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OPCW CALENDAR FOR APRIL TO DECEMBER 2008

1. The calendar annexed hereto lists events that the OPCW has organised—some in cooperation with one or more Member States—and that are to be held from April to December 2008. It also lists the sessions and meetings of the policy-making organs and their subsidiary bodies that are to take place in the remainder of 2008. It does not include consultations of an informal nature or other activities of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”); these are reported on in the OPCW Journal.
2. The calendar is also available on the OPCW website, www.opcw.org, and will be updated periodically.
3. The last column in the calendar indicates which unit of the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) can be contacted about each event listed.

Annex: OPCW Calendar for April to December 2008



Annex

OPCW CALENDAR FOR APRIL TO DECEMBER 2008

Date	Title	Reference	Location	Secretariat Contact ¹
APRIL				
7 – 18 April	Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention	—	WFCC ² , The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
21 – 25 April	Advanced training course in civil defence against chemical weapons	S/669/2008, dated 14 January 2008	Slovenská Lupča, Slovakia	ICA/APB
MAY				
5 – 16 May	Course on the enhancement of laboratory skills in using liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry to analyse chemicals related to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CW-LSE)	S/675/2008, dated 6 February 2008	Helsinki, Finland	ICA/ICB
6 – 8 May	Ninth regional meeting of National Authorities in Latin America and the Caribbean	S/680/2008, dated 25 February 2008	Quito, Ecuador	ICA/IPB
11 – 16 May	Regional exercise for Central Asian countries	—	Baku, Azerbaijan	ICA/APB
12 – 16 May	Assistance-and-protection course	S/671/2008, dated 16 January 2008	Beijing, China	ICA/APB
19 – 23 May	Fourth regional assistance-and-protection course for African States Parties	S/664/2007, dated 3 December 2007	Tshwane, South Africa	ICA/APB
26 and 27 May	Tenth Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality	—	OPCW headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ODG/OCS
26 – 30 May	Advanced training course on emergency response against chemical weapons and toxic industrial chemicals for East African countries	—	Lázně Bohdaneč, Czech Republic	ICA/APB

¹ Legend for Division and Branch names:
 APB: Assistance and Protection Branch
 ICA: International Cooperation and Assistance Division
 ICB: International Cooperation Branch
 IPB: Implementation Support Branch

² WFCC = World Forum Convention Center

OCS: Office of Confidentiality and Security
 ODG: Office of the Director-General
 PMO: Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs

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JUNE				
2 – 6 June	Fourth international basic course on assistance and protection	S/682/2008, dated 25 March 2008	Kruševac, Serbia	ICA/APB
3 – 5 June	Sixth regional meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Eastern Europe	—	Belgrade, Serbia	ICA/IPB
16 – 20 June	Article VI declaration training course	—	Madrid, Spain	ICA/IPB
24 – 27 June	Fifty-Third Session of the Council	—	OPCW headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
JULY				
18 July – 26 September	Associate Programme	S/666/2007, dated 12 December 2007	Various locations in the Netherlands and elsewhere	ICA/ICB
22 and 23 July	Regional meeting of representatives of National Authorities and Parliaments in Latin America and Caribbean	S/681/2008, dated 29 February 2008	Buenos Aires, Argentina	ICA/IPB
AUGUST				
	No meetings scheduled			
SEPTEMBER				
7 – 12 September	International training course on assistance and protection	—	Kuopio, Finland	ICA/APB
OCTOBER				
14 – 17 October	Fifty-Fourth Session of the Council	—	OPCW headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
NOVEMBER				
1 – 5 November	International medical course on defence against chemical weapons	—	Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran	ICA/APB
10 – 14 November	Swiss laboratory course	—	Spiez, Switzerland	ICA/APB
10 – 19 November	International protection course for Spanish-speaking countries	—	Madrid, Spain	ICA/APB
DECEMBER				
2 – 5 December	Thirteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties	—	WFCC ² , The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO