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**TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHEMICAL
INDUSTRY AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES
TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
DOHA, QATAR
21 – 23 OCTOBER 2025**

1. On behalf of the Government of Qatar, the OPCW Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) wishes to invite National Authorities and representatives from national chemical industry associations to submit applications for the Twelfth Annual Meeting of Representatives of the Chemical Industry and National Authorities of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, to be held in Doha, Qatar, from 21 to 23 October 2025.
2. The event seeks to enhance cooperation between the chemical industry and National Authorities to support the full and effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention).
3. The chemical industry has been recognised as a key stakeholder in the implementation of the Convention. The Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention highlighted the important role that the chemical industry has to play in the implementation of the Convention, and encouraged the Secretariat to continue to strengthen its relations with regional and international chemical industry associations.
4. The objectives of the meeting are to:
 - (a) promote cooperation between National Authorities and the chemical industry;
 - (b) provide a forum to share experiences, challenges, and good practices in relation to the implementation of the Convention at the national, regional, and global levels; and
 - (c) raise awareness of relevant emerging technologies and their impact on Convention implementation by chemical industry stakeholders; and
 - (d) enhance awareness of particular requirements in relation to the Convention among representatives of the chemical industry and National Authorities, and thereby enhance the capacity of both stakeholders to implement relevant provisions in a timely and effective manner.



5. The provisional programme for the meeting is attached as the Annex to this Note. The meeting will focus on:
 - (a) understanding and addressing the challenges of small and medium-sized enterprises regarding regulatory compliance and risk management in connection with the Convention;
 - (b) leveraging the benefits and managing the risks of artificial intelligence (AI) to drive efficiency and innovation in the chemical industry; and
 - (c) strengthening the contribution of the chemical industry to the enforcement of the Convention's transfer regime of scheduled chemicals.
6. Participants in the meeting may be invited to deliver presentations in order to share experiences or information on any of the above topics.
7. States Parties with significant chemical industry or chemical trade activities and stakeholders are invited to nominate **two participants** for this meeting: one from the National Authority, and one from a national chemical industry association, a chemical trade association, or a leading chemical industry. Nominations of only one participant from a State Party (either from the National Authority or a chemical industry representative) will not be considered.
8. States Parties are strongly encouraged to nominate candidates who have not participated in meetings previously. The meeting will host a maximum of 50 participants from 25 States Parties. Priority will be given to States Parties with significant chemical industry or chemical trade activities and those that have not previously participated in this event. Further, States Parties and National Authorities are strongly encouraged to support and endorse nominations of suitable women candidates for the event. The meeting will be conducted in English. All participants are therefore expected to have a good command of English.
9. The Secretariat will sponsor two participants per State Party. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, accommodation, meals, and medical insurance for the duration of the meeting, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses. The Secretariat will not pay for medical assistance. Participants should therefore be fit to travel. All participants taking prescribed medication should arrive with sufficient supplies for the duration of the event.
10. Applications from nominated participants should be submitted online through the OPCW event management system Eventus (<https://eventus.opcw.org>) before **Monday, 18 August 2025**. Applications must be reviewed and digitally endorsed in Eventus by the respective National Authority no later than Wednesday, 20 August 2025, to be followed by final review by the Secretariat.
11. Additional information about the meeting may be obtained from the Implementation Support Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW. The focal points are Mr Solomon Haile (Email: solomon.haile@opcw.org; Tel: +31 70 416 3428) and Ms Elena Gjoreska (Email: elena.gjoreska@opcw.org).

Annex

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Agenda Items	
<i>Tuesday, 21 October 2025</i>	
	Registration
	Opening remarks by the OPCW Opening address by the Chairperson of the Qatar National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons (NCPW)
	Objectives of the meeting and programme overview (OPCW) National presentation by Qatar (NCPW)
	Update on selected capacity-development activities of the OPCW International Cooperation and Assistance Division Overview of science and policy-related developments (OPCW) Update on Article VI verification matters (OPCW)
	Updates from chemical industry and trade organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) - International Chemical Trade Association (ICTA)
	Theme 1: Understanding and addressing the challenges of small and medium-sized enterprises regarding regulatory compliance and risk management in connection with the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National presentations - Plenary discussion
<i>Wednesday, 22 October 2025</i>	
	Theme 2: Navigating the AI landscape: developments, opportunities and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlights of OPCW activities - Perspectives from chemical associations - Panel session
	AI as a driver of efficiency and innovations in the chemical industry: Chemical industry perspectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National presentations (industry) - Panel session
	Break-out group discussion Good practices and strategies to further harness the potentials of AI in the chemical industry

Agenda Items	
<i>Thursday, 23 October 2025</i>	
	Reporting back from break-out groups and plenary discussion Plenary discussion on themes emerging from the group reports
	Theme 3: Highlights of synergies between the chemical industry and National Authorities - National presentations
	Theme 4: International and national perspectives on enforcing the transfers regime of the Convention - OPCW - National presentations
	Presentation of the draft meeting outcome report to the Chairperson of the NCPW
	Closing remarks: - OPCW - Official of the NCPW

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