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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A 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
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL
16 – 18 JUNE 2026**

BACKGROUND

1. The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (the Secretariat) wishes to inform Member States that a regional seminar 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 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 16 to 18 June 2026.
2. The Secretariat invites applications from National Authorities, governmental representatives responsible for chemical safety and security management, representatives of chemical industry associations, and managers involved in chemical industry safety and security and Responsible Care® initiatives. The seminar is being organised to further promote international cooperation programmes focusing 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) strengthen capacities to assess, mitigate, and respond to chemical accident risks and prevent the misuse of dual-use chemicals;
 - (b) examine the impact of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, on chemical safety and security and implementation of the Convention;
 - (c) facilitate the exchange of experiences and discussion of practical chemical safety and security management challenges, including those related to chemical processes; and
 - (d) promote cooperation among Member States on chemical industry-related issues in support of the objectives of Article XI of the Convention (peaceful uses of chemistry).
4. The programme for the seminar will be provided to selected participants in due course.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

5. The regional 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 management;
 - (c) have not attended similar events organised by the OPCW in the last three years; and
 - (d) have a good command of English, both written and oral.
6. The Secretariat will select participants based on their qualifications and experience. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to the seminar.

SPONSORSHIP

7. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants. The costs of the seminar and accommodation will be covered by the Secretariat. In addition, for sponsored participants the Secretariat will pay for international travel, meals, visas, and emergency medical and travel insurance, and will provide a limited subsistence allowance to cover sundry expenses in accordance with OPCW rules.
8. The Secretariat will not pay for medical assistance. Therefore, participants should be fit for travel. All participants taking prescribed medication should arrive with supplies sufficient for the duration of the event.
9. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. The Secretariat will not cover expenses that are not related to the seminar or that result from changes to travel arrangements that it has not authorised.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

10. Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://eventus.opcw.org/>). Applicants must first create an account and then register for the event. A copy of the personal identification page of the applicant's passport must be uploaded. Incomplete or improperly filled out applications will not be considered. Each application must be endorsed digitally in the Eventus platform by the nominee's respective National Authority in order to be considered in the selection process. Member States and National Authorities are strongly encouraged to support and endorse applications from qualified women candidates for the event.
11. Applications must be submitted in Eventus **no later than 5 March 2026**. Only selected candidates will be notified by the Secretariat. Candidates who have not been contacted by the OPCW by 30 April 2026 should consider that their application has been unsuccessful.

12. The personal information provided in the application must strictly match the details as shown in the passport, as this will be used for the issuance of flight tickets should an application be successful. Participants are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of their personal information. Any inaccuracies may result in exclusion from the seminar or additional charges that will need to be borne by the participants.
13. 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) and Mr Massimo de Rienzo, Senior Programme Officer (massimo.derienzo@opcw.org).

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