



NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH REGIONAL MEETING
OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES IN ASIA
KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT
19 – 21 MAY 2026**

1. The Technical Secretariat of the OPCW (the Secretariat) invites National Authorities in the Asia region to nominate representatives to attend the Twenty-Fourth Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Asia, which will be held in Kuwait City, Kuwait from 19 to 21 May 2026.
2. The regional meeting of National Authorities will serve as a forum for States Parties in Asia to discuss the status of the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (the Convention) within the region. To this end, States Parties will have the opportunity to share their experiences, current understandings, challenges, priorities, and capacity-building needs to advance the implementation of the Convention in line with their respective constitutional requirements. In light of priorities identified at the regional, subregional, and national levels, National Authorities will be able to discuss potential areas for State-to-State cooperation and/or assistance.
3. The objectives of the meeting are to:
 - (a) provide States Parties with updates on the capacity-building activities of the Secretariat (particularly those related to Articles VI, VII, X, and XI of the Convention), and discuss regional priorities and regional support needs;
 - (b) explore opportunities for regional and subregional cooperation to advance the implementation of the Convention, including through bilateral cooperation;
 - (c) discuss practices related to States Parties' declaration and inspection obligations under Article VI of the Convention;
 - (d) discuss national implementation of Article VII of the Convention, specifically successes, challenges, and priorities with respect to the adoption of comprehensive national implementing legislation;
 - (e) provide States Parties with updates and facilitate exchanges on policy-related matters, including the outcomes of the recent sessions of the OPCW policy-making organs; and
 - (f) discuss national experiences and developments related to the Mentorship/Partnership Programme for National Authorities, the development of legislative and regulatory frameworks on chemical security, and the use of the National Implementation Framework.



4. The expected results of the meeting include:
 - (a) increased awareness of the status of implementation of the Convention and of the challenges faced at the national and regional levels;
 - (b) an in-depth understanding of the critical importance of the comprehensive implementation of Articles VI, VII, X, and XI of the Convention in preventing the re-emergence of chemical weapons and addressing Convention-related security threats;
 - (c) an enhanced sense of ownership by the National Authorities in terms of national implementation responsibilities;
 - (d) a shared understanding of regional priorities, capacity-building needs, and the means to achieve these priorities;
 - (e) an enhanced level of coordination and collaboration among the national and regional stakeholders that are expected to play a key role in the national implementation of the Convention;
 - (f) the identification of potential subregional or regional cooperation opportunities to further implementation of the Convention; and
 - (g) the collection of feedback on ways and means to further improve capacity-building activities for the region and tools to improve national implementation.
5. The provisional programme for the regional meeting is provided as the Annex to this Note. Participants in the meeting will be expected to contribute actively and substantively to the proceedings and discussions.
6. Nominated participants should be prepared to deliver presentations and/or participate in panel discussions at the meeting, in prior consultation and agreement with the Secretariat.
7. National Authorities may express their interest in bilateral consultations with the Secretariat on specific issues related to national implementation of the Convention.
8. The meeting will be conducted entirely in English. All participants are therefore expected to have a good oral and written command of English.
9. The Secretariat will sponsor one participant from each State Party in the Asia region. The nominee should be a representative of the National Authority directly responsible for or involved in Convention implementation. Nominations should specify whether sponsorship is a condition for a nominee's participation. States Parties are welcome to nominate additional participants for whom sponsorship is not required.
10. The Secretariat strongly encourages States Parties and National Authorities to seek, support, and endorse applications from qualified women candidates.

11. For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover the costs of travel, hotel accommodation, meals, and medical insurance, in addition to a limited subsistence allowance to cover terminal and sundry expenses. Sponsored participants who do not intend to use the accommodation arranged by the Secretariat are requested to indicate this no later than four weeks prior to the event in order to prevent the Secretariat from incurring hotel cancellation fees. In any case, the Secretariat will not cover the costs of any accommodation that it has not arranged.
12. Participants should be fit to travel. All participants taking prescribed medication should arrive with supplies sufficient for the duration of the event.
13. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. The Secretariat will purchase tickets and send them directly to the participants. Participants will be allowed to purchase tickets locally only if this leads to further savings for the Secretariat. Participants who have not been sponsored will be requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
14. In order to keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive **no earlier than 18 May 2026** and to depart **no later than 22 May 2026**. The Secretariat's agreement is required for any changes to these arrival and departure dates. The Secretariat will not cover expenses that are not related to the meeting or that result from changes in travel arrangements that it has not authorised. Sponsored participants must bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased tickets.
15. Participants are requested to obtain any necessary visas (including transit visas) before travelling to Kuwait. When applying for any required entry visa, they should present the Embassy or Consulate of Kuwait with a copy of the acceptance letter from the OPCW.
16. Participants nominated by the National Authority of their respective State Party are invited to register online through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://eventus.opcw.org>). The deadline for submission of nominations is **17 March 2026**. Nominations must be approved digitally on the Eventus platform by the respective nominee's National Authority **not later than 19 March 2026** in order to be considered by the Secretariat. All nominated participants must hold national passports with at least six months' validity beyond the anticipated date of travel to Kuwait, and upload copies of the machine-readable/biodata page of their passports to the Eventus platform.
17. Additional information about this event may be obtained from the Implementation Support Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the Secretariat. The contact persons are Ms Suzanna Khoshabi (Email: suzanna.khoshabi@opcw.org) and Mr Alberto Fernandez (Email: alberto.fernandez@opcw.org).

Annex: Provisional Programme

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

	Activity
<i>Tuesday, 19 May 2026</i>	
	Opening ceremony
	Update on OPCW capacity-building activities under Articles VII, X, and XI of the Convention
	Updates from the Secretariat on strategy and policy-related developments
	Regional context and recent developments relevant to national implementation of the Convention
	National presentations: experiences, challenges, and priorities with respect to national implementation of the Convention
	Advancing Convention implementation in Asia: updates following the Asia Regional Conference on Advancing Convention Implementing Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group discussions: capacity-building needs related to national implementation
<i>Wednesday, 20 May 2026</i>	
	Article VI declarations and related topics: update from the Secretariat
	National presentations: practice, experience, and feedback on the implementation of Article VI requirements
	Article VI inspections and related topics: updates from the Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National presentations: practice, experience, and feedback on the implementation of Article VI requirements
	Emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence: opportunities for and challenges in Convention implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel discussion
<i>Thursday, 21 May 2026</i>	
	Key takeaways from the annual chemical industry and National Authorities' meeting
	Looking ahead to 2026 – 2027: group discussions on regional priorities, post-meeting engagements, and follow-up actions
	Conclusions and closing remarks