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OPCW CALENDAR FOR MARCH TO DECEMBER 2015

1. The calendar annexed hereto lists events that the OPCW has organised—some in cooperation with one or more Member States—that are to be held from March to December 2015. It also lists the sessions and meetings of the policy-making organs and their subsidiary bodies that are to take place in 2015. It does not include consultations of an informal nature or other activities of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”); these are reflected 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 March to December 2015



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Date	Title	Reference	Location	Secretariat Contact ¹
MARCH				
2-6 March	Basic course on assistance and protection for States Parties of the Latin America and Caribbean Region	—	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	ICA/APB
2-6 March	Workshop for National Authorities and representatives of Ministries of Defence / National Security Agencies of States Parties from Africa	—	Pretoria, South Africa	ICA/IPB
9-12 March	Fourth regional training course on emergency response to chemical incidents for Asian States Parties	S/1233/2014, dated 29 December 2014	Singapore	ICA/APB
17-20 March	Seventy-Eighth Session of the Council	EC-76/6, dated 11 July 2014	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
23-25 March	Protection programme for the East African Community (EAC): planning meeting	—	Arusha, Tanzania	ICA/APB
23-27 March	Basic course on chemical emergency response for States Parties of the Latin America and Caribbean Region (CAPEQ-4), 1, 2015	S/1226/2014, dated 25 November 2014	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	ICA/APB
23-27 March	Basic course for the personnel of National Authorities involved in the national implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention	S/1231/2014, dated 29 December 2014	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB

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Legend for Division and Branch names:

ADM: Administration Division
 APB: Assistance and Protection Branch
 BUD: Budget, Planning and Control Branch
 ERD: External Relations Division

ICA: International Cooperation and Assistance Division
 ICB: International Cooperation Branch
 IPB: Implementation Support Branch
 ODG: Office of the Director-General

OCS: Office of Confidentiality and Security
 OSP: Office of Strategy and Policy
 PMO: Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs

Date	Title	Reference	Location	Secretariat Contact¹
24-27 March	Subregional training course for customs officials from North, Central, and West African States Parties on technical aspects of the transfers regime	S/1236/2015, dated 7 January 2015	Dakar, Senegal	ICA/IPB
APRIL				
6-10 April	Table top exercise for Member States from Central American region	—	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	ICA/APB
13-17 April	Course on Chemical Safety Management for Member States in Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean regions	S/1228/2014, dated 16 December 2014	Wuppertal, Germany	ICA/ICB
13-17 April	Invitation to apply for a course for analytical chemists from laboratories supporting customs services	S/1232/2014, dated 29 December 2014	Warsaw, Poland	ICA/ICB
21 April	Commemoration of the centenary of the first large-scale use of Chemical Weapons	S/1214/2014, dated 16 September 2014	Ieper, Belgium	ERD
20-24 April	Advanced course on assistance and protection for States Parties of the Latin America and Caribbean region	—	Buenos Aires, Argentina	ICA/APB
MAY				
4-8 May	Internship programme for legal drafters and National Authorities representatives	S/1227/2014, dated 28 November 2014	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
4-8 May	Third OPCW training in sampling and analysis in a contaminated environment	—	Częstochowa, Poland	ICA/APB
4-8 May	Chemical threat-hazard: identification and risk assessment	—	Kigali, Rwanda	ICA/APB
4-15 May	Analytical chemistry course under the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa	S/1235/2015, dated 6 January 2015	Pretoria, South Africa	ICA/ICB
18-29 May	Course for Member States in the Latin America and Caribbean Region on the analysis of chemicals related to the Chemical Weapons Convention in the framework of OPCW proficiency testing	S/1239/2015, dated 5 February 2015	Madrid, Spain	ICA/ICB
19-21 May	Chemical safety workshop for the Asian Region	—	Hanoi, Vietnam	ICA/ICB
20-27 May	OPCW Assistance and Protection course for instructors	—	Lázně Bohdaneč, Czech Republic	ICA/APB

Date	Title	Reference	Location	Secretariat Contact¹
20-22 May	Seventeenth Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality	CC-16/1, dated 23 May 2014	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ODG/OCS
25 May-4 June	Assistance and protection training of experts	—	Zemianske Kostol'any, Slovakia	ICA/APB
26-28 May	Fourteenth regional meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Eastern Europe	—	Ljubljana, Slovenia	ICA/IPB
JUNE				
1-5 June	Thirty-Eighth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-37/1, dated 4 September 2014	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ADM/BUD
1-9 June	Basic and advanced course on assistance and protection	—	Svetlaya Roscha, Belarus	ICA/APB
8-11 June	International course on medical aspects of protection against CW	—	Kaunas, Lithuania	ICA/APB
8-12 June	Twenty-Second Session of the Scientific Advisory Board	SAB-21/1, dated 17 June 2014	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
10-12 June	All African nanoscience and nanotechnology initiative	—	Cape Town, South Africa	ICA/ICB
15-19 June	Chemical safety and security workshop for laboratories in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region	—	Buenos Aires, Argentina	ICA/ICB
15-19 June	Advanced assistance and protection course for States Parties of the Latin America and Caribbean region	—	San José, Costa Rica	ICA/APB
15-19 June	Advanced assistance and protection course for States Parties of Asian region	—	Seoul, Republic of Korea	ICA/APB
15-19 June	Eleventh international basic course on assistance and protection against Chemical Weapons	—	Kruševac, Serbia	ICA/APB

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JULY				
7-10 July	Seventy-Ninth Session of the Council	EC-76/6, dated 11 July 2014	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
13-17 July	Swiss basic course	—	Stans, Switzerland	ICA/APB
21-24 July	Training course for National Authorities of States Parties on training escorts for inspections	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
23 July-2 October	Associate Programme 2015	S/1229/2014, dated 16 December 2014	Various locations in the Netherlands and elsewhere	ICA/ICB
AUGUST				
2-5 August	Regional advanced training course for representatives of National Authorities of States Parties in Asia	—	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	ICA/IPB
24-28 August	OPCW assistance and protection course for Russian speaking instructors	—	Svetlaya Roscha, Belarus	ICA/APB
24-28 August	Exercise for Portuguese speaking States Parties	—	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	ICA/APB
26 Aug-2 Sept	Fourth OPCW assistance and protection course for instructors	—	The Hague, The Netherlands	ICA/APB
31 Aug-4 Sept	International training course on assistance and protection against Chemical Weapons	—	Kuopio, Finland	ICA/APB
31 Aug-7 Sept	Fourth regional assistance and protection course for instructors from African States Parties	—	Tshwane, South Africa	ICA/APB
SEPTEMBER				
7-18 September	Course on quality management laboratory, VERIFIN	—	Helsinki, Finland	ICA/ICB
7-18 September	Course on the enhancement of laboratory skills in using quantitative mass spectrometry to analyse chemicals related to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CW-QMS), VERIFIN	—	Helsinki, Finland	ICA/ICB

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14-18 September	Basic course for personnel of National Authorities involved in the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
14-25 September	Subregional LVC basic and advanced course on assistance and protection	—	China, Beijing	ICA/APB
25-27 September	Regional training course for customs authorities of States Parties in Eastern Europe on technical aspects of the transfers regime of the Chemical Weapons Convention	—	Belgrade, Serbia	ICA/IPB
27-30 September	Training course for National Authorities of States Parties in Asia on training escorts for inspections	—	Doha, Qatar	ICA/IPB
27 Sept-13 Oct	Natural products chemistry training and Development Programme towards Implementation of Article XI of the Chemical Weapons Convention for the Asia Region	—	Johor Darul Ta'zim, Malaysia	ICA/ICB
OCTOBER				
5-9 October	Internship programme for legal drafters and National Authorities representatives	S/1227/2014, dated 28 November 2014	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
6-9 October	Eightieth Session of the Council	EC-76/6, dated 11 July 2014	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
13-15 October	Training course for representatives of National Authorities of States Parties involved in fulfilling Article VI declaration requirements of the Chemical Weapons Convention	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
26-30 October	Protection programme for the East African Community: integrated chemical emergency response - planning and operational capabilities	—	Nairobi, Kenya	ICA/APB
NOVEMBER				
2-12 November	Advanced lab skills training course	—	Zemianske Kostoľany, Slovakia	ICA/APB

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8-10 November	Regional meeting of representatives from Chemical Industry and National Authorities of States Parties in Asia	—	Doha, Qatar	ICA/IPB
16-20 November	Internship programme for legal drafters and National Authorities representatives	S/1227/2014, dated 28 November 2014	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
16-20 November	Swiss lab course	—	Spiez, Switzerland	ICA/APB
16-20 November	International advanced assistance and protection course	—	Islamabad, Pakistan	ICA/APB
27-29 November	Seventeenth Annual Meeting of National Authorities	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
30 Nov-4 Dec	Twentieth Session of the Conference of the States Parties	C-16/5 dated, 2 December 2011	World Forum, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
DECEMBER				
December 14-18	Devising draft national and regional plan (EAC project)	—	Entebbe, Uganda	ICA/APB

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