

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of National Authorities The Hague, The Netherlands, 19 - 21 November 2025

	Tuesday, 18 November 2025
14:00 - 17:30	Pre-registration of participants (OPCW Lobby)
DAY 1: Wednesday, 19 November 2025	
08:30 - 09:30	Registration of participants (OPCW Lobby)
09:30 - 09:45	Opening Address H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias, Director-General of the OPCW
09:45 - 10:00	Group Photo and Administrative Announcements
	OPCW SECRETARIAT UPDATES
10:00 - 10:30	Presentation: Updates on capacity-development activities of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division - H.E. Suljuk Mustansar Tarar, Director, International Cooperation Division (ICA) - Mr Li Zhao, Head, International Cooperation Branch (ICB); ICA, OPCW - Ms Beatrix Lahoupe, Head, Implementation Support Branch (IPB), ICA, OPCW - Ms Rebecca Eapen, Head, Assistance and Protection Branch (APB), ICA, OPCW
	<i>Open Discussion and Q&A</i>
10:30 - 10:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:50 - 11:10	Presentation: Updates on Strategic Planning Activities of the Office of Strategy and Policy Mr Marcin Wroblewski, Director, Strategy and Policy Office of the Director, OPCW
	<i>Open Discussion and Q&A</i>
11:10 - 11:30	Presentation: Updates on Declarations Ms Sonja Regler, Head of Declarations Branch (H/DEB), OPCW
11:30 - 11:50	Presentation: Updates on Activities of the Inspectorate Division Ms Rebecca Kimbrell, Head of the Programme Control and Monitoring Branch, Inspectorate Division, OPCW
11:50 - 12:00	<i>Open Discussion and Q&A</i>
12:00 - 12:30	Presentation: Status of Implementation of Article VII of the CWC Ms Suzanna Khoshabi, Programme Officer (Legal), IPB, ICA, OPCW
	<i>Open Discussion and Q&A</i>
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
	<i>Administrative matters (for sponsored participants only, RM 003 and RM 001)</i>
14:00 - 15:00	Bilateral Meetings with relevant Secretariat staff/other States Parties <i>Note: to be requested in advance [sabrina.maaliou@opcw.org; belle.bramer@opcw.org; rene.betancourt@opcw.org]</i>
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	REGIONAL GROUP MEETINGS
15:15 - 17:30	Africa (Ieper Room) Chairperson: National Authority of Kenya Facilitator: Mr Solomon Haile, Senior Coordination and Planning Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW
	Asia (Training Room B11) Chairperson: National Authority of India Facilitator: Ms Suzanna Khoshabi, Programme Officer (Legal), IPB, ICA, OPCW
	Eastern Europe (Room B33) Chairperson: National Authority of Romania Facilitator: Ms Elena Gjoreska, Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW
	Latin America and the Caribbean (Ooms Room) Chairperson: National Authority of Trinidad and Tobago and National Authority of Bolivia Facilitator: Mr Rene Betancourt, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW
	Western Europe and Others (Room 027) Chairperson: National Authority of Italy Facilitator: Ms Beatrix Lahoupe, Head, IPB, ICA, OPCW
17:30 - 19:30	Reception at the OPCW Delegates' lounge Hosted by H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias, Director-General of the OPCW

DAY 2: Thursday, 20 November 2025	
09:00 - 09:30	Administrative matters (for sponsored participants only, RM 003 and RM 001)
09:30 - 09:35	Summary of Day 1 Mr Rene Betancourt, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW
09:35 - 10:20	Presentation: Rapporteurs' feedback from Regional Group Meetings - Africa - Asia - Eastern Europe - Latin America and the Caribbean - Western Europe and Others
10:20 - 10:35	Coffee Break
	THEMATIC SESSION 1: CWC Comprehensive Implementation: National Legislation & Emerging Security Challenges
10:35 - 10:50	Presentation: Chemical Risks, Emerging Threats, and the Security Imperative Mr Ian Tippet, Specialized Officer, Chemical Explosives Terrorism Prevention Unit, INTERPOL General Secretariat
10:50 - 11:05	Presentation: The Dual-Use Chemicals: Balancing Legislation, Security, and Scientific Progress Ms Machiko Kanetake, Academic Director, Asser Institute
11:05 - 11:15	Open Discussion and Q&A
11:15 - 11:25	Presentation: Advancing CWC Implementing Legislation: Current Trends and Challenges Ms Suzanna Khoshabi, Programme Officer (Legal), IPB, ICA, OPCW
11:25 - 11:45	Expert Insights: Strengthening the Application of CWC Implementing Legislation to Address Emerging Challenges Mr Ralf Trapp, International Disarmament Consultant
11:45 - 12:30	Panel Discussion 1: Ensuring CWC Implementing Legislation Delivers: Challenges, Progress, and Collaboration - Mr Ralf Trapp, International Disarmament Consultant - Seychelles - Philippines - Dominican Republic
	Open Discussion and Q&A
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
	THEMATIC SESSION 2: Global Enforcement Efforts to Prevent the Re-Emergence of CWs
14:00 - 14:15	Presentation: Advancing Shared Objectives: The Complementary Mandates of OPCW and 1540 Committee Representative of the UN Security Council Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1540 (2004)
14:15 - 14:30	Presentation: Ensuring Accountability for CWC Prohibited Activities Mr Talgat Toleubayev, Regional Coordinator for Southeast and Eastern Europe, UNICRI
14:30 - 14:40	Presentation: Penal Provisions in CWC Implementation Mr Rene Betancourt, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW
14:40 - 14:50	Open Discussion and Q&A
14:50 - 15:20	Panel Discussion 2: National Experiences in Applying Chemical Weapons Legislation under the CWC 1540 Committee [TBC] - United Kingdom - Pakistan - Netherlands - INTERPOL
15:20 - 15:35	Coffee Break
	THEMATIC SESSION 3: Enhancing States Parties' Measures to Prevent Illicit Transfers of Toxic Chemicals
15:35 - 15:45	Presentation: Legislative Measures to Prevent Illicit Transfers and Strengthen Capacity Building Mr Solomon Haile, Senior Coordination and Planning Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW
15:45 - 16:00	Presentation: Risk Management of Scheduled Chemicals in International Commerce Mr James McCollm, Head of Unit - Border Security Unit at World Customs Organization, WCO
16:00 - 16:15	Presentation: Combating Illicit CBRN Material Transfers: Cross-Border and E-Commerce Challenges Mr João Simões, Head of CBRN & Explosives, EUROPOL
16:15 - 16:35	Panel Discussion 3: Preventing Illicit Transfers of Toxic Chemicals - Chile - Australia - Cambodia - Oman

	Breakout Group Exercise with the participation of all Member States on the following topics:
16:35 - 17:30	Countering Illicit Chemical Transfers in E-Commerce and Cross-Border Trade
	From Law to Practice: Enhancing the Effectiveness of National Implementing Legislation
	Enhancing the Role of National Authorities in Responding to Chemical Incidents
	The Path to Enhancing Designated and Twinning Laboratories
	Bridging the Gap between Reporting and Readiness: Making Article X Work for National Resilience
DAY 3: Friday, 21 November 2025	
09:00 - 09:05	Summary of Day 2
	Mr Rene Betancourt, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OCPW
09:05 - 09:35	Presentation: Rapporteurs' feedback from the Breakout Group Exercise
	5 Member States
	THEMATIC SESSION 4: Assistance and Protection
09:35 - 09:40	Introduction
09:40 - 09:50	Presentation: Integrated Advanced Course and Exercise
	Mr Miguel Albaladejo Pomares, Senior Programme Officer, APB, ICA, OPCW
09:50 - 10:20	Country presentations: Integrated Advanced Course and Exercise
	- Malaysia - Ecuador - Member State [TBD]
	<i>Open Discussion and Q&A</i>
10:20 - 10:30	Overview and Analysis: Status of Protection and Assistance Databank and Article XI, Paragraph 4 reporting
	Ms Toko Okazaki, Associate Programme Officer, APB, ICA, OPCW
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
	MENTORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME
10:55 - 11:05	Presentation: Recent developments regarding the Mentorship/Partnership Programme
	Mr Solomon Haile, Senior Programme Officer, IPB, ICA, OPCW
11:05 - 11:30	Presentations: Mentorship/Partnership Programme: Lessons learned and experiences
	- USA and Lebanon or/and - United Kingdom and Ghana
	<i>Open Discussion and Q&A</i>
	THEMATIC SESSION 5: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
11:30 - 11:50	Presentation: Highlights and Updates on the CWC and Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies
	Mr Peter Hotchkiss, Science Policy Advisor, OSP, OPCW
11:50 - 12:00	Presentation: Emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence and ICA's role
	Mr Taeon Kim, Programme Officer, International Cooperation Branch, ICA, OPCW
12:00 - 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
	<i>Administrative matters (for sponsored participants only, RM 003 and RM 001)</i>
13:30 - 13:40	Presentation: Identifying challenges in the use of AI under the framework of the CWC
	Mr Manish Jhinkoe-Rai, Policy Officer Export Control and Strategic Goods, National Authority of the Netherlands
13:40 - 14:10	Panel Discussion 4: Emerging Technologies and CWC: Navigating Opportunities and Risks
	- Germany - Korea - Asser Institute: Ms Thea Coventry, Researcher at T.M.C Asser Institute - OPCW's Inspectorate using the technology: Mr Ardalan Zargham, Head, Technology Hub & Logistics, OPCW
14:10 - 14:25	Presentation: Talent Acquisition at the OPCW
	Mr Milan Jelenkovic, Head, Talent Acquisition, OPCW
14:25 - 14:35	Open plenary: reflections, actions, and way forward
	Ms Beatrix Lahoupe, Head, IPB, ICA, OPCW
14:35 - 14:45	Closing remarks
	H.E. Ambassador Odette Melono, Deputy Director-General, OPCW
14:45 - 17:30	Bilateral meetings -with relevant Secretariat staff/other States Parties
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