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OPCW CALENDAR FOR MARCH TO DECEMBER 2024

1. The calendar annexed hereto lists events that the OPCW has organised—some in cooperation with one or more Member States—that are to be held from March to December 2024. It also includes sessions and meetings of the policy-making organs and their subsidiary bodies. It does not include consultations of an informal nature or other activities of the Executive Council; these are reflected in the OPCW weekly Journal.
2. The calendar is also available on the OPCW website (www.opcw.org) and will be updated periodically.
3. The last column in the calendar indicates which unit of the Technical Secretariat can be contacted about each event listed.

Annex: OPCW Calendar for March to December 2024

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Date	Title	Reference	Location/modality	Technical Secretariat Contact ¹
MARCH				
5 – 8 March	105th Session of the Executive Council	EC-103/4, dated 13 July 2023	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands, and online	PMO
10 – 16 March	Swiss training cycle	—	Spiez, Switzerland	APB
11 – 16 March	2023–2024 Regional training cycle for English-speaking African Member States	—	Windhoek, Namibia	APB
12 – 14 March	Workshop on advancing Chemical Weapons Convention implementing legislation	—	Suva, Fiji	IPB
18 – 21 March	Workshop on preventing illicit transfers of scheduled chemicals	—	OPCW ChemTech Centre, Nootdorp, the Netherlands	IPB
18 – 22 March	2024 Regional training cycle for Member States in Latin America and the Caribbean region	—	Panama City, Panama	APB
19 – 21 March	Seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention and chemical safety and security management for Member States of the OPCW in the African region	S/2225/2023, dated 17 November 2023	Lusaka, Zambia	ICB
25 March – 19 April	2024–2025 International training cycle on assistance and protection for women first responders	S/2245/2024, dated 9 February 2024	Virtual training	APB

¹ Legend for Division and Branch names:

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

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

PMO: Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs

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30 April – 26 May	2024 Regional training cycle on assistance and protection for Member States in Asia – online foundation course	S/2244/2024, dated 8 February 2024	Virtual course	APB
APRIL				
8 – 11 April	Education and training programme on peaceful uses of chemistry for youth	—	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	ICB
8 – 19 April	Basic analytical chemistry course	S/2246/2024, dated 12 February 2024	Virtual course	ICB
8 April – 7 June	E-learning safety training programme in English	S/2236/2024, dated 15 January 2024	Virtual training	ICB
16 – 18 April	Sixteenth Session of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach	ABEO-15/1, dated 22 June 2023	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
23 – 25 April	Regional seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention and chemical safety and security management for Member States of the OPCW in the Latin America and Caribbean group	S/2243/2024, dated 8 February 2024	San José, Costa Rica	ICB
24 – 25 April	Workshop on best practices to resolve transfer discrepancies	—	Seoul, Republic of Korea	IPB
MAY				
1 – 15 May	2024–2025 International training cycle for OPCW Member States	—	Virtual training	APB
15 – 17 May	Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality	CC-25/1, dated 2 June 2023	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OCS
22 – 23 May	Symposium on women in chemistry	S/2253/2024, dated 19 February 2024	Panama City, Panama	ICB
27 – 31 May	Thirty-Eighth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
27 – 31 May	2024 Regional training cycle on assistance and protection for Member States in Asia – in-person hands-on basic course	S/2244/2024	Seoul, Republic of Korea	APB

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27 – 31 May	Basic course – law enforcement cycle	—	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	APB
JUNE				
3 – 14 June	Analytical skills development course for Member States of the OPCW in the Latin America and Caribbean region in collaboration with the Laboratorio de Verificación de Armas Químicas	S/2249/2024, dated 16 February 2024	Madrid, Spain	ICB
4 – 7 June	Fifty-Sixth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-55/1, dated 27 July 2023	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	BFB
11 – 13 June	University of Rome Tor Vergata - delivery of a module for the master's programme on Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high yield Explosives	—	OPCW ChemTech Centre, Nootdorp, the Netherlands	APB
18 June – 18 August	2024 Regional training cycle on assistance and protection for Member States in Asia – online course on the Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG), the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO), and the Incident Command System (ICS)	S/2244/2024	Virtual course	APB
24 – 27 June	Hospital preparedness course for States Parties from Africa	S/2250/2024, dated 16 February 2024	Kenitra, Morocco	APB
30 June – 6 July	2024–2025 Swiss training cycle for women first responders	—	Spiez, Switzerland	APB
JULY				
9 – 11 July	Basic analytical chemistry course for women chemists	S/2252/2024, dated 19 February 2024	OPCW ChemTech Centre, Nootdorp, the Netherlands	ICB
9 – 12 July	106th Session of the Executive Council	EC-103/4, dated 13 July 2023	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands, and online	PMO

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22 – 26 July	Training course on sampling and analysis in a highly contaminated environment for Member States in Latin America and the Caribbean region	—	Bogota, Colombia	APB
23 – 26 July	Fifty-Seventh Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-55/1, dated 27 July 2023	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	BFB
29 July – 26 September	Associate Programme 2024	S/2229/2023, dated 20 December 2023	The Hague, the Netherlands, and elsewhere	ICB
AUGUST				
19 – 23 August	2024 Regional training cycle on assistance and protection for Member States in Asia – in-person hands-on integrated advanced course and exercise	S/2244/2024	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	APB
30 August – 7 October	Online Wuppertal course on explosion protection and safety management in the chemical process industries	S/2222/2023, dated 10 November 2023	Virtual course	ICB
SEPTEMBER				
16 – 27 September	Two parallel courses on the enhancement of laboratory skills (in collaboration with VERIFIN)	—	Helsinki, Finland	ICB
30 September – 29 November	E-learning safety training programme in Spanish for Member States in Latin America and the Caribbean region	—	Virtual training	ICB
OCTOBER				
7 – 11 October	2024–2025 International training cycle for OPCW Member States	—	Ahrweiler, Germany	APB
8 – 11 October	107th Session of the Executive Council	EC-103/4, dated 13 July 2023	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands, and online	PMO
15 – 18 October	Course for analytical chemists from laboratories supporting customs services	—	OPCW ChemTech Centre, Nootdorp, the Netherlands	ICB

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28 October – 1 November	Course on chemical safety and security management in laboratories in Latin America and the Caribbean region	—	Buenos Aires, Argentina	ICB
NOVEMBER				
6 November	2024 Regional training cycle on assistance and protection for Member States in Asia – follow-up webinar	S/2244/2024	Virtual course	APB
20 – 22 November	Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of National Authorities		OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	IPB
25 – 29 November	Twenty-Ninth Session of the Conference of the States Parties	C-26/5, dated 2 December 2021	World Forum, The Hague, the Netherlands, and online	PMO