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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AN ONLINE REGIONAL SEMINAR  
ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND CHEMICAL SAFETY  
AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT FOR MEMBER STATES OF THE OPCW  
IN THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP  
14 OCTOBER 2025**

**BACKGROUND**

1. The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (the Secretariat) wishes to inform Member States that an online seminar in English on the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) and chemical safety and security management for Member States of the OPCW in the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) will be held on 14 October 2025.
2. The Secretariat invites National Authorities or governmental representatives responsible for chemical safety and security management, representatives from chemical industry associations, and managers involved in chemical industry safety and security and Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> to submit applications for the seminar, which is being organised to further promote international cooperation programmes that focus on chemical industry outreach and industry-related aspects of the implementation of Article XI of the Convention.
3. The objectives of the seminar are to:
  - (a) provide tools to assess, mitigate, and respond to the risks of chemical accidents, and prevent misuse of dual-use chemicals;
  - (b) highlight how emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, may affect chemical safety and security, as well as the overall implementation of the Convention;
  - (c) provide an opportunity for participating Member States to consider and discuss specific chemical safety and security management issues related to chemical processes;
  - (d) contribute to sharing information and exchanging experiences and generate recommendations on the practical implementation of chemical safety and security management programmes; and



- (e) foster broader cooperation between Member States on issues related to the chemical industry to ensure the achievement of the objectives of Article XI of the Convention (promoting the peaceful uses of chemistry).
4. The seminar programme will be provided to selected participants in due course.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

5. The seminar is open to participants who:
- (a) are citizens of OPCW Member States in the GRULAC region;
  - (b) have at least five years of professional working experience in academia, science and technology institutions, the chemical industry, industry associations, or regulatory agencies in the field of chemical safety and security;
  - (c) have not attended similar events organised by the OPCW in the last three years; and
  - (d) have a good written and oral command of English.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

6. Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications through Eventus, the OPCW event management platform (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Applicants must first create an account and then register for the event.
7. Only nominations endorsed by the National Authority or Permanent Representation of the applicant's country to the OPCW will be considered. Each application must be endorsed digitally on the Eventus platform by the applicant's respective National Authority or Permanent Representation, and be accompanied by a curriculum vitae or a short abstract describing the applicant's current research, work, and projects, in particular in the areas of chemical safety and security, transportation security, hazardous waste management, and new trends in chemical technology. A photocopy of the personal identification page of the applicant's passport is also requested. The Secretariat strongly encourages applications from qualified women candidates. Only selected candidates will be notified by the Secretariat.
8. Applications must be submitted in Eventus **no later than 3 October 2025**. Incomplete or improperly filled out applications will not be considered. Additional information may be obtained from the International Cooperation Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Ms Julia Gonzalez, Senior Project Assistant ([julia.gonzalez@opcw.org](mailto:julia.gonzalez@opcw.org)) and Mr Massimo de Rienzo, Senior Programme Officer ([massimo.derienzo@opcw.org](mailto:massimo.derienzo@opcw.org)).