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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND CHEMICAL SAFETY AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT FOR OPCW MEMBER STATES IN THE AFRICA REGION

VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES
6 – 8 OCTOBER 2026

BACKGROUND

1. The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (the Secretariat) wishes to inform States Parties that a regional seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) and chemical safety and security management for OPCW Member States in the Africa region will be held in Victoria, Seychelles, from 6 to 8 October 2026.
2. The Secretariat invites 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 management and Responsible Care® initiatives to submit applications for the seminar. The seminar is designed 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 the implementation of the Convention; and
 - (c) foster cooperation among Member States on chemical industry-related issues in support of the objectives of Article XI of the Convention to promote the peaceful uses of chemistry.
4. The seminar programme will be provided to the selected participants in due course.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

5. The seminar is open to those who:
 - (a) are citizens of OPCW Member States in the Africa region;
 - (b) have at least five years of professional work 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.
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.

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, 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. Only nominations endorsed by the National Authority or Permanent Representation of the candidate's country to the OPCW will be considered. The Secretariat strongly encourages States Parties and National Authorities to seek, support, and endorse applications from qualified women candidates.
11. Each application must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae or a short abstract describing the applicant's current research, work, and projects, particularly 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 mandatory.
12. Applications must be submitted through Eventus **no later than 19 March 2026**. Incomplete or improperly filled out applications will not be considered. Candidates who have not been contacted by the OPCW by 30 May 2026 should consider that their application has been unsuccessful.
13. The personal information provided in the application must 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.

14. Additional information may be obtained from the International Cooperation Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact persons are Ms Rufaro Kambarami, Project Assistant (Email: rufaro.kambarami@opcw.org), and Mr Massimo de Rienzo, Senior Programme Officer (Email: massimo.derienzo@opcw.org).

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