services to rural communities in Nigeria and beyond. These vital services are provided through building partnership with local and international humanitarian service providers. Christian Fellowship and Care Foundation synergies aim at improving the quality of human life through different core activities concerned with Education, Healthcare, Economic Development, Peace and Security, Water Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), Climate Justice and Human Rights, and Good Governance.

Activities: As insecurity is becoming one of the primary development challenges of the 21st Century. To counter that, we provide peace education in schools that addresses topics surrounding the reduction of conflict and violence through the use of simulation exercises, writing materials, team-building activities (drama and storytelling), illustrations of concepts (using art as an expression for less studious pupils), talking circles to foster understanding, etc. All topics discussed, and activities undertaken are primarily focused on allowing pupils to better understand concepts of peace and conflict resolution. Christian Fellowship and Care Foundation engages in awareness raising of CWC amongst the general public and through school based sensitisation programmes using information, education and communication materials (IECs) on preventing the misuse of toxic chemicals and educating young people on the dangers of chemical weapons application and its harmful effects and the need to uphold a world free of chemical weapons as well as the need to ensure its re-emergence is prevented through radio phone-in programmes and workshops.

Financial resources: Christian Fellowship and Care Foundation is funded through members donation, grants, and fundraising activities. Our main donors are: End Water Poverty, Petrorich Nigeria Limited, Centre for Peace Across Borders (CePAB), Humrock Industries Nigeria Limited and Global Health Council

Membership: Christian Fellowship and Care Foundation's membership is open to the general public who shares in our vision and mission for a peaceful world.

### **23. Climate Organisation to Defend the Victims of Environmental Pollution**

City and Country: Baghdad, Iraq

Contact person(s): Abraham Ahmed

Website: <https://web.facebook.com/CLIMATEORGANIZATION>

Overview: The mission of our organization is to take care of the victims of environmental pollution by pressuring the government to secure their health care. This is due to the presence of many injured due to environmental pollution, especially pollution caused by chemical weapons. Because of the frequent use of chemical weapons in Iraq by the former regime, the climate of Iraq has been affected by significant negative changes, which led to the spread of diseases and pollution threatening entire societies with unfitness for life, due to the pollution of water and air. The organization is also interested in monitoring the violations that occur against the environment, especially the violations of factories for the materials used in the production of their materials. Working to legislate laws that put an end to climate pollution is one of the activities of the president of our organization. She also puts pressure on the government to abide by international standards and treaties related to human and environmental rights and the fight against chemicals. Also 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.

Activities: Organizing seminars and civil activities to pressure the government to implement all the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention, because this gives guarantees for creating a peaceful environment in the future.

Three activities in the last (12) months: 1- On November 30, 2022, the Climate Organization For Defend the Victims of Environmental Pollution organized a symposium in the city of Halabja, to

commemorate the victims of the chemical weapon in the city of Halabja and discuss the mechanism for suing the chemical weapons companies, which are accused of selling chemicals to the defunct regime that were used in the bombing of the city of Halabja. I participated (35) activists and legal researchers and recommended the participants to expedite the legislation of a law obligating the Iraqi government to file a lawsuit against those companies. Here is a link to that activity:

<https://web.facebook.com/108572610938721/posts/pfbid02aEz4EzDL2GxvFCpMNCw9vRQY3mnrByGJsWTRsZG7M4jrvkS9d9Ek2qTUDhaVT6ZZI/?mibextid=Nif5oz&rdc=1&rdr>

2- Holding the anniversary of the crime of the chemical bombardment of the city of Halabja on 3/16/2022. The type of activity was a street theater show, expressing the tragedy of the victims during the bombing with chemical weapons, and the number of participants was (17) artists, in addition to more from (50) audience. Here is a link to that activity:

<https://web.facebook.com/108572610938721/posts/579103710552273/?rdc=1&rdr>

3- Holding a workshop on environmental pollution with chemicals as a result of the factory's work for a group of researchers. (23) researchers, university professors and lawmakers participated. Here is a link to that activity:

<https://web.facebook.com/108572610938721/posts/579082257221085/?rdc=1&rdr>

Financial resources: 1- Annual subscriptions for members. 2- Funding provided by international organizations for some activities. 3- Funding From other organisations, through civil society partners, United Nations funds.

Membership: 1- Completion of (18) years of age. 2- Have at least a high school diploma.

3- An obligation to preserve the environment and not harm the environment. Note: (139) people are members of the Climate Organization to defend the victims of environmental pollution.

## **24. Culture and Social Development Society in Kirkuk**

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Rebwar Abulrahman Omer

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083341630629>

Overview: Participation in the commemoration of the genocide in Kirkuk governorate, preventing armed children in the days of prohibition, holding International Crime Trial Days Seminars, conferences for victims, and the defense of cultural, financial, and legal rights are all part of the program. Working for the sake of all people in Kirkuk by removing weapons and spreading peace. You can also see our activities this year by clicking on the link below:

Our Facebook page is extremely active; here are a few examples:

<https://www.facebook.com/107293885295327/posts/151956730829042https://fb.watch/eHThKzYPuX/>.

<https://www.facebook.com/100083341630629/videos/1412553999238805>

Activities: Some of the activities of the organizations took place last year on March 16, 2022, which is the anniversary of the chemical attack on Halabja. We started with the anniversary of the crime of Anfal in Kirkuk with genocide and human rights organizations, and World Justice Day on July 17, 2022, in Chamchamal with its organizations. We opened the Anfal and committed genocide in Chamchamal and Kirkuk. We have demanded that Iraq become a member of the International Criminal Court. Dozens of activists and relatives of the victims participated in each activity, and a significant number of media channels broadcast the activities to citizens of Kurdistan, Iraq, and Arabic-speaking countries.

Financial resources: Membership subscriptions, cooperation with organizations, and receiving projects from organizations, as well as our members' work as volunteers.

Membership: The member should be accepted under these conditions: One should not be under He or she should be over the age of 18 and have a certificate, believe in peace, and oppose war and weapons. Work for a common ideology. We have 72 members of the brotherhood in the city, and we are all there. The city of Kirkuk as volunteers.

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

City and Country: Sulimanyah, Iraq

Contact person(s): Snur Abdalrahman

Website: N/A

Overview: \*-working for establishing a democratic society in Iraq.

\*-Promoting the principles of human rights& Democracy values

\*-Publishing the idea of respecting human rights.

\*-Publishing the idea of coexistence within the people of Iraq.

\*- Informing the individuals of their rights.

\*-Awareness the victims of Genocide about their rights.

Activities: we are working to awareness the society about the evil of war, because our society is victim of Genocide and using chemical gas, so it is our duty to work all together to prevent any kind of use of weapons of mass destruction.

chemical weapons convention goals or other conventions, regarding to weapons of mass destruction, cannot be achieved in Non-democratic authority, so the democratization is the important base for achieving these conventions. We have worked of the sectors of human rights on of the parts was the rights of (people who suffered from the aftermath effects of chemical weapons in Iraqi kurdistan) also we have worked with Halabja memorial of chemical victims and mayors for peace organization including anniversaries, meetings and conferences for prevent any use of chemical weapons.

Financial resources: between 2021 to 2022, our organization had (3) monthly training for a group of Halabja youth people including journalists, writers and the other NGOs representatives, and two semi conference to awareness them about the new generation role in the pressure of world community to prevent any use of weapons of mass destruction. during that year's thousands of the people throughout the world were visiting Halabja to reports about the tragedy of the city, that is why we concentrated of the city on that years.)

Membership: 1-annual members fee 2-donations by the other international humanitarian organizations. 3-sometimes we apply funds from local companies.

## **26. Doors NGO**

City and Country: Anyako, Ghana

Contact person(s): Joyce Serwaa-Akoto

Website: N/A

Overview: Upsurge of recent terrorist attacks in the West African Sub-Region (where we are located), which poses disturbing severe security threat prompted the formation of the organization meant to generate consciousness should the regrettable occur that even involves Chemical Weapons.

Activities: 1. Collaborate with Chemical Weapon Convention to obtain necessary information on chemical weapons risks to enable us to educate the community on its dangers. 2. To constantly remind the people of attack from terrorist to include chemical weapons. 3. Carefully monitor the effects of chemical weapons to the environment and the destructive cost to nature for onward share with the community. 4. To form community partnerships in our locality involving the youth and the traditional leaders to avoid such future act.

Financial resources: The organization depends solely on funding from membership dues, voluntary contributions and other limited Donations.

Membership: Currently the Executive Members are 4. We have 6 Officers, 16 volunteers.

## **27. Elizka Relief Foundation**

City and Country: Kumasi, Ghana

Contact person(s): Kofi Kankam

Website: <https://elizkafoundation.org/>

Overview: Elizka Relief Foundation is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 2015 and an Observer to the UNFCCC. Currently it serves as the West Africa Regional Organizing Partner for the UN NGO Major Group, and represents the constituency within the spaces of UNECA, where it also doubles as the co-chair of the Africa Regional Mechanism for Major Groups and other Stakeholders. It is also the convener for the Ghana CSOs SDGs Platform –

<http://ghanacsoplatformsdg.org/conveners-and-co-conveners/> - for the Kumasi Metropolis and National Focal Point (Ghana) - for Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction. The mission Statement of the organization is seeking to purposefully create and manage opportunities for connection and communication across sectorial, identity and geographical boundaries to promote social and sustainable integrated development by enhancing capacity to network. The core principle of the organization is promotion of Human Rights – “the right to development and leaving no one behind” – with its priority areas being Agriculture for Development (A4D), Information Communication for Development (ICT4D), Research for Development (R4D), and Community Development. The areas of special interest to the organization are i) Education (ii) Health (iii) Climate Change (iv) Arts (Youth and Culture), (v) Cultural Diversity (Exchange Programs), (vi) Child Survival and Development, (vii) Water and Sanitation (viii) Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (ix) Rural Infrastructure Development, (x) Women in Development and (xi) Food security.

Activities: Elizka Relief Foundation continued our work in relation to the Chemical Weapons Convention by officially joining ICAN to help with the work on getting new countries on board and keep up the pressure on the nuclear-armed states. We have been globally advocating for delegitimizing threats and use of nuclear weapons to raise the threshold for world leaders. The organization participated and contributed to the second round of open civil society consultations was held by Kiribati and Kazakhstan on Articles 6 and 7. Furthermore, the organization participated in the 1st Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW which was held from 21-23 June 2023 in the Austria Center Vienna and was part of the declaration made during the first meeting. Prior to this meeting, the organization took part in the civil society meeting held from June 18-19, 2022 and 2022 Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons hosted by the government of Austria. At the national level it has vigorously engaged the government of Ghana in ratifying the treaty.

Financial resources: - Consultancy Services

- Grant from Action for Sustainable Development (A4SD)

- Grant from GIZ

- Grant for Maat for Peace Human Rights, and Development (An Egyptian based NGO in Special Consultative with UN ECOSOC)

Membership: - The organization currently has about Four Hundred and Seventy-Seven (477) Members worldwide. The composition of its membership is global and have both individual and corporate membership. It also encompasses youth and gender groups and promotes the mantra of leaving no one behind. - Ghana - 352 - Africa- Nigeria - 57 - Africa- South Africa - 35 - Africa- United States of America - 19 - North America - Nepal - 9 - Asia- Togo - 4 - Africa- Canada - 1 - North America

## 28. Eye Organization For Care Victims Kurdocide

City and Country: Helsinki, Finland

Contact person(s): Jessica Rydenfelt

Website: <https://web.facebook.com/EOCVKNGO>

Overview: The mission of the organization is the nationals of the victims of the Kurdish genocide, living in Europe, including health and legal care, such as the wounded chemical weapons bombardment of Halabja. In addition to providing legal assistance to these victims in order to legally document their statements as eyewitnesses to these crime and work to combat international prohibited crimes by benefiting from the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Rome Treaty 1998.

Activities: 1- Organizing and holding seminars and conferences on the crimes of genocide committed against the Kurdish people. 2- Providing health, psychological and legal care to the victims of the genocide of the Kurds living in European countries. 3- Legal documentation of the statements of survivors of those crimes as eyewitnesses. \* During the past 12 months, our organization organized several events, including:

1- On the International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Chemical Warfare, November 30, 2023. The Eye Organization For Care Victims Kurdocide - EOCVK organized a conference entitled (The City of Halabja Victim of a Chemical Weapon), in the capital of Sweden, Stockholm. The aim of the conference was to discuss ways to obtain international recognition of the crime of bombing Halabja With chemical weapons. Swedish researchers and parliamentarians and a group of members of the Stockholm Municipal Council participated in the conference. Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/1822265337832224/posts/pfbid0Cg6SonwKGUDh82JrB9WxnKste3XLg1j2yKtTMxZnNSMpwbfzFMaA9fM57D5pDCMXLI/?mibextid=Nif5oz&rdc=1&rd\\_r](https://web.facebook.com/1822265337832224/posts/pfbid0Cg6SonwKGUDh82JrB9WxnKste3XLg1j2yKtTMxZnNSMpwbfzFMaA9fM57D5pDCMXLI/?mibextid=Nif5oz&rdc=1&rd_r)

2- On December 9, 2022, the International Day of Remembrance, Honoring and Prevention of the Victims of Genocide, Eye Organization For Care Victims Kurdocide - EOCVK organized a webinar to discuss international efforts to prevent the occurrence of genocide and the international laws and agreements reached. This was done with the participation of researchers from European and Arab countries. Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/1822265337832224/posts/pfbid08eVbZ3vHebTZKKV1PGdYvqv0XHHmY8upozfFaWSbtFyLn4YjgocPXRYf85D3wfgl/?mibextid=Nif5oz&rdc=1&rd\\_r](https://web.facebook.com/1822265337832224/posts/pfbid08eVbZ3vHebTZKKV1PGdYvqv0XHHmY8upozfFaWSbtFyLn4YjgocPXRYf85D3wfgl/?mibextid=Nif5oz&rdc=1&rd_r)

3- Symposium in Sweden on (14/3/2022) in memory of the bombing of Halabja with chemical weapons. Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/1822265337832224/posts/5563159627076091/?rdc=1&rd\\_r](https://web.facebook.com/1822265337832224/posts/5563159627076091/?rdc=1&rd_r)

4- holding an exhibition on (14/4/2022) in memory of the Anfal massacre... Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/1822265337832224/posts/5563221450403242/?rdc=1&rd\\_r](https://web.facebook.com/1822265337832224/posts/5563221450403242/?rdc=1&rd_r)

5- held a symposium on (3/8/2022) in memory of the Yazidi genocide. Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/1822265337832224/posts/5564012270324160/?rdc=1&rd\\_r](https://web.facebook.com/1822265337832224/posts/5564012270324160/?rdc=1&rd_r)

Financial resources: Eye Organization - For Care Victims Kurdocide operates on a voluntary basis and takes care of its own expenses, with the participation of members, donations from friends and the assistance of similar organizations, and all members work on a volunteer basis.

Membership: The number of members (Eye Organization - For Care Victims Kurdocide), the current is (41) volunteer members, many of them specialize in the areas of combating genocide, including lawyers and activists, members make an effective contribution to achieving the goals of the organization.

## **29. Farmers Care Foundation**

City and Country: Tema, Ghana

Contact person(s): Eric Adjei

Website: N/A

Overview: Our organizations' mandate is sensitizing the communities on the danger chemical weapons poses to human health and the environment not limiting, without its perilous threat. We relentlessly seek that the Government abide by policies of CWC to ensure smooth progress of their mandate.

Activities: 1. Sensitizing communities (on dangers of chemical weapons its harmful threat to humanity and the environment). 2. Organize symposium, forums, workshops and seminars to disseminate information on chemical weapon usage; the danger it poses.

3. Foster collaboration with similar organizations elsewhere especially those whose Governments have not rectified the Chemical Weapon Convention and push for their overwhelming adoption. 4. We strive to propose measures that will enhance abolishing of chemical weapon. 5. To display our commitment and seek total elimination of chemical weapons completely.

Financial resources: The organization derives its funding mainly from the members' Dues, Contributions and Donations. Nominal Funds are raised at periodic organized fund-raising during events and also during our Mandatory Annual General Meetings.

Membership: Our membership body stands at 55. The permanent members are 27 of which 9 are Executives and 16 Non-Executives. The remaining are (walk-in), volunteers.

## **30. Flowers Organisation to Combat Desertification in Iraq (FOCDI)**

City and Country: Baghdad, Iraq

Contact person(s): Mohammed Mustafa Braim

Website: <https://web.facebook.com/FOCDI>

Overview: organisation's Mission: FOCDI is a non-governmental organization that aims to remove and destroy all types of weapons, chemicals, and semi-chemical materials present within the country, especially the remains of chemicals belonging to the army of the former dictatorial regime in Iraq and armed terrorist groups. Because the organization believes that the remnants of these weapons are one of the many causes of desertification in Iraq.

Activities: 1- Working to remove and destroy the remnants of chemicals belonging to the army of the former dictatorial regime in Iraq and the armed terrorist groups inside the country. 2- Pressing Parliament to legislate decisions that commit the government to destroy the remnants of these chemical weapons and the comprehensive implementation of the International Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. 3- Work on legislating a law that prohibits the production or import of any type of chemical weapon. Three activities in the last (12) months, as follows: 1- Our organization organized a symposium entitled (Chemical waste of the defunct regime in the city of Faw and its role in increasing desertification of the city) on 7/21/2022... where (31) representatives of civil society organizations participated... Details are available in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/100145318427853/posts/590798259362554/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/100145318427853/posts/590798259362554/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

2- The Flowers Organization for Combating Desertification in Iraq - FOCDI organized a workshop entitled (How to confront desertification resulting from the use of the effects of the use of chemicals by the terrorist organization ISIS in Mosul) on 6/12/2022. And (23) representatives of environmental organizations participated in the workshop Mosul city... Details are available in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/100145318427853/posts/589575419484838/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/100145318427853/posts/589575419484838/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

3- Our organization organized a dialogue session between a number of members of the Iraqi parliament and a group of representatives of civil society organizations specialized in the field of the environment, to discuss the draft (law criminalizing the use of chemicals by petrochemical factories)... on (3/13/2022)... where together, they reached pressure on Parliament to issue the law. 27 people participated in this session... Details are available in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/100145318427853/posts/588227509619629/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/100145318427853/posts/588227509619629/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

Financial resources: 1- The donations of members and people outside an organization or other institutions, without any condition or consideration. 2- Donations and financing of international organizations for some activities, such as: \* The Swedish Al-Qandil Organization. \* Norwegian People's Aid Organization – NPA. \* Zain Telecom Company.

\* Shaheen Group of Companies Contracting.

Membership: 1- University study in the field of environment, law, medicine or human rights. 2- Commitment to the international laws and covenants on human rights, the environment and the prohibition of chemical weapons Note: Flowers organization to combat desertification in Iraq- FOCDI has 97 members.

### **31. Green Environment Organisation**

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Peshraw Soran

Website: <https://web.facebook.com/GREENORGANIZATIO>

Overview: A non-governmental organization 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 pollution of factories, 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 by the former dictatorial army.

Working to prevent the use of chemical weapons in armed conflicts by pressing a parliament to legislate related laws. We also urge the government to prevent the importation of all chemical materials that can be used in the manufacture of chemical weapons.

Activities: Many activities during the past (12) months:

1- Organizing a gathering on 4/14/2022 on the anniversary of the Anfal operations, which are operations of genocide against the Kurdish people, and about 80 people participated, calling for the implementation of transitional justice. Below are links:

<https://www.pukmedia.com/KS/Details/193278?fbclid=IwAR1zBx6YDLASdwZ9gFaIuyJ0g6rLTntqxjBzSLACKHFdGwQc1zOI8j5SPO8>

[https://web.facebook.com/161365170625342/posts/5241734825921659/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/161365170625342/posts/5241734825921659/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN\\_GK0T-GK1C&ref=watch\\_permalink&v=510933900519075](https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&ref=watch_permalink&v=510933900519075)

2- Organizing a gathering on 7/18/2022 in the city of Chamchamal on the occasion of the anniversary of the establishment of an international criminal court. About 45 people

participated, calling for adapting national laws with the contents of international laws. Below is link:

[https://web.facebook.com/161365170625342/posts/5241758705919271/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/161365170625342/posts/5241758705919271/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

3- Organizing a dialogue seminar with the cooperation of other organizations Entitled (The Kurds and an International Criminal Court), the aim of the symposium is to raise public awareness regarding international laws related to genocide crimes... Below are links:

[https://web.facebook.com/watch/?v=753904995854423&extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN\\_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing&\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/watch/?v=753904995854423&extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing&_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/161365170625342/posts/5241752119253263/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/161365170625342/posts/5241752119253263/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

4- Organizing a gathering on 7/18/2022 on the anniversary of the establishment of an international criminal court in the city of Sulaymaniyah, and about 37 people participated, calling for adapting national laws with the contents of international laws... Below are links:

[https://web.facebook.com/161365170625342/posts/5247275985367543/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/161365170625342/posts/5247275985367543/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

5- A photographic exhibition was held on 3/16/2022 on the anniversary of the bombing of Halabja with chemical weapons. (14) artists participated, in addition to a large audience. Below are links:

[https://web.facebook.com/161365170625342/posts/5247501292011679/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/161365170625342/posts/5247501292011679/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

Financial resources: 1- Member subscriptions. 2- Donations from members. 3- Donations persons outside an organization or other institutions according to the law. 4- Donations and funding of international organizations for some activities. 5- Remuneration and contributions of investors under the law and the rules of procedure of the Organization, free of charge, and without condition.  
Membership: 1- Completing 18 years of age. 2- Graduate of colleges and institutes for the study of the environment or an activist interested in the environment. 3- He was not previously convicted by state courts of committing human rights violations or crimes damaging the environment. Note: Green Environment Organization, has 103 members.

## **32. Halabja Chemical Victims Society**

City and Country: Halabja, Iraq

Contact person(s): Hoshmen Murad Mohamedusif

Website: hcvs.krd

Overview: After chemical crime of Halabja city in 1988, People of Halabja returned to the Halabja city, that was entirely destroyed and people were going through their hardest times both biologically and physiologically, a number of people of the city established the (NGO). The organization was established to the followings: \*To act as a representative of victims, injured and lost people of chemical weapon and to indicate their requirements to relevant parties. \* Gathering special evidence and documents related to chemical crime of Halabja city. \* Work to punish the doers and helpers of Halabja chemical crime, and we had the main role to do this. \*Work to punish the companies that helped Saddam to produce chemical weapon or sold the materials needed to produce chemical weapons.

\*Work to cure the injured people of Halabja city in or out of Kurdistan. \*Work to announce the Halabja chemical crime as genocide to the entire world to prevent this horrible event.

\*Work to find the children who had been lost and are still missing.

\*Work to bring back the remains of dead victims of the chemical event from Iran and bury the dead people again with respect and in good ways.

Activities: \*Taking part in the conferences related to the chemical weapon convention.

\* Gathering special evidence and documents related to chemical crime of Halabja city.

\* Work to punish the doers and helpers of Halabja chemical crime, and we had the main role to do this. \*Work to punish the companies that helped Saddam to produce chemical weapon or sold the materials needed to produce chemical weapons. \*Work to cure the injured people of



Halabja city in or out of Kurdistan. \*Work to announce the Halabja chemical crime as genocide to the entire world to prevent this horrible event.

Financial resources: Our Organization have no permanent economical sources, and everyone works here as volunteers. Our economic sources include: \*Collected money from members of the group that they pay as required. \*Making connections with international organizations to make many processes to serve victims of chemicals and the organizations help us to make money in those projects such as: A. Surveying of lost peoples of Halabja city project which is done by the help of (ICMP) organization. B. complain making project against those companies that helped Saddam to do his chemical rampage and sold him chemical. with the help of GJG and MM.LAW lawyers

Membership: The members of our Society are arranged in two ways: A. Board members: Are eleven persons with two other substitutes, the board members are chosen by Halabja people in a congress. 1. He must be a capable person who loves his country and has a clear past. 3. He must be one of the relevents of a victim. 4. He must be an educated person. 5. He must be expert in organizations works.

B. The normal members: The musts to be a normal member: 1. He must be one of the victims who has got the definition card made by an organization under the researches of special doctors. 2. He must be a person who loves his country and has a clear past. 3. He must not be under 18. 4. He must give a request form to be a member of the group.

### **33. Halabja Memorial Foundation**

City and Country: Rijswijk, Netherlands

Contact person(s): Dana Mirza

Website: N/A

Overview: The Halabja Monument Foundation is a non-profit and independent organization 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 recognized as a genocide in the world.

Activities: 1- Works for the layout of a Monument in The Hague. The location of the monument is important and visible, near the Iraqi Embassy and the International Center against Weapons of Massacre (OPCW), as a symbol of Kurdish genocide. 2- Aims for the Halabja monument to become a member of (INMP). 3- Furnishing an office of Halabja Monument can be used for archiving genocide against the Kurds as an international information bank for documents from Halabja and Anfal that can be used for the media and students and researchers as an academic body. 4- Making an electronic website especially for the Monument Halabja Foundation for digitizing all documents.

5- March 16 each year commemorates the chemical attack on Halabja. 6- Open the annual festival, exposition, seminar as an endeavor to publicize the tragedies of the Kurds in Europe and world. 7- Connecting and connecting with all agency and organization until poison gas attack on Halabja and the Anfal campaign is recognized as a genocide in the world. 8- Work and request the sectors of health and economy and social projects to take place to rebuild and help victims areas.

Financial resources: 1. The capital intended to realize the object of the foundation is formed by: a. subsidies, gifts and donations; b. that which is obtained through inheritances or bequests; c. which is otherwise obtained. 2. Inheritances may only be accepted under the privilege of inventory.

Membership: The foundation is managed by a general chairman. Secretary and Penmester employed by Foundations may employ volunteers or employees. This also applies to the department of technicians and administration e.s.t.

### **34. High Hope**

City and Country: Tamale, Ghana

Contact person(s): Samuel Asamoah-Asare

Website: N/A

Overview: 1. To broadcast the news about the Chemical Weapons Convention. 2. To study from the chemical weapon operations and support to realize their aims. 3. To propagate their agenda holistically for a successful end. 4. To promote the elimination of chemical weapons and other related dangerous weapons.

Activities: 1. To formulate measures where the organization can collaborate and get Acquainted with anti-chemical weapons policies. 2. To get a good understanding of the entire work of the Chemical Weapons Convention. 3. We exist to be informed adequately in order to formulate relevant respective measures to tackle the issue. 4. The aims of the Chemical Weapon Convention ought to be achieved and help is needed by all. 5. To adhere to policies aiming at eradicating chemical weapons. 6. To tap in the ideas available to solve the situation.

Financial resources: 1. Annual membership fees. 2. Local donations 3. Appeals for funds. 4. Individual contributions.

Membership: President=1 Executive-Director=1 Deputy Directors=2 Secretary=1 Treasurer=1 Coordinators=5 Organizers=3 Health Experts=2

### **35. Human Rights Development Organization**

City and Country: Sulaymaniyah, Iraq

Contact person(s): Rawan Talib

Website: <https://web.facebook.com/HumanRightsDevelopmentOrganization>

Overview: A non-governmental organization that aims to monitor violations of human rights in all of Iraq by the security services of the State or groups of illegal armed, as well as monitor government and legislative decisions on human rights.

It also publishes human rights violations every six months, organizes demonstrations against human rights violations and participates in local and international conferences.

And it works to prevent the use of chemical weapons in armed conflicts by pressing a parliament to legislate related laws, we also urge the government to prevent the importation of all chemical materials that can be used in the manufacture of chemical weapons. In addition to monitoring terrorist acts in which chemical materials are used by illegal armed groups or terrorist groups.

Activities: 1- The Human Rights Development Organization organized a gathering to commemorate the Anfal crime on April 13. Where (80) activists and representatives of other organizations participated, in addition to the participation of (13) TV channels to cover the gathering... I also demanded that the participants compensate the families of the victims and punish those who deny this crime. 2- The Human Rights Development Organization organized a panel discussion entitled (The Kurds and the International Criminal Court) on July 16. It is a dialogue seminar organized by our organization in cooperation with other organizations, with the aim of adapting local laws with the basic content of the Rome Treaty and other international agreements where (110) journalists, jurists and representatives of organizations participated. 3- In commemoration of the victims of the chemical bombing of Halabja, the Human Rights Development Organization held a photographic exhibition for the victims of the chemical bombing of Halabja, in front of the central public library of the city of Kirkuk, in: 16/3/2022. 4- The Human Rights Development Organization organized a meeting with a group of jurists, legislators and judges to draft (a law criminalizing the denial of genocide crimes), in order to present it to the House of Representatives for the purpose of its legislation. Where the meeting

was organized at the Amna Soorka Museum in the city of Sulaymaniyah in: 7/3/2022. 5- The Human Rights Development Organization organized a solidarity stand and a media conference with the participation of Iraqi deputies in the office of the Iraqi parliament in the city of Sulaymaniyah, in 16/7/2022 in commemoration of the issuance of the Rome Treaty and the International Criminal Court to demand Iraq to join the Treaty of Rome. Below are other links and activities:

[https://web.facebook.com/watch/?v=1035388027170106&extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN\\_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing&\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/watch/?v=1035388027170106&extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing&_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/261239407234541/posts/8296392613719140/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/261239407234541/posts/8296392613719140/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/261239407234541/posts/8296355537056181/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/261239407234541/posts/8296355537056181/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/261239407234541/posts/8296030930421975/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/261239407234541/posts/8296030930421975/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/261239407234541/posts/8301412759883792/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/261239407234541/posts/8301412759883792/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/261239407234541/posts/8296038160421252/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/261239407234541/posts/8296038160421252/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=510933900519075](https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=510933900519075)

Financial resources: Sources of funding: 1- Member subscriptions. 2- Donations of members and persons outside an organization or other institutions, without any condition or consideration. 3- Donations and funding of international organizations for some activities. 4- Rewards and contributions of investors in the framework of the law and the rules of procedure of the organization and free of charge. 5- Subsidies provided by the Kurdistan regional government For NGOs According to the organized projects.

Membership: Membership Criteria: 1- Completing (18) years of age. 2- Preliminary study. 3- He is not accused by the state courts of crimes that violate human rights or has been found guilty of a violation of human rights. 4- Pledges to work towards achieving the objectives of the Organization. 5- Commitment to human rights laws and charters of all kinds. Note: Human Rights Development Organization has 149 members.

### **36. Human Rights Watch**

City and Country: Washington DC, United States

Contact person(s): Mary Wareham

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

Overview: Human Rights Watch is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) that employs approximately 550 people from 70 countries. Our mission is to investigate and report on abuses in all corners of the world. We conduct advocacy directed towards governments, armed groups and businesses, pushing them to change or enforce their laws, policies and practices to respect rights and secure justice.

For more information, see: <https://www.hrw.org/about/about-us>

Activities: Human Rights Watch conducts research into civilian harm from the use of chemical weapons. Over the past year, much of our work on chemical weapons has involved following up on our documentation of the Syrian government's use of chemical weapons on multiple occasions during the previous decade. Relevant publications have included: • The World Report 2023 released in January 2023, which tracks the ongoing investigations to determine responsibility for the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian conflict. See: <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2023> • A 71-page report published in September 2022 that looks at the specific impact of the conflict in Syria on children with disabilities, including harm caused by chemical weapons. See: <https://www.hrw.org/report/2022/09/08/it-was-really-hard-protect-myself/impact-armed-conflict-syria-children> • A 49-page report issued in February 2023 that examines how older people are often at heightened risk of abuses during armed conflict, including risk of harm from chemical weapons.

See: <https://www.hrw.org/report/2022/02/23/no-one-spared/abuses-against-older-people-armed-conflict>

Financial resources: To ensure our independence, Human Rights Watch does not solicit or accept donations by governments, directly or indirectly. We carefully review all donations to ensure that they are consistent with our policies, mission, and values. In the financial year ending June 30, 2022, we raised USD 95.5 million in revenue from public contributions and foundation grants. Specific funders include the Ford Foundation, Oak Foundation and Dutch Postcode Lottery. For more information see: <https://www.hrw.org/financials>.

Membership: Human Rights Watch does not operate a grassroots membership, but it partners with organizations large and small across the globe to advance common human rights causes and protect human rights activists. The Human Rights Watch Council is a global network of volunteers who support the organization through fundraising, outreach, and advocacy initiatives. There are currently over 1,300 Council members in 30 cities around the globe. For more information, see: <https://www.hrw.org/join-us/human-rights-watch-council>

### **37. HWPL (Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light)**

City and Country: Seoul, Korea

Contact person(s): Yejin Kwon

Website: <https://www.hwpl.kr/language/en/home-hwpl-en/>

Overview: HWPL is an international peace NGO that is engaged in peace activities around the world to achieve the common goal of the global village, namely, world peace and the cessation of war. HWPL is registered with the UN Department of Global Communications (DGC) as a special consultative status, and with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). With over 170 branches around the world, HWPL is contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, working in all sectors of society.

HWPL conducts peace activities with the goal of establishing an international legal system to ensure sustainable peace, centered on the '10 Articles and 38 Clauses of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)', which was announced by HWPL on March 14, 2016. The DPCW was drafted by HWPL's Chairman and international law experts representing 15 countries, and its articles are divided into 3 sections: Preventing conflict, settling conflict, and maintaining peace. HWPL has received 741,655 support letters for the DPCW from 176 countries. Also, international organizations such as the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) also agreed to cooperate for the legislation of the DPCW through an agreement' and MOU. Based on the DPCW, HWPL is promoting peace culture in conflicted areas, and especially, has contributed to the spread of peace culture among citizens. A notable achievement to this cause was the ending of the 40 year-long conflict in Mindanao, the Philippines by facilitating the signing of the Peace Agreement. For these efforts, HWPL's Chairman has gone on 32 peace tours to date to advocate for peace and actively build partnerships with government, community, and organizational leadership worldwide. HWPL also works with its partner group, the International Women's Peace Group, and its affiliate group, the International Peace Youth Group, to lead this international peace movement.

Activities: In 2022, the Lecture Series on Disarmament was held in Germany under the theme of 'The Importance of Disarmament and Current World Situation'. The lecture was held over 6 weeks with a total attendance of 165 people, including 6 speakers. HWPL Frankfurt Branch volunteers in Germany conducted over 20 interviews with various disarmament experts over the past year. And the experts who were interviewed emphasized the importance of improving the awareness and participation of young people in disarmament activities in Germany. Thus, the lecture series has been planned in response to these needs. Citizens who attended the lecture

commented, "... I had no idea how much money was spent just maintaining the military and how much environmental pollution was caused by this. I now can understand the role of young people for disarmament, and I hope that there will be many more of these lectures so that more people will know the importance of disarmament." (<https://www.hwpl.kr/language/en/the-2022-lecture-series-on-disarmament-in-germany-voices-the-importance-of-citizen-participation-in-disarmament-activities/>) The Human Rights Webinar on the topic "Chemical Weapons and Human Rights: The Implications and Paths Forward" was held last December. 30 youth in the Netherlands and Belgium, with three speakers, participated to learn and practice international laws (CWC and DPCW) that prohibit chemical weapons for peace. After the speech, the participants finalized the event with writing peace letters that exhort support and practical enactment of international laws. After the event, one of the youths, majoring in law in the Netherlands, mentioned "The webinar was a powerful reminder of the importance of working towards a world free from chemical weapons. ... We must work together to ensure that chemical weapons are never used again, and that their legacy of harm is eradicated forever." Human rights webinar on chemical weapons' effect on climate change will be ongoing this year in collaboration with other organizations.

(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xiRlakijj0vUVUEl-RC5jBmAXXZze1JZ/view?usp=sharing>)

Financial resources: HWPL receives contribution or donation from members who are willing to contribute to peace with a financial support.

Membership: Any citizen from the global village who is willing to join HWPL and its peace initiatives can be a member of HWPL. There is no specific qualification for having a membership. Currently, 198,612 members and 384 organizations around the world are affiliated with HWPL and actively working for peace in 176 countries.

### **38. ICAN Kurdistan Network (IKN)**

City and Country: Erbil, Iraq

Contact person(s): Nihro Jalal Othman

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054547386216>

Overview: ICAN Kurdistan Network -IKN. It is a joint network of organizations and activists in Kurdistan working to ban nuclear, genocidal, chemical, and biological weapons. Because the Kurdish people are the first victims of chemical weapons, they pay more attention to this issue and work for it. We work in accordance with the principles of the OPCW, human rights, international humanitarian law, and the ICC. For this purpose, we conduct various activities, including conferences, exhibitions, seminars, rallies, and crime memorials. Is a part of ICAN at the local level in Iraq.

Activities: Rallies against the use of WMDs and against governments that protect arms dealers that sell these; Art exhibits that depict the cruel consequences of using WMDs; distributing 20,000 copies of brochures in all languages in the Middle East to define the OPCW actions and achievements for people in general and chemical weapons victims in particular; opening a photo exhibition in all cities and regions affected by chemical weapons, for victims of chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons in the world.

Participation in commemorations of genocide and chemical attacks, holding conferences and seminars, and paying tribute to the memories of the victims of chemical and nuclear weapons in the world's nations. Examples of our activities: <https://fb.watch/eusMXISdMK/>

<https://fb.watch/eusRmZJW6d/>

[https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid0tEUwkeHk7cRz6Cu4MtEmxQcMoHHTJgKi5JCQSQA8xabsxZLCwGBh5HdTMskCGHfcl&id=584132411663984](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0tEUwkeHk7cRz6Cu4MtEmxQcMoHHTJgKi5JCQSQA8xabsxZLCwGBh5HdTMskCGHfcl&id=584132411663984)

Some of our activities in spring 2022: 1. Distribution of brochures introducing the work of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in five languages. 2. Opening two exhibitions with a number of specialized organizations (Hiroshima, the damage of weapons of mass destruction). 3: Participation in the commemorations of chemical attacks and genocide in Kurdistan's cities, towns, and villages

Financial resources: subsidies from the local Kurdish regional government and from our members. Our organization 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 organizational membership is 128.

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

City and Country: Warsaw, Poland

Contact person(s): 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, operational and international 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 was built and is composed of former staff of the OPCW Technical Secretariat and actively supports the implementation of all provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), with an emphasis on Art. VII, X, and XI. ICCSS is a member of the CWC Coalition. ICCSS regularly participates in OPCW activities, including yearly conferences. ICCSS promotes the development of the OPCW as a platform for cooperation among all stakeholders to reduce chemical threats. ICCSS cooperates with National Authorities and other relevant stakeholders to implement CWC and enhance resilience against chemical threats.

Financial resources: ICCSS is a non-profit public-private institution. The Centre was founded as a private entity with public support of the Polish and international partners both governments and private. The Centre accepts voluntary contributions, featured donations, and grants for educational projects. The Centre organises for profit trainings to cover its administrative and maintenance expenses. Among ICCSS's current projects, major funders include: International Projects, EU Commission, Norway Grants, DTRA, EU and governments such as the French government for a project in Jordan.

Membership: International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security is a non-profit public-private institution which includes regular staff (several members contractors and consultants who execute concrete programs and projects) and volunteers who support activities to reduce chemical threat and peaceful use of chemistry. ICCSS operates global team (today 18) who provide composed of recognize national and international figures, in their personal capacity. The members of ICCSS global team provide guidance and participate in ICCSS international activities. ICCSS also operates network of former OPCW staff who participate in various activities especially at national level in their countries.

#### **40. International Friendship Organisation**

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Chow Khattab

Website: N/A

Overview: 1. Making friendship between people, States, cultures and individuals an important factor for peace efforts and respect for cultural diversity, particularly with regard to the activities of involving young people and future leaders in community activities that advocate tolerance and respect among different cultures. 2. Strengthening the spirit of human solidarity in the face of local, regional and global crises and challenges, and addressing their root causes through cross-border friendships between individuals around the world, in order to achieve the security and development interests of all peoples

Activities: 1. International Diplomatic Relations 3/10/2020 2. Media Training 15/11/2020  
3. How to be Happy in your Life 9/12/2020, There was 35 participants. 4. Continuous learning:  
- Continuously increasing knowledge in order to keep pace with changes and developments in the surrounding environment, and develop skills.

Financial resources: Funding is coming mainly from organization members and local crowdfunding.

Membership: The membership of the organization is of a wide range of different social classes in society.

#### **41. IPB Italia**

City and Country: Lugo, Italy

Contact person(s): Chiara Maria Venturi

Website: N/A

Overview: Promotion of peace activities and protection of human, civil, social and political rights in all forms permitted by law (Missions, Conferences, Conventions, Consultation and research work, National and International University Lessons, etc.)

Sustainable development projects through cooperation

Promotion and protection of human, civil, social and political rights, as well as the rights of consumers and of users of the general interest activities referred to in this article, promotion of equal opportunities for girls and women.

Activities: Photo exhibition about the use of weapons of mass destruction, Photo exhibition on the use of chemical weapons in Iraqi Kurdistan

participation in the London Conference on the Halabja massacre in 2008, by Chiara Maria Venturi, former vice president of IPB International

invitation to the conference in Sulaymania from genocide to Peace in 2008 organized by the Mayor of Halabja Kheder Khareem,

documentary project on the Children of Halabja, interview with Salar Khudur Hussain, former president of Erbil Town Council and professor of Technology at the University.

sensibilization of young generations about the dangers of weapons of mass destructions in school and University through projects.

Financial resources: membership fees, voluntary donations from members, incomes coming from various activities and projects about the general theme of peace, peace education, use of weapons of mass destruction like chemical weapons, in schools, universities, civil societies and institutional contexts.

Membership: President, Vice president, secretary, scientific Committee, international representative. 18 regular members plus 2 honorary members from Iraqi Kurdistan, zones hit by Saddam's chemical attack against Halabja.

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

City and Country: Shahre Kord, Iran

Contact person(s): Alireza Torki

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

Overview: Iranian green peace chemical weapons association started its activities 10 years ago with cooperation of most of victims of chemical weapons and some other activities in Shahrekord province. Our aim is to support and help all the victims and provide them all the information especially relevant to medical care for better life and happiness. During coronavirus we use to communicate with them and advise all kind of medical treatments.

Activities: We believe that our victims of chemical weapons has suffered a lot and hopefully no one in this world should not suffer again from the deadly chemical weapons. So in regards we do our activities for bringing peace for our people and the rest of the world. In 2022 we had twice a group meeting with more than victims of chemical weapons in public park to share information and experience and finally supporting and praying for peace.

Financial resources: By collecting the membership and some donations from the victims of chemical weapons or some of their relatives and friends or by chance from private organizations and government.

Membership: Our main source comes from membership. at present more than 100 victims of chemical weapons registered in our organization.

#### **43. Iraqi Peace Forum**

City and Country: Baghdad, Iraq

Contact person(s): Fatah Aziz

Website: <https://web.facebook.com/peaceforum99/>

Overview: Work to build peace in our society after the wars that the country went through, and achieving peace requires collective cooperation from everyone. Peace cannot be achieved without the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons or other agreements related to weapons of mass destruction. Especially since the defunct regime possessed a weapon of destruction comprehensive and used it against his own people. Therefore, democratic transformation is the important basis for achieving peace.

Activities: 1- Workshop on the role of international conventions in building peace, Where the focus was on the cycle of agreements and treaties in achieving justice, especially the Rome Statute and the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, because peace cannot be achieved without justice and the prosecution of criminals, and (50) people from representatives of civil society organizations participated.. details in a link:

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2- A training course on human rights in light of concerns about the development of weapons, The aim of the course is to shed light on concerns resulting from developments in the manufacture of weapons. Yes, there is a development in the application of human rights standards, as a result of an international treaty and monitoring, but a development in the field of weapons industry threatens human rights completely where I participated (30 researchers, two lawyers and activists in the field of human rights.. Details in a link:

[https://web.facebook.com/376033692859000/posts/1466050700523955/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/376033692859000/posts/1466050700523955/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

3- A civil society meeting on human rights, charters, the purpose of the meeting is how to educate citizens about human rights charters, and (75) people participated in the meeting. details in a link:

[https://web.facebook.com/376033692859000/posts/1390559784739714/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/376033692859000/posts/1390559784739714/?_rdc=1&_rdr)



Financial resources: 1- Subscriptions of member organizations in this forum. 2- grants to international organizations.

Membership: Civil society organizations, not-for-profit. The number of organizations in the forum's membership is (36) organizations.

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

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Salah Muhammed

Website: N/A

Overview: Kirkuk Engie Organization is a local civilian organization that works to serve the society and the people from different nationalities and social stand and through Anfal campaign March 1988 up to August 1988 which was 8 stages, three stages have been implemented or forced upon Kurdish villages around Kirkuk provinces and Garmian areas. The result of this three stages was that more than 100,000 innocent children, old men have been killed by different kind of mass destruction and chemical weapons plus the environment of nearly 2500 villages in that mentioned areas have been destroyed and poisoned. Our organization KED is trying through all efforts to have a major part in developing these areas and helping victims in order to return their respect human life.

Activities: 1- To evacuate and clean up all exposed rears to chemical weapons and toxic gases. 2- To restructure these areas or to find new areas free of the effects of destruction and reconstruction in a manner appropriate to the extent of the damage from these attacks. 3- Agricultural projects development in that areas if possible. 4- Humanity supports. 5- Public services. 6- Society development.

Financial resources: Members and Iraqi and Kurdish international organizations are the main funders.

Membership: Members of the organization are coming from all parts of Iraq.

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

City and Country: Erbil, Iraq

Contact person(s): Sarkout Mahmoud

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

Overview: KONCICC is a coalition of Kurdish NGO's whose aim is an Iraqi ratification of the Roma statute and thus an Iraqi membership at the International Criminal Court. By organizing seminars for Iraqi lawmakers and people working in the Law sector we promote the ICC in Iraq. We also organize rallies to urge the Iraqi government to sign the treaty.

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 organizations that are part of our coalition to organize their own rallies promoting the banning of chemical weapons and prosecuting the individuals using these weapons. Activities can be found on our website and Facebook page. <http://koncicc.org/activities/>

Financial resources: All of our funds come from subsidies provided by the Kurdistan regional government and from our member NGO's.

Membership: The number of NGO's that are a member of our organization is 351. The main criteria for being a member in our organization 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 ethically, not corrupt, non-biased etc.

#### **46. Kurdistan Without Genocide**

City and Country: Erbil, Iraq

Contact person(s): Shno Abdulrahman Abdullah

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

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 criminalize the use of chemical weapons, genocide, and war crimes that are being committed against humanity and remove the effects of war by bringing peace to the Kurdistan region, the Middle East, and the world. - Past crimes were committed with weapons of mass destruction and chemical weapons, so we work for a weapons-free Kurdistan and Iraq, especially chemical, biological, and phosphorus weapons, and we support all efforts of the OPCW and ICC at the global level. -We are working to ban all weapons of mass destruction and smart weapons in the world. To achieve this goal, we have become members of the Stop Robot Killer Network, a global network. - At the request of Kurdistan without genocide, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) has declared August 21, 2008, as Justice Day in Kurdistan. It was the first day of the trial of the perpetrators of the Anfal genocide in Iraq, in which the crime of Anfal was recognized as genocide.

Activities: Supporting the efforts of the international tribunals to combat genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity; -Supporting resolutions, action plans, and programs of the OPCW; -Filing lawsuits against companies and countries that have assisted the criminal Baath regime by manufacturing, selling, and transporting chemicals; For this purpose, we hold a rally in Erbil every year to commemorate the chemical attack on Halabja and call on the countries that produce chemical weapons to take responsibility.

-We held a demonstration to ban chemical weapons on March 16, 2022. Together with other towns and villages, we participated in memorials for victims of chemical attacks and genocide. We also had panels about the victims of chemical weapons and genocide.

Examples of our activities in: 2022 <https://fb.watch/eutCOJ0IJ6/>

[https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid031xgTcsjxE7tHBmk4jpBbF6cjm1pjuCgF47K2VN1t6sHVfzd9UgYtWCaBbcUyEXCal&id=100068238346688](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid031xgTcsjxE7tHBmk4jpBbF6cjm1pjuCgF47K2VN1t6sHVfzd9UgYtWCaBbcUyEXCal&id=100068238346688)

-The first link is the anniversary of the chemical attack on Halabja, with the opening of a photo exhibition in Chamchamal on March 16, 1988, with the participation of a large number of citizens and media channels. - The second link was the conference on the denial of the crimes of genocide and Ba'ath crimes in Kirkuk on June 9, 2022, with the participation of a large number of lawyers and relatives of genocide victims; one of the panels was dedicated to denying chemical weapons companies.

Financial resources: Our funding comes from the subscription fee for membership in the NGO, donations, and funds obtained from selling the organization's publications.

Membership: Kurdistan Without Genocide has 141 volunteer members, most of whom are victims of genocide or active in the field. Members must believe in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and be against genocide and the death penalty. Be against the arming of children and against weapons of mass destruction and chemical weapons.

He must not have worked in any institution that is oppressive or violates human rights.

He did not deny the genocide of any people.

#### **47. Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons**

City and Country: Monrovia, Liberia

Contact person(s): Avenso Holo Jackson

Website: N/A

Overview: LUEWH mission is to peace, security and sustainable development. LUEHW based on its mission statement include into its programs and activities both nuclear and chemical weapons component to inform, educate, and sensitize the Liberian populace about the threats, danger, and the severe consequences of nuclear and chemical weapons usage either by accidental.

Activities: Chemical Weapons are dangerous and its usage whether by accident is catastrophic that possess serious threats to the environment, humans, animals, and plants survival and safety. Both chemical and nuclear weapons usage should and must be discouraged by all in every aspect, shape, and form. Manufacturing States and Governments of chemical weapons and those countries in possession of these weapons must be made to destroy them or to dispose them, so as to ensure a chemical weapons free world. "Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons (LUEHW)" do acknowledge the risk, danger, threats that chemical weapons possess to our environment and human existence and our one world. It is against this background that LUEHW have organized and carry out series of activities in Liberia's four political regions. Those activities organized and conducted include; awareness raising and radio phone in talk-shows, community sensitization campaign and engagement, parliamentary roundtable discussion, media engagement with media personnel and practitioners on chemical weapons issues discussed and highlighted among others.

Financial resources: Membership fees or dues Fees for education and training services Donations and grants from domestic sources Foreign and international grants Funding structure other: Board contributions

Membership: LUEHW since its establishment in 2004 has over seven thousand (7,000) membership in throughout the Republic of Liberia, with a leadership structure as follows; the Board of Directors responsible for policies making, and a Management Team responsible for policies implementation and day to day running. Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons (LUEHW) is a non-political, non-governmental organization established and incorporated in 2004 is duly registered with the Government of Liberia and has been issued certificates of accreditation by Government. LUEHW holds Special Consultative Status from the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN-ECOSOC) since 2010 to present, besides, LUEHW is an accredited Member of Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) among others. LUEHW is one of Liberia's leading Small Arms and Chemical Weapons campaign and advocacy organization for the prevention of arms violence.

#### **48. Life Organization to Prevent War and Clean up the Environment from War Remnants (L.P.W.E)**

City and Country: Erbil, Iraq

Contact person(s): Fatima Mala

Website: <https://twitter.com/LPWE12?t=V4y4uUMsnyO2H1c2InnvqQ&s=09>

Overview: Our organization works to prevent war, clean up the environment from war remnants and wake people up to prevent nature and the environment. So, we have done many seminars and workshops.

Activities: We as Life Organization, carried out cleaning of chemical weapons of mass destruction remnants in the areas of Balisan and Halabja. We held an awareness session on the remnants of weapons of mass destruction and its dangers to the environment. Putting up

awareness posters and images about remnants of weapons of mass destruction in dangerous areas. During Covid-19, provide food and water for animals and birds in remote areas. Planting hundreds of trees. We want to create a peaceful environment for everyone away from war, for this reason, we have conducted many activities, seminars and workshops throughout Kurdistan. Financial resources: Our member, NGOs and some wealthy people will provide services and logistics for our organization.

Membership: Our organization has 25 members in Erbil, Sulaimani, Duhok, Halabja and Kirkuk in Iraq.

#### **49. Linx Foundation**

City and Country: Dormaa-Ahenkro, Ghana

Contact person(s): Patrick Buckman

Website: N/A

Overview: We welcome organizations that has the interest and exist to avoid the use of chemical weapons in whatever form. We are dedicated to this cause to the latter.

In our capacity as a private organization, we work together to liaise with the Public, Government, Institutions alike with the common aim at protecting the environment against chemical weapons.

Activities: 1. Working to bring together the stakeholders concern that can help formulate an effective policy. 2. Collaborating with research institutions that work and deals in the fields of chemical science in order to keep us abreast and informed.

3. We make assessment and evaluation of the work of Government in regard to policy of CWC/OPCW. 4. As a private organization, we strive to liaise with the Public, Government and Institutions with the common aim at protecting the environment against chemical weapons.

5. We embrace organizations that have common aim at ensuring eradication of chemical weapons.

Financial resources: (1) Membership Monthly Dues (2) Public Voluntary Donations

(3) Periodic Community Fundraising (4) Contributions from stakeholders in the community

Membership: The Executive: 3, Staff: 7, Temporal Volunteers 13

#### **50. Manawa Organization For Martyrs & Anfal Inquiry**

City and Country: Sulimanya, Iraq

Contact person(s): Karwan Baaba Mhamad

Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/%DA%95%DB%8E%DA%A9%D8%AE%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%88%DB%8C-%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%86%DB%95%D9%88%DB%95-Manawa-Organization/100080573076282/>

Overview: Documenting the history of chemical attacks in Chamchamal and the damage they caused. conducting cultural, scientific, and artistic activities to promote the prohibition and proliferation of chemical weapons. Working to eliminate the social, medical, and environmental the Anfal genocide documented the memories of chemical weapon victims for public awareness, as well as the effects of chemical weapons on citizens and areas affected by chemical weapons.

Activities: Our activities support the demands of the victims of chemical weapons. Conducting activities in memory of the chemical attacks on Halabja and Goptapa and genocide for public awareness, memories of chemical victims are being recorded. Presenting seminars to bring back the corpses of our relatives from the mass graves in the deserts of southern Iraq and then recognizing them. cooperation with the other genocide organizations to prosecute perpetrators

of genocide and chemical weapons. The following are some of the activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/110206708278659/posts/122841430348520>

<https://fb.watch/eJ3DKcpCAL/> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=4680112418759059>

[https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid04UNLMD5Rresfj3JGeAA4KgirUdX2NDAfnpFx3njwrYkS5mvszug3XzxVetGFSDX6l&id=100080573076282](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid04UNLMD5Rresfj3JGeAA4KgirUdX2NDAfnpFx3njwrYkS5mvszug3XzxVetGFSDX6l&id=100080573076282)

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid02z5aZKwUu7H4tUkYgyLZM4qKLRM7pq9Tbmji3dsQfe2WdoNrtmdKhGH5kFz](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02z5aZKwUu7H4tUkYgyLZM4qKLRM7pq9Tbmji3dsQfe2WdoNrtmdKhGH5kFz)

[https://www.peyam.net/Details/29387#.YjHG-g6\\_rCk.facebook](https://www.peyam.net/Details/29387#.YjHG-g6_rCk.facebook)

Some of our recent activities included the opening of an exhibition for Anfal victims in Chamchamal's monument on 14 April 2022 and the opening of an exhibition for chemical weapons victims in Halabja on 16 March 2022, both with the participation of victims and Chamchamal officials

Financial resources: Donations from charities and other NGOs; subscriptions of members; receiving funds in memory of the Anfal 3 and 4 genocides in our region through the Anfal Monument in Chamchamal.

Membership: Our members are from Chamchamal and from the families of the victims of the Anfal genocide, chemical weapons, and martyrdom. We are all 33 members, and we are all victims.

## **51. Margliz Foundation**

City and Country: Accra, Ghana

Contact person(s): Moses Aggrey

Website: N/A

Overview: 1. To go extra mile by seeing to it that chemical weapon is not applicable that causes extensive damage to the environment and other living things. 2. To spread information about the elimination of chemical weapons. 3. To draw attention to the health threat caused by chemical weapons. 4. To draw attention to the dangers of chemical weapons as a tool of destruction that must not be accepted.

Activities: 1. To formulate measures where the organization can collaborate and get acquainted with the Chemical Weapon Convention/ OPCW to liaise with its policies. 2. To be informed adequately to formulate relevant measures that does not go contrary to Chemical Weapons Convention. 3. To help achieve the goals of the Chemical Weapon convention for the safety of all. 4. To adhere to policies of the Chemical Weapon Convention.

Financial resources: Margliz Foundation runs its finances on some local donations and Members' Dues to run its finances. Some contributions from the community settlers often support us as well in the administration.

Membership: Executive-Director, 1; Deputy Directors, 2; Secretary, 1; Treasurers, 2; National Coordinators, 8; National Organizers, 11; Women Organizers, 10.

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

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Sorkot Fattah

Website: N/A

Overview: Miran was started to its specific vision of being a leading model for those who want to volunteer in the health sector and the environmental field. Its mission is to provide charity health care, and extend a helping hand to the needy people to participate in protective and remedial health programs and increase the awareness of the people about the danger of using of chemical weapons and benefits from use the safety points in chemical industries.

Activities: -Provide health awareness and education, epidemiology, training and rehabilitation of cadres, seminars and conferences. -Provide preventive service and environmental health. -Workshops based on awareness raising in the field of chemical and industrial industries related to the implementation of Article 11 of the Convention on weapon of mass destruction.

-Supporting the Department of Safety and Security in the field of chemical industries in Iraq  
Financial resources: Fundings are gathered through members and other charitable organizations, that are willing to fund us.

Membership: Around one hundred members are actively participating in the organization.

### **53. New World Hope Organization (NWHO)**

City and Country: Wah Cantt, Pakistan

Contact person(s): Shahzad Ismail

Website: <https://newworldhope.org/>

Overview: New World Hope Organization (NWHO) is a nonprofit organization that works to assist people across the globe by offering environmental protection, humanitarian services, public education and public engagement with science, protection of victims of wars, water and air pollution management programs such as environmental health, education, environment, water and sanitation, humanitarian relief, climate change and disasters research, poverty alleviation, collect and analyze data and democratic rights, women's and children's rights. We are dedicated to alleviating human suffering regardless of race, color, religion, or cultural background.

Activities: The New World Hope Organization (NWHO) is an accredited organization with consultative status with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and observer status with UNFCCC, UNCCD, UN IPCC, GEF, IPBES, UNCSD "Rio+20 and UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. The NWHO is a member and partner of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), World Water Council (WWC), Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance UN-Habitat (GWOPA), International Water Association (IWA) and Global Water Partnership (GWP). As a non-profit organization, the NWHO and its network of member NGOs create awareness for preventing the spread of chemical weapons, promote policies and practices to minimize harm to civilians in armed conflict, Engage with the network members on a number of issues, including the protection of civilian objects (schools, hospitals, and places of worship, etc.) as well as protecting the environment and human health and advocating for policymakers to reduce the risk of war. As part of its effort to protect ecosystems around the world, the NWHO has recently organized webinars on the current environmental situation due to the war in different countries and its impact on the world. Furthermore, the NWHO is participating in our network to raise local awareness about the impact of war on the environment and humankind throughout the world.

Financial resources: The NWHO receives donations from individuals, charitable organizations as well as from profitable businesses like ZIS properties, Home Expert Construction Company (PEC registered), 3-Dimensional Studio architectural and Shafiq Supper Store, and the Federation of Aid and Relief for Action jointly Worldwide and Shanti Volunteer Association, etc.

Membership: The New World Hope Organization (NWHO) is an accredited organization with consultative status UNEP and observer status with UNFCCC, UNCCD, UN CBD, UN IPCC, GEF, UNCSD "Rio+20. The NWHO is a signatory to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations in Disaster Relief. The NWHO is a member of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA),

IUCN, Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), WWC, Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN), Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS), Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance UN-Habitat (GWOPA), International Water Association (IWA) and Global Water Partnership (GWP). New World Hope Organization also partners with donor organizations in various ways as well as volunteers who have been crucial to our organization's success for over 15 years. There are hundreds of individual volunteers, business donors, and charitable organizations supporting NWHO's mission.

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

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Abdullah Saber Saadon Al-Shuwanee

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069940264478>

Overview: OAWMD is a civil, non-profit organization that aims for a Middle East free from any weapons of mass destruction. The organization 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 organization -Doing public works for achieving the organization's goals and organizing events about WMD usage and global efforts to prevent them. -working for the goals of the OPCW and ICC. -Working with our partner organizations against weapons of mass destruction and smart weapons around the world as a member of the Stop Robot Killer Global Network. -Participation in the commemoration of the victims of weapons of mass destruction by opening exhibitions, organizing ceremonies, and holding rallies. -publishing books and leaflets on the crimes of the Ba'ath regime regarding the use of weapons of mass destruction and chemical weapons. - Coordination with genocide organizations to prosecute chemical weapons companies and genocide.

Activities: and the Anfal Genocide, as well as Hiroshima and the International Day to Prevent Chemical Weapons-Cooperation with the efforts of organizations for the prevention of chemical weapons in the world (OPCW). -Raising legal appeals against the people, companies, and countries that contributed to the criminal regimes by selling, making, and developing chemical weapons. -campaign in all areas targeted by chemical weapons at the address "thanks OPCW" and support letters and activities of the OPCW for the communities of the areas that were subjected to chemical weapons attacks.

-This is the link to three activities.

[https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid0gVfgDgYvLTzuW1X6cuwN1BUZTtxSRrJwWc4nANi1N9gHb46WUteq6xiBcWK8H5tcl&id=200374950433138&mibextid=Nif5oz](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0gVfgDgYvLTzuW1X6cuwN1BUZTtxSRrJwWc4nANi1N9gHb46WUteq6xiBcWK8H5tcl&id=200374950433138&mibextid=Nif5oz)

<https://www.facebook.com/100069940264478/videos/1062834940985371>

<https://fb.watch/bMsuDwV6xE/> These three activities are the commemoration of the crime of the chemical attack on Halabja, with the participation of a significant number of genocide and anti-weapons of mass destruction activists in Sulaimani, Iraqi Kurdistan Region, and a large number of media channels present. Our demands included the prosecution of chemical weapons companies, treatment of the wounded, and compensation for the victims. The action was carried out on 15-3-2. The other two activities were held in Erbil, with the participation of a number of activists and genocide organizations to commemorate the crime of Anfal and the establishment of the International Criminal Court, as well as a large number of Kurdish, Arab, and foreign media channels.

Financial resources: Funding comes from small donations from the 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 34 members of the organization 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.

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

City and Country: Sardasht, Iran

Contact person(s): Ms Homeyra Karimivahed

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

Overview: giving legal and other supports to the Victims of Chemical Weapons of Sardasht - promote the objectives of society to act for a world free from chemical weapons and WMDs - organizing all Victims of chemical weapons to have a collective approach towards common aims- representing the Victims in internal and international forums

Activities: act for a world free from chemical weapons – promote the objective of the CWC to eliminate existing chemical weapons arsenal - promoting universality of the Convention.  
Source of funding

Financial resources: - Mainly by membership tuition - contributions from other persons and companies

Membership: Being victims of chemical weapons in Sardasht - being a family of victims of chemical weapons in Sardasht - accepting the statute of the society - contributing to the cause of Society

## **56. Organisation of Defending Mass Graves Victims' Rights**

City and Country: Erbil, Iraq

Contact person(s): Kochar Rashad Murad

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

Overview: Our group is dedicated to the study of mass graves. There are additional chemical mass graves in Iraq. A special team has been formed to investigate chemical mass graves. We assist in the identification and processing of the victims of these mass graves. In addition to these events, we participate in the annual commemoration of the many crimes done in the Kurdish Region of Iraq in the past.

Activities: Since 2021, our organization has carried out various activities, such as (participation in the excavation of mass graves in Samawa city in southern Iraq, as well as participation in the excavation of Hardan mass graves in Sinjar district, which was the remains of a mass grave We have participated in various courses on genocide crimes, such as the course of communication and awareness campaigns on the issue of missing persons conducted by ICMP, and we have participated in several events and commemorations that you can watch at the link of our organization.

Financial resources: Our members, NGOs and some wealthy people will provide services and logistics for our organization.

Membership: Our organization has 25 members, each of whom is assigned a specific task. The headquarters of the organization is in Erbil and we have offices and representatives in Sulaimani and Halabja.



## 57. Organisation of the Justice Campaign (OJC)

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Karwan Abdulrahman Omar Bibani

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064371444843>

Overview: The Organization of the Justice Campaign is a civil non-profit organization that aims for an Iraq free from social and economic injustice, environmental injustice, and weapons of mass destruction. destruction, including chemical weapons, genocide, and poverty. -It works for the legal, economic, and social rights of victims of weapons of mass destruction, chemical weapons, genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

Activities: In the previous 13 years, every year we held activities in memory of chemical weapon incidents in Halabja and Hiroshima, as well as the day for preventing chemical weapons. use. -We also organized multiple activities against the refineries around cities, which are a major cause of environmental pollution and one of the causes of administrative corruption. -We printed a book and brochures on chemical weapons.

- We have participated in numerous activities. Example 34 gatherings for a fair payment for victims, During the coronavirus, we ran a campaign to help victims of chemical weapons. There are many activities on our page, Here are some examples:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=5408784625882519>

<https://www.kurdistan24.net/ckb/story/222986>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3076056322708915>

On the first and second links, and on July 17, 2022, World Justice Day, a rally in Chamchamal and a conference in Kirkuk called on Iraq to become a member of the state criminal court to prevent the crimes of genocide and chemical attacks from happening again. The third link is the Anfal Crime Commemoration Activity in Erbil on 14-4-2022.

A large number of victims of genocide and chemical attacks and human rights and genocide activists participated in all the activities. Arabic and Kurdish channels also covered the activities.

Financial resources: Our activities do not need a lot of funding, and all members are volunteers. We rely on membership fees, donations, and funds obtained from selling the organization's publications.

Membership: The 83 members of the organization are all volunteers and already active in the field of public activism. New members should have the same profile and be active in the causes we believe in.

## 58. Peace Foundation and International Cooperation

City and Country: Leiden, Netherlands

Contact person(s): Tawfiq Asaad

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

Overview: We are the Foundation for Peace and International Cooperation. We are an internationally recognized institution. We have an office in the Netherlands and an office in Sulaymaniyah, Iraq. The Foundation for Peace and International Cooperation is a humanitarian institution and is particularly concerned with war victims who have suffered genocide and disasters. We want to give these people a second chance in life. The world we live in is full of these events. The non-proliferation trend has a legal and ethical responsibility on this issue and works to make better efforts to prevent the proliferation of chemical weapons.

Activities: PFIC is committed to working in the direction in which countries that have signed the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Chemical Weapons bear legal and moral responsibility and working to make better efforts to non-proliferation of chemical weapons. We support the

Organization 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 of a treaty 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 are the Foundation for Peace and International Cooperation.

We do not have any financing or financial assistance from any person, governmental or interested party. We are a recognized host institution. Non-profit organizations are aid that comes only from active and not mandatory or compelling members. The Foundation for Peace and International Cooperation is a humanitarian institution and is particularly concerned with war victims who have suffered from genocide and chemical weapons.

Membership: Membership of the organization, it consists of more than 800 members. We have a head office in the Netherlands and the Middle East, specifically Iraq, the city of Sulaymaniyah.

## **59. Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)**

City and Country: Frankfurt, Germany

Contact person(s): Almonteser Albalawi

Website: <https://www.hsfk.de>

Overview: PRIF is one of the leading peace research institutes in Europe. Aimed at benefiting humanity, PRIF promotes progress in scientific knowledge about peace-related issues by providing independent, objective, and nonpartisan research-driven policy advice and knowledge transfer.

Activities: For years, PRIF has designed and implemented several projects to develop options of action and provide background information and analyses for advancing arms control norms and treaties, including the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). Last April, PRIF joined three other German institutions in leading the CBW network project for a comprehensive reinforcement of norms against chemical and biological weapons (CBWNet). The four-year CBWNet project develops working papers and organizes knowledge transfer events focusing on chemical weapons. Another relevant project by the International Security Department at PRIF is the Biological and Chemical Weapons Arms Control group of the Cluster for Natural and Technical Science Arms Control Research (CNTR). CNTR aims to scientifically study the risks of chemical and biological weapons and develop recommendations for action to strengthen arms control regimes.

Financial resources: PRIF receives 54% of its funding from the German federal government and 46% from the German state of Hesse. The City of Frankfurt also supports PRIF with an annual fixed grant. Additionally, third-party sources of funding for the research projects include the German Federal Foreign Office, EU Non-Proliferation Consortium, and Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Membership: As a research institute, PRIF has over 70 employees, including researchers, scholars, and admin staff. PRIF scholars follow the guidelines on good scientific practice of the Leibniz Association, the German Research Foundation, and the German Political Science Association, which share a focus on scholars' honesty with themselves and others.

## 60. Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs

City and Country: Rome, Italy

Contact person(s): Claudia Vaughn

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

Overview: The mission of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs is to bring scientific insight and reason to bear on namely, the catastrophic threat posed to humanity by nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction. In recognition this mission, Pugwash and its co-founder, Sir Joseph Rotblat, were awarded the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize. Pugwash focuses on problems that lie at the intersection of science and world affairs, and its main goals remain the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, reducing the risk of war especially in areas where weapons of mass destruction are present and may be used, and discussing new scientific and technological developments that may bring more instability and heighten the risk of conflicts. Pugwash objectives include the reduction and strict control of conventional weaponry with the general goal in mind of eliminating war and other forms of armed conflict. The Pugwash agenda also may include other critical issues at the intersection of science and society, including climate change, environmental deterioration, and resource scarcity and unequal access, which are deplorable in themselves and which give rise to resentment, hostility, and violence throughout the world. These objectives of Pugwash are pursued through debate, discussion, and collaborative analysis – in an atmosphere of impartiality and mutual respect – in periodic general conferences, in specialized workshops and study groups, and through special projects carried out by small teams or individuals on well-defined topics. The resulting ideas and proposals are communicated to decision-makers and the general public through Pugwash website and publications, open letters to heads of government from the Pugwash leadership, press conferences and other means. However, the most important, and so far the most effective, means of communication with decision makers has been the personal interaction of Pugwash leadership and individual Pugwash participants with political leaders and opinion makers.

Activities: Pugwash has been active on chemical disarmament since the mid-1960s. It succeeded in providing key inputs into bilateral (US-USSR) and multilateral negotiations on the CWC between 1972-1991, including, for example, the use of the general purpose criterion in the definition of chemical weapons. After the successful completion of negotiations in 1992, Pugwash continued to work closely with the Preparatory Commission for the OPCW and then with the OPCW itself. Most of the inputs were developed and introduced into official interstate channels by the Pugwash CBW Working Group, headed by Professors M. Meselson and late J.P. Robinson from Harvard and Sussex universities respectively. Pugwash was also instrumental in developing and informally introducing into the G-20 summit meeting (in early September 2013) possible solutions to the crisis surrounding Syrian chemical weapons, which quickly led first to a US-Russian and then to a broad international agreement on the issue, including the decision of Syria to join the CWC. **RECENTLY:** Over the past two to three years, the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted all Pugwash activities, including on CWC-related matters. Furthermore, during the last year most of Pugwash resources and activities were concentrated on the crisis in and around Ukraine. In early 2023, Pugwash returned to the CWC theme within the framework of the two-day meeting of European Pugwash groups, hosted in Bristol (UK) by British, Dutch and German Pugwash groups (30-31 January 2023). One of the sessions of that meeting was specifically devoted to issues of compliance with the CWC (as well as with the BWC).

Financial resources: Carnegie Corporation of New York (major grant)

Simons Foundation, Canada (small grant) Eaton Foundation, Canada (small grant)

Membership: The Pugwash Council is a high-level policy forum which provides guidance and direction to the organization, with elected membership drawn from several geographical regions and areas of expertise. Council should reflect the diversity of the international scientific, academic and public policy communities, including age and gender. Current Council membership is 42. National Groups are formed where there is interest and suitable candidates. The International Student/Young Pugwash movement, with its own agenda and goals, helps introduce the younger generation to the principles and objectives of the Pugwash Conferences. / General conferences are normally organized at a time interval of 18 months to 24 months, and allow a larger number of participants to come together on a periodic basis to meet and share information and expertise on a wide variety of scientific and policy issues, thus providing continuity for the organization.

### **61. Srivaranam Organization for the Environmental Education (SOEE)**

City and Country: Bangalore, India

Contact person(s): Sathish Kokkula

Website: <https://srivaranam.org/>

Overview: Srivaranam Organization for the Environmental Education (SOEE), is a civil society organization established in 2016 in Bangalore, India as a Non-governmental Organization (NGO) to address issues of environmental, social, and safety & security of toxic chemicals in India. Registered with Department of Stamps & Registration, State Government of Karnataka, India with its Official Registration No. BNG(U) YLNK / 160 / 2016 - 2017. Engaged in the outreach of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) where to disseminate the knowledge of its verification process for the scheduled chemicals and mainly to highlight the dual use of toxic chemicals for their peaceful uses. Plays a significant role in regional efforts in Sustainable Development Programs for the environment and Safety & Security of toxic chemicals. Mission: To address Sustainable Development Programs of the environment and society through its education of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the UN. Implementation of Afforestation and Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) projects. Review recent chemical industrial accidents, the world over, for their causes and to find out prevention measures.

Activities: Research work on the safety and security of toxic chemicals as scheduled in the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). Segregation and listing out of dual-use toxic chemicals from the scheduled chemicals of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) as well as from the unscheduled Discrete Organic Chemicals (DOCs). This study also includes unscheduled chemicals of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

Review recent chemical industrial accidents the world over for their causes and prevention measures. Individual NGO statement on the Concept of Dual-use Chemicals was submitted to the twenty-seventh Conference of States Parties (CSP-27) of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). [https://www.opcw.org/sites/default/files/documents/2022/11/CSP-27%20Individual%20NGO%20Statement\\_%20Concept%20of%20Dual-Use%20Chemicals%20%282%29.pdf](https://www.opcw.org/sites/default/files/documents/2022/11/CSP-27%20Individual%20NGO%20Statement_%20Concept%20of%20Dual-Use%20Chemicals%20%282%29.pdf)

A written statement was submitted to the OPCW for its coming up Fifth Review Conference (RC-5) for the two key topics as raised by the Technical Secretariat (TS) of the OPCW. Topics include:

- (1) What should the Fifth Review Conference seek to address as a matter of priority? and
- (2) What should be the priority areas for the OPCW in the next five years and why?

Financial resources: Local business donors include fashion design of clothes.

Small-scale donations from the regional residents.

Membership: Member of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).

Collaboration with local NGOs in India as mentioned below;

- 1) Terran Center for Environmental and Natural resource Foundation, Nagpur, India.
- 2) Bless Society of Rural and Urban Development, Bangalore, India.

## **62. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute**

City and Country: Stockholm, Sweden

Contact person(s): Ian Anthony

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

Overview: SIPRI is currently implementing the project Strengthening Global Norms: Enhancing the effectiveness of the CWC. The focus of the project is (a) promotion of laboratory cooperation, including making best use of the new Centre for Chemistry and Technology; (b) combating chemical terrorism.

Activities: SIPRI has been active in research on chemical weapons since it was founded in 1968. In addition to the current project Strengthening Global Norms: Enhancing the effectiveness of the CWC the Institute is also conducting research into future verification of chemical disarmament and controlling exports of chemical precursors and dual-use items.

Financial resources: SIPRI funding is fully transparent. Detailed information can be found on the website at <https://sipri.org/about/funding-2021>

Membership: SIPRI is an independent scientific foundation in Swedish law, it does not have individual or institutional members.

## **63. T.M.C. Asser Instituut**

City and Country: The Hague, Netherlands

Contact person(s): Mr G.C. Grift

Website: <https://www.asser.nl/>

Overview: Established in 1965, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut is an internationally renowned centre of expertise in the fields of public international law, private international law and European law. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut conducts fundamental and independent policy-oriented research and organises critical and constructive reflection on international and European legal developments, at the interface of academia, legal practice and governance.

The institute actively disseminates its knowledge through publications, training programmes, conferences and free events. Our mission: The Asser Institute aims to contribute to the development of international and European public and private law by independently conducting fundamental, policy-oriented and applied legal research as well as by initiating and facilitating academic and expert meetings, (professional) education, and public events that aim to disseminate knowledge of international and European public and private law. For the coming years, we are further guided in this mission by our strategic research agenda 2022-2026, entitled: 'Rethinking public interests in international and European law'. In 2021, the Asser Institute received a 5-year grant from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs to establish an International Arms Control Law Hub in The Hague, with the goal of building expertise in international arms control law in The Netherlands. While encompassing conventional arms, the emphasis of the Arms Control Law Hub is on arms control law with respect to nuclear, chemical and biological WMD, and nuclear security.

Activities: Relevant activities/ Events

2023

14th Annual Training Programme on disarmament and non-proliferation of WMD, link <https://www.asser.nl/education-events/events/?id=4278>

Asser Institute doctoral seminar series on international arms control

Seminar four: Emerging technologies

2022

13th Annual Training Programme on disarmament and non-proliferation of WMD, link <https://www.asser.nl/education-events/events/?id=4248>

Asser Institute doctoral seminar series on international arms control

Seminar one: Arms trade and conventional weapons

Seminar two: Nuclear weapons: challenges and opportunities

Seminar three: Chemical and biological weapons: International investigative mechanism

Public Events

[Public lecture] The impact of the Ukraine conflict on conventional arms control

[Expert panel] Reflecting on the 10th Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

Financial resources: The T.M.C. Asser Instituut is funded by public, semi-public and private resources. In 2021, the core funding by the University of Amsterdam accounted for 33% of the total revenues. The additional 67% was generated through externally funded activities for national and international stakeholders. The externally funded activities concern research, capacity building, teaching, and education and training, with a growing share of research grants that align with the institute's research agenda. In addition, the institute is responsible for the management of the Administrative Unit of the Global Counterterrorism Forum, located in The Hague. Main stakeholders: the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tendered projects, trainings and conferences), the European Commission (tendered projects/ grants), the US, Canadian, and Moroccan Departments of State (management of the Administrative Unit of the Global Counterterrorism Forum, implementing projects), the Municipality of The Hague (trainings/ conferences), the Volkswagen foundation and the Dutch Research Council NWO (research projects).

Membership: As an international research institute the T.M.C. Asser Instituut is honoured to be an NGO member of various platforms.

#### **64. Tehran Peace Museum**

City and Country: Tehran, Iran

Contact person(s): Shahriar Khateri

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

Overview: The Tehran Peace Museum (TPM) was founded by the Society for Chemical Weapons Victims Support (SCWVS) in 2007 and it has been active since then as a non-governmental organization recognized by many national and international organizations/institutes.

its main mission is: •To promote a culture of peace through raising awareness about devastating consequences of violence and war and education people on peaceful methods of resolving conflicts. •To raise awareness about chemical weapons, CWC and on consequences of the use of CW and chemical disarmament (a special section of the museum is allocated to educate visitors on OPCW activities). •To educate people on health and environmental impacts of chemical weapons and on peaceful use of chemistry particularly for young generation and students •To contribute to national victims' assistance programs by providing health/social/psychological support to CW victims

Activities: •Educating around 10,000 visitors per year on CW related issues, peace and disarmament. •TPM is the only museum in the world exclusively dedicate to raise awareness about chemical weapons, CWC, consequences of the use of CW and chemical disarmament (a special section of the museum is allocated to educate visitors on OPCW activities). •TPM has one of the richest libraries and documentation centers (including media, reports, dissertations,

UN documents) on CWC related issues. •Through its social rehabilitation program, TPM has had significant role in the national victims assistance program for CW Victims by making them involved in its social activities and educational programs. •TPM is an active member of CWC-NGO coalition and has participated in many CWC annual conferences. •TPM has contributed to many national and international projects on CW victims assistance and it will continue such contribution.

•TPM has several publications on health and environmental impacts of chemical weapons as well as on peace and disarmament issues. •TPM has contributed to several projects to provide social and health support to thousands of CW victims in Iran as well as providing expert advice to partner NGOs in Iraq. •The oral history project of CWV is not only a first-hand source of understanding the inhuman characteristic of CW, but also it can help the researchers and students in their research. This project is a series of interviews with CWV and some professionals in the field of CW in order to preserve their life stories and experiences for the younger generation and is produced in written form as well as audio and video. The English reports of oral histories are reflected in TPM's website and have an external link on the OPCW website. •Regular CWC workshops for law students

Financial resources: TPM is a volunteer-based organization and most of its activities are organized and performed by volunteers, the main source of funding for TPM is charitable donations, voluntary contributions of its members, contribution of the Municipality of Tehran to its events by providing maintenance cost of the museum building.

Membership: membership is open to all interested citizens with various background currently many survivors of 1980's chemical weapons attacks and their family members as well as young volunteers such as students, artists, journalists, lawyers etc. are members of the TPM.

## **65. The Association of Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Defence Policy Development**

City and Country: Ankara, Turkey

Contact person(s): Levent Kenar

Website: [www.cbrndefence.com](http://www.cbrndefence.com)

Overview: It is unfortunately a fact that Turkey has neighbouring countries and terrorist groups which possess CBRN weapons and have the potential to use them at any time. In the face of such a possible mass-casualty chemical incident, it is necessary to put forward the necessary measures and activities against such attacks amongst the civilian population who are rather more sensitive when compared with the formal organizations. Based on this understanding, Association of CBRN Defence Policy Development (CBRN-DEPA) was established as the first and unique NGO on that branch in Turkey devoted exclusively to research, consultancy and training on issues related to defense against CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) agents which are still threatening our geographic location and the rest of the World. This NGO was founded in December 2019 by Prof Dr Levent Kenar who is fulfilled with the knowledge of CBRN and chemical demilitarisation and non-proliferation which ultimately aims global peace. Main purpose is to create a common platform to combat the spread of this worldwide threat and to increase the awareness of these hazards by using scientific data and training the public including first responders. CBRN-DEPA serves actively in promoting the disarmament and deterrence of this danger with multi-disciplinary research and teaching groups of academicians and staff with the expertise of years in CBRN defense. Some of the missions of CBRN-DEPA are to conduct technical assistance on chemical agents and supports the CBRN capacity building programs based on scientific advice. This NGO also coordinates the providing the equipment, products and systems for personal protection and

decontamination, and plans and executes CBRN training programs and exercises. Our society also gives operational support and assistance in decision making processes regarding with the assistance for setting up the agendas, documentation and meeting.

Activities: One of the tasks of CBRN-DEPA is to perform for scientific and training activities including making scientific studies, giving lectures about the chemical weapons to governmental staff and public as indicated in Article X of CWC. Because of this approach related with the CWC, a National Chemical Defence and Preparedness System is planned to be established with decontamination units, CBRN first-aid and treatment units, CBRN diagnosis, and analysis laboratories. Moreover, necessary coordination and planning between the units should be standardised and systematized with a central organisation that could also be established in the event of a possible CBRN attack – especially in our big cities. One of the activities was a training course on CBRN awareness which included a very detailed programme of 60 lectures.

Financial resources: The Turkish Association of Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Defence Policy Development is a non-profit NGO so there is no funding opportunity.

Membership: The Association of Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Defence Policy Development has currently 119 members who are composed of mainly physicians, nurses, paramedics, first responders from AFAD, engineers, university students.

## **66. The Harvard Sussex Program**

City and Country: Brighton, United Kingdom

Contact person(s): Alexander Ghionis

Website: N/A

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: Our work is of two broad kinds: pro-active, and community-building. In the first, we develop new ideas for public policy on CBW and ways of thinking about policy proposals. We seek to instil the traditions, practice and benefits of scholarship into the formation of public policy on issues involving biological and chemical weapons. Due to the recent passing of our co-Director Prof Julian Perry Robinson, the last 18 months have been spent running meetings for the wider CBW network to develop new research programs to support the OPCW by strengthening the norm against CBW. Our current aim to develop an international consortium of researchers to reinvigorate research on the norm.

Financial resources: Illustrative list of recent research funding: 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, European Commission.

Membership: There are ten 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 professional service staff or consultants. Should faculty positions become available they are advertised on the respective university sites.



## 67. The Henry L. Stimson Center

City and Country: Washington, DC, United States

Contact person(s): Christina McAllister

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

Overview: The Stimson Center promotes international security and shared prosperity through applied research and independent analysis, global engagement, and policy innovation. 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. Stimson's Blockchain in Practice Program tests the potential for distributed ledger technology (DLT) platforms to increase transparency and security for nonproliferation goals, including support to the Chemical Weapons Convention. The Partnerships in Proliferation Prevention Program seeks to increase national, regional, and international capacity to prevent the illicit spread of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) weapons, and their means of delivery.

Activities: "The Henry L. Stimson Center's Blockchain in Practice and Partnerships in Proliferation Prevention programs are at the forefront of developing innovative technology and policy-based solutions to emerging chemical weapons proliferation risks.

In 2021, the Blockchain in Practice program introduced the Monitoring and Tracking Chemicals (MATCH) project. MATCH is a prototype software system designed to strengthen Member States' obligations under Article III of the Chemical Weapons Convention by reducing discrepancies in annual declarations on transfers of commonly traded Schedule 2 and 3 chemicals using distributed ledger technology (also known as "blockchain") to simulate transfers between hypothetical States Parties. In 2022, the Stimson MATCH team conducted numerous demonstrations of the prototype for CW nonproliferation experts, national authorities, and industry representatives. MATCH is being developed with financial contribution by Global Affairs Canada's Weapons Threat Reduction Program. <https://www.stimson.org/project/match/>. The Partnerships in Proliferation Prevention Program seeks to empower those who reduce the risk of WMD proliferation by developing unique online resources and tools. The program has developed a comprehensive database of nonproliferation assistance activities from around the world, including chemical security capacity building assistance, which the OPCW includes on its website under implementers for national implementation:

(<https://www.opcw.org/resources/national-implementation/national-implementation-framework>). The program has also developed an online legal index of laws and regulations related to securing dangerous chemicals. In addition, the Program's Non-Proliferation Cheminformatics Compliance Tool (NCCT) prototype supports the CWC's Article VI by connecting information technology with chemistry to help customs officials tackle the difficult technical problem of swiftly (within seconds) and accurately identifying whether chemicals in a shipment fall under the control of various chemical weapons control lists. In March 2022, the Non-Proliferation Cheminformatics Compliance Tool was field tested in a chemical incident scenario during CAPEX 2022, and the Stimson Center project team now looks forward to implementing the tool as a web-based prototype. <https://www.stimson.org/2022/the-nonproliferation-compliance-cheminformatics-tool-ncct-moves-to-field-testing/>."

Financial resources: The Stimson Center seeks a diversity of funding sources as part of its sustainability approach, not just from governments but also industry partners.

As a research institution educating government officials, the media, and the public at large on international affairs issues, we have a responsibility to ensure that our work is free from conflict or bias. One way Stimson does that is through public transparency. On an annual basis Stimson releases a complete list of our donors and funders as well as information on the financial health of the organization as a whole. Together, this information gives the public and those who use our work confidence in our financial independence.

<https://www.stimson.org/about/transparency/funding-sources/>.

The aforementioned Monitoring and Tracking Chemicals (MATCH) and Non-Proliferation Cheminformatics Compliance Tool (NCCT) projects have received financial support from Global Affairs Canada's Weapons Threat Reduction Program.

Membership: As of 2021, the Henry L. Stimson Center employs 68 people, has 22 Board members, and around 67 affiliates. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are among the Stimson Center's core values. They inform both the work that we do and how we do it. As an employer, we strive to maximize gender, racial, ethnic, and all other forms of workforce diversity to attract the best talent available and to further our own understanding of society and our role in it. As an organization working globally, we apply the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion to our mission: increasing international security, shared prosperity, and justice. These core values help guide the global challenges we choose to address and inform the methods we use to meet those challenges. <https://www.stimson.org/about/transparency/diversity-equity-inclusion/>.

## **68. The Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies**

City and Country: London, United Kingdom

Contact person(s): Lennie Phillips

Website: <https://rusi.org/>

Overview: As an independent institution, we produce evidence-based research, publications and events on defence, security and international affairs to help build a safer UK and a more secure, equitable and stable world. Our Purpose We undertake research, encourage debate, and provide options on critical issues in national and international defence and security. Our Position We are proud of our history, traditions and Royal patronage. At the same time, we remain resolutely independent, offering robust scrutiny of policy from government and other institutions. Our Perspective Our primary focus is on UK defence, security and international affairs, and how to improve the safety of the UK and that of our partners in NATO and the European Union. We also highlight the importance of building global security and stability. Our Activities Our main activities are research, publications and events. We use these to develop and disseminate practical policy solutions to thorny challenges. Our Vision We aim to be a world-leading independent forum for informing and improving policy and public debate on defence, security and international affairs.

Activities: Following a feasibility study, which was released in March 2022, RUSI has commenced a project to use open-source information to inform on an overview of the chemical industry in DPRK and how this might link to a chemical weapons programme.

One of the project purposes would be to inform understanding within the OPCW of potential requirements for demilitarisation along with expected declarations.

Financial resources: RUSI funds itself independently, drawing income from its membership subscriptions, from the sale of its various publications and from research contracts, donations and events funded by a wide range of sources, private and governmental, UK-based and international. The Institute receives no core government funding. RUSI's essential intellectual independence is upheld regardless of its independent funding sources. RUSI sets its own agenda, chooses its own research topics and takes very seriously its responsibility to reflect its

research findings truthfully. RUSI rejects funding that is incompatible with its independence or the probity of its activities. This independence is constantly upheld and monitored by senior management and overseen by the Institute's Trustees.

Membership: Members may be individual or as an organisation. There are approximately 2,000 individual members and organisation members can be found on the following link:

<https://rusi.org/membership/organisation-members>

## 69. The Trench

City and Country: Ferney-Voltaire, France

Contact person(s): Jean Pascal Zanders

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

Overview: The Trench dedicates itself to the research on the future of disarmament with special consideration for chemical and biological weapons. To this end, it participates in meetings on the CWC and the BTWC and publishes research in journals and on its website. The Trench is also involved in education relating to CBW and its underlying technologies and their legitimate uses.

Activities: The Trench has published extensively on CW disarmament questions since its establishment in 2013. Dr Jean Pascal Zanders has been involved with the OPCW since 1994 during its PrepCom days. He has participated in many CSPs and Review Conferences since the CWC's entry into force. Between 2016 and 2021 he was a member of the OPCW Advisory Board on Education and Outreach (ABEO) and its chairperson for 2016-2019.

Financial resources: Research projects, activity organisation and education.

Since February 2018, Dr Jean Pascal Zanders has been project lead for the development and implementation of a master's course on CBRN-relevant dual-use technology transfers, which has been adopted in SouthEast European and Central Asian countries. The project is financed by the European Commission. Publication projects in preparation of the BTWC Review Conference (2022) have been financed through UNODA.

Membership: The Trench is not a membership organisation and therefore has no members. People can subscribe to the blog (about 300 subscriptions).

## 70. Topzawe Foundation for Genocide Studies and Research

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Aram Sheerko Ahmed

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Topzawe/> and <https://kurdocide.co/>

Overview: The is a scholarly Foundation that studies the effects of genocide crimes, and how to achieve legal and societal transitional justice.

Publishing research and studies, especially research on the effects of the use of chemical weapons on the wounded, survivors and the environment of the region.

Topzawa Foundation, has three publications; Topzawa Magazine and Nugireselman newspaper, in Kurdish, and kurdocide site in English (site under construction). And this is a link: <https://kurdocide.co/>

Activities: 1- Holding a conference entitled (Criminalization the denial of the Kurdish genocide and Praising the Baath regime) on September 9, 2022 in the city of Kirkuk, with the participation of researchers, jurists and parliamentarians. The goal of the conference was to discuss the phenomenon of denial of the genocide crimes that took place and how to criminalize the denial of those crimes. More than (113) people participated, and as a result the conference decided Preparing a project to criminalize the denial of genocide crimes. It is noteworthy that the conference was held in cooperation between the (Topzawe Foundation for Genocide

Studies and Research) Foundation in partnership with (Kurdistan Without Genocide Organization). Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN\\_GK0T-GK1C&ref=watch\\_permalink&v=1045138586180331](https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&ref=watch_permalink&v=1045138586180331)

[https://web.facebook.com/104211172114027/posts/pfbid0iUEY16wiGeiSPjax6ZapakHAr5MTAMNA8eak8CR4tL5Yes9ZYFhJQNfeNitXjpCgl/?mibextid=Nif5oz&\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/104211172114027/posts/pfbid0iUEY16wiGeiSPjax6ZapakHAr5MTAMNA8eak8CR4tL5Yes9ZYFhJQNfeNitXjpCgl/?mibextid=Nif5oz&_rdc=1&_rdr)

2- The publication of the newspaper Nugireselman in march14, special on the anniversary of the bombing of Halabja with a chemical weapon. Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/104211172114027/posts/136658288869315/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/104211172114027/posts/136658288869315/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

3- The publication of Topzawe magazine, in memory of the Anfal massacre in April 13. Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/104211172114027/posts/143822111486266/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/104211172114027/posts/143822111486266/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

4- A symposium on the Anfal massacre and its aftermath after 34 years, on May 25, More than (80) people participated in the seminar... Details in the link:

[https://web.facebook.com/104211172114027/posts/153998100468667/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/104211172114027/posts/153998100468667/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/watch/?v=988914201683033&extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN\\_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing&\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/watch/?v=988914201683033&extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing&_rdc=1&_rdr)

5- An introductory seminar for a book published by an institution entitled (The Accused of Sultan Hashem and the Anfal Massacre) by the writer (Latif Fateh). Details in the link

[https://web.facebook.com/104211172114027/posts/172341095301034/?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/104211172114027/posts/172341095301034/?_rdc=1&_rdr)

[https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN\\_GK0T-GK1C&ref=watch\\_permalink&v=1446833362411139](https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&ref=watch_permalink&v=1446833362411139)

Along with other activities, it is on Topzawe Facebook page.

Financial resources: 1- Selling the publications of the Foundation. 2- Granting international donor organizations such as (icpm) and (undp) 3- Corporate and capital donations, provided that they are free and within the framework of state law.

Membership: Members Writers, researchers, experts and journalists in the field of genocide. The current number of members is (37) members.

## **71. University of Hamburg (ZNF/INFABRI)**

City and Country: Hamburg, Germany

Contact person(s): Dr. Gunnar Jeremias

Website: <https://www.znf.uni-hamburg.de/>

Overview: The Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker-Centre for Science and Peace Research (ZNF) at the University of Hamburg is conducting innovative scientific and interdisciplinary research and teaching. Our centre endeavors to uphold the vision and principles of the Federation of German Scientists (VDW) that was established at the University of Hamburg in the middle of 1960s by Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker.

The ZNF is financially supported by all faculties at the University of Hamburg. Its goal is to combine its own primarily scientific research with the peace research of other faculties, and to provide a space for productive interdisciplinary work. Furthermore, the ZNF promotes professional exchange and networking within the field of peace research and to governments by policy advice.

Activities: Integral part of the ZNF is the Interdisciplinary Research Group for the Assessment of Biological Risks and Biological Arms Control (INFABRI). At the interface of science and governance we are concerned with arms control related analysis of technology. The role of biotoxins was hence always a link with CWC and OPCW, but with the current developments in chemistry and the life-sciences, we analyse with increasing intensity also emerging

technologies with dual-use potential at the crossroads of chemistry and biology. Within the joint project CBWnet we are actually concerned with research on the development of norms in these neighbouring regimes.

Financial resources: Actually the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research; before we also had funding from various other sources, such as the German Foreign Office, the German Foundation for Peace Research, the Volkswagen foundation or the MacArthur Foundation.

Membership: We are not a membership organisation (apart from membership in the CWC coalition). We are currently 12 staff; we ask for the accreditation of two persons.

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

City and Country: London, United Kingdom

Contact person(s): Suzanna Khoshabi

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

Overview: The Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC) is an independent, non-profit organisation in London, United Kingdom. Established in 1986, our mission is to support verification, implementation and compliance mechanisms with regard to international agreements and related initiatives. Our primary focus is on non-proliferation and disarmament of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and the security of related materials. VERTIC provides this support through research and analysis, assistance and training, dissemination of information, and interaction with the governmental, diplomatic, technical, scientific and non-governmental communities.

VERTIC's work focuses on the development and application of monitoring, reporting, review, verification and compliance mechanisms, and on national implementation measures.

Activities: VERTIC provides legislative assistance to states for national implementation of the CWC and BWC under a project funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We work with states on legal analysis of their existing laws and regulations for implementation of the CWC, using a 'legislation survey' template which we published in 2021, and on drafting for implementation of the CWC in national legal frameworks.

[https://www.vertic.org/wp-](https://www.vertic.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/VERTIC_CWC_Legislation_Survey_Template_EN_TB.pdf)

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In February 2022, VERTIC published the Brief "Judicial enforcement of BWC and CWC implementing legislation", which analyses BWC and CWC-related court cases. These court cases show how the law can be used to ensure accountability and secure prosecutions for relevant crimes. Moreover, court cases can demonstrate gaps or errors in legislation, leading to amendments that improve implementing legislation. This Brief details three court cases, from the US, Germany and the UK and identifies overarching lessons. It concludes with recommendations to implement the BWC and the CWC. [https://www.vertic.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/VERTIC-Brief-34\\_TB\\_final.pdf](https://www.vertic.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/VERTIC-Brief-34_TB_final.pdf)

In January 2023, VERTIC launched a publication addressing misconceptions about chemical and biological weapons and related international instruments to improve understanding of them among relevant stakeholders, facilitate implementation at the national level and counter efforts to undermine global norms. The publication compiles and addresses 21 misconceptions as identified in articles, on social media, in official statements, and from VERTIC's experience working with stakeholders on national implementation of international obligations concerning chemical and biological weapons. It then refutes them through factual and legal discussions. VERTIC held a side-event presenting our work on addressing these misconceptions at the 9th Review Conference of the BWC in December 2022.

[https://www.vertic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/BCW-Misconceptions-Report-ENG-REV3\\_TB-FINAL-WEB\\_Feb.pdf](https://www.vertic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/BCW-Misconceptions-Report-ENG-REV3_TB-FINAL-WEB_Feb.pdf) VERTIC lead the drafting process for the Joint NGO Statement on Full National Implementation of the CWC to the 27th Conference of States Parties to the CWC, and delivered the statement via video recording on behalf of the drafting group.

[https://www.cwccoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/CSP-27-Joint-NGO-Statement\\_-\\_Full-National-Implementation-of-the-CWC-at-the-State-Level-1.pdf](https://www.cwccoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/CSP-27-Joint-NGO-Statement_-_Full-National-Implementation-of-the-CWC-at-the-State-Level-1.pdf)

Financial resources: Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, European Union CBRN Centres of Excellence Initiative / Sustainable Criminal Justice Solutions, Global Affairs Canada, James Martin Centre for Nonproliferation Studies, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UK Counter Proliferation and Arms Control Centre, UK National Nuclear Laboratory, United Nations, US State Department / CRDF Global, US State Department / UNIDIR, US State Department (CTR, Verification Fund), King's College London.

Membership: VERTIC has 11 staff (six women and five men) working across three Programmes: Verification and Monitoring, National Implementation Measures, and Compliance Mechanisms and Measures.

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

City and Country: Kirkuk, Iraq

Contact person(s): Marya Fayq

Website: N/A

Overview: 1-working for the women victims of terror and genocide.

2-supporting women victims of Chemical gas attack. 3-holding conferences, workshops and training for the victims of chemical gas. 4-working with local and international NGOs who support victims.

Activities: We are as the victims of chemical gas, one of our purposes is to ban any kind of chemical weapons in the world, so the Halabja tragedy never happen again in anywhere in the world. Also we should put pressure on the world community and local governments to support Chemical weapons Conventions and OPCW aims.

Financial resources: 1- Member supports. 2- Supporting from other local and international organizations. 3- Asking fees from our members

Membership: Anyone (men or women) who believe our goals can join us.

We are about 38 members right now.

### **74. Yinchuan Yulaiyage Media**

City and Country: Yinchuan Ningxia, China

Contact person(s): Linchun Yu

Website: N/A

Overview: It mainly promotes the key ideas of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in which the needs of people in both developed and developing countries and emphasizes that no one is left behind. It addresses the three dimensions of sustainable development: social, economic and environmental, as well as important aspects related to peace, justice and efficient institutions. The mobilization of means of implementation, including financial resources, technology development and transfer and capacity-building, as well as the role of partnerships, were crucial.

Activities: I have also actively participated in various OPCW activities, such as the 13th Asian Regional Meeting of National Implementation Bodies and the first Asian Regional Education and Outreach Event, the Chemical Safety and Security Seminar, the First Asian Regional

Seminar on International Cooperation, and the Seminar on Chemical Trade and Export Control. Vigorously publicize that Amendment III to the Criminal Law of the People's Republic of China clearly criminalizes acts endangering public safety, such as the illegal manufacture, transportation, storage or release of toxic substances, and stipulates corresponding criminal punishments.

Financial resources: Promote other corporate videos, do promotional activities, analyze market trends, and find out the materials that need to be promoted, etc.

Membership: Linchun Yu the policymaker of the company, graduate bachelor's degree in English in 2004

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