



**Statement by the Algerian Delegation**

**On behalf of H.E Ambassador Salima Abdelhak Permanent  
Representative of People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the  
OPCW**

**on Agenda item (19): The OPCW programme for Africa  
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**Mr. Chairperson,**

My delegation associates itself with the statement on behalf of Africa Group, delivered by H.E. Ambassador Madeleine Liguemoh Ondoua, Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the OPCW, Chairperson of the Africa Programme Steering Committee.

At the outset, I would like to renew our appreciation to the Director General, H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias, to the Deputy Director General H.E. Ambassador Odette Melono and the staff of the Technical Secretariat for their efforts aiming to advance the implementation of the Africa programme.

Our appreciation goes also to H.E. Ambassador Madeleine Ondoua, Chairperson of the Steering committee of this programme.

We underscore the valuable support provided by our partners to advance its objectives, for which we are truly grateful.

My delegation notes with appreciation the achievements made under this programme as highlighted in the DG Note and the several updates provided by the Technical Secretariat on different occasions.

We encourage the recent positive contacts between the African Union and the Technical secretariat highlighting the launch of common initiatives in the future.

We commend the consultative approach with African States Parties that has led to the elaboration of the coming phase's concept note. It is the right way to assess the needs and priorities of African countries on which the programme's activities and projects will build on.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

Algeria applauds this successful programme, which has already completed six phases and is set to launch the seventh one, in January 2026. We note with satisfaction the meaningful results achieved during the previous phase and look forward with interest to the next one.

We expect the next phase would include more projects, especially under article XI to enhance the capacities of African countries and promote international cooperation on the use of chemistry for peaceful purposes.

Algeria has continuously engaged in this programme through the active participation of its national institutions in its various activities. This engagement has enabled them to strengthen their national capacities and to advance the full implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention at the national level.

It has also allowed them to further enrich their experience and sharpen their expertise that are shared at the regional level through activities carried out with the technical Secretariat for the benefit of our region to foster south-south cooperation.

This clearly reflects the programme's contribution to developing trainer capacities, empowering our specialists to disseminate the knowledge gained and to support broader capacity-building efforts.

Under this programme, in 2025, two courses have been organized in Algeria. One on sampling and analysis in a highly contaminated environment (23- 26 February). The second course on laboratory equipment maintenance for OPCW Member States in Africa, will be co-organized by the National Institute of Criminalistics and Criminology of the Gendarmerie Nationale (NICC/GN) and the Technical Secretariat, in Algiers (7- 11 December 2025).

Furthermore, it is worth to recall that my country has contributed to two Mentorship Partnership Programmes (MPP) as mentor with two African Countries and has applied for new (MPP) projects with any English or French speaking country in Africa.

Finally, I reiterate Algeria's readiness to continue working with all partners to advance our shared objectives.

**Thank you.**