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OPCW CALENDER FOR FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER 2016

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 February to December 2016. It also lists the sessions and meetings of the policy-making organs and their subsidiary bodies that are to take place in 2016. 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 February to December 2016



Annex

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Date	Title	Reference	Location	Secretariat Contact ¹
FEBRUARY				
22-26 February	Swiss Basic Course for French speaking African States Parties	—	Stans, Switzerland	ICA/APB
23-25 February	Seminar on the CWC and chemical safety and security management for Member States in the Asia Region, Doha Regional Centre for CBRN Training	S/1326/2015, dated 13 November 2015	Doha, Qatar	ICA/ICB
MARCH				
1-4 March	Subregional training course for customs officials from East and Southern African States Parties on technical aspects of the transfers regime	S/1335/2015, dated 23 December 2015	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	ICA/IPB
7-11 March	Training course for representatives of National Authorities of States Parties on fulfilling Article VI obligations (declarations and inspections) under the CWC	S/1338/2016, dated 8 January 2016	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
7-11 March	Basic course on Assistance and Protection for States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean	—	Lima, Peru	ICA/APB
14-18 March	Training workshop in Russian on best practices to develop the Responsible Care® Programmes for the chemical industry to be held at the D. Mendeleev University	S/1334/2015, dated 22 December 2015	Moscow, Russian Federation	ICA/ICB

¹ 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

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

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15-18 March	Eighty-First Session of the Executive Council	EC-79/6, dated 9 July 2015	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
20-21 March	Training course for customs authorities of GCC and other Arabic speaking States Parties on transfers regime	—	Doha, Qatar	ICA/IPB
22-24 March	Regional training course for National Authorities on fulfilling Article VI declaration requirements of the CWC	—	Doha, Qatar	ICA/IPB
APRIL				
4-8 April	Course on chemical safety management for Member States in Africa	S/1331/2015, dated 30 November 2015	Wuppertal, Germany	ICA/ICB
4-8 April	Course on chemical safety management for Member States in Asia and in Latin America and the Caribbean	S/1331/2015, dated 30 November 2015	Wuppertal, Germany	ICA/ICB
4-8 April	Third Assistance and Protection exercise for States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean	—	Bogota, Colombia	ICA/APB
4-8 April	Regional Assistance and Protection advanced and exercise course	—	Jakarta, Indonesia	ICA/APB
15 April	Expert Group meeting on green/sustainable chemistry applications in industrial production processes involving highly toxic chemicals	—	The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/ICB
18-22 April	Twenty-Third Session of the Scientific Advisory Board	SAB-22/1, dated 21 July 2015	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
18-20 April	Seminar on the CWC and chemical safety and security management for Member States in the Latin America and the Caribbean	S/1333/2015, dated 18 December 2015	São Paulo, Brazil	ICA/ICB
18-26 April	Basic and advanced course on Assistance and Protection	—	Svetlaya Roshha, Belarus	ICA/APB
19-22 April	Training course for customs officials from North, Central, and West African States Parties on technical aspects of the transfers regime	S/1340/2016, dated 18 January 2016	Abidjan, Côte D'Ivoire	ICA/IPB

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24-28 April	Assistance and Protection basic course for Arabic speaking Member States	—	Muscat, Oman	ICA/APB
25-29 April	Fifth regional advanced course on Assistance and Protection for Member States in the Latin America and the Caribbean	—	Buenos Aires, Argentina	ICA/APB
28 & 29 April	First Meeting of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach	C-20/DEC.9, dated 3 December 2015	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
28 & 29 April	East African Project – mid-term review	—	Kigali, Rwanda	ICA/APB
MAY				
2-4 May	Event to mark the international day for the foundation of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	S/1330/2015, dated 25 November 2015	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ODG, ODDG, OSP
2-12 May	Assistance and Protection training of experts	—	Zemianske Kostol'any, Slovakia	ICA/APB
4-6 May	Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Eastern Europe back to back with Stakeholders meeting on Education and Outreach	—	Vilnius, Lithuania	ICA/IPB
9-13 May	Eligible requests for Laboratory Assistance Programme	—	OPCW Laboratory, Rijswijk, the Netherlands	ICA/ICB
9-20 May	Course on the enhancement of laboratory skills in using liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry to analyse chemicals related to the CWC (CW-LSE), VERIFIN	S/1346/2016, dated 1 February 2016	Helsinki, Finland	ICA/ICB
16-20 May	Assistance and Protection exercise for Central American States Parties and Mexico	—	Guadalajara, Mexico	ICA/APB
16-27 May	Analytical chemistry course (ACC) under the Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa	S/1339/2016, dated 26 January 2016	Pretoria, South Africa	ICA/ICB

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17-20 May	Symposium on women in chemistry and training for women chemists	S/1350/2016, dated 8 February 2016	OPCW Headquarters In The Hague & OPCW Laboratory in Rijswijk, the Netherlands	ICA/ICB
18-20 May	Eighteenth Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality	CC-17/1, dated 22 May 2015	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ODG/OCS
18-25 May	Assistance and Protection course for instructors	—	Lázně Bohdaneč, Czech Republic	ICA/APB
23 May-3 June	Course for Member States in the Latin America and the Caribbean region on the analysis of chemicals related to the CWC in the framework of OPCW Proficiency Testing	S/1342/2016, dated 26 January 2016	Madrid, Spain	ICA/ICB
24-26 May	Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Asia back to back with Stakeholders meeting on Education and Outreach	—	Tehran, Iran	ICA/IPB
30 May-2 June	Basic course on Assistance and Protection	—	Ankara, Turkey	ICA/APB
JUNE				
6-10 June	Fortieth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-39/1, dated 3 September 2015	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ADM/BUD
6-10 June	OPCW Assistance and Protection exercise for Russian speaking States Parties	—	Svetlaja Roshha, Belarus	ICA/APB
6-11 June	International training in Sampling and Analysis	—	Częstochowa, Poland	ICA/APB
13-16 June	Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Africa back to back with Stakeholders meeting on Education and Outreach	—	Johannesburg, South Africa	ICA/IPB
20-22 June	SAB Workshop on Chemical Forensics	—	Helsinki, Finland	OSP

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28-30 June	Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean back to back with Education and Outreach	—	Asuncion, Paraguay,	ICA/IPB
JULY				
4-8 July	Assistance and Protection advanced course	—	Seoul, Republic of Korea	ICA/APB
12-15 July	Eighty-Second Session of the Executive Council	EC-79/6, dated 9 July 2015	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
18-22 July	Swiss basic course	—	Spiez, Switzerland	ICA/APB
18-22 July	Basic course for personnel of National Authorities involved in the implementation of the CWC	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
25 July- 10 Aug	Natural products chemistry training and development programme towards implementation of Article XI of the CWC	—	Johor Darul Ta'zim, Malaysia	ICA/ICB
26-29 July	Training workshop for customs training academies	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
29 July-30 Sept	Associate Programme 2016	S/1329/2015, dated 23 November 2015	Various locations in the Netherlands and elsewhere	ICA/ICB
AUGUST				
15-26 August	Fourth Regional Assistance and Protection course for instructors from African States Parties	—	Tshwane, South Africa	ICA/APB
24 August- 4 Sep	Analytical Skill Development Course, FOI	—	Umeå, Sweden	ICA/ICB
SEPTEMBER				
5-9 September	Asser Institute Summer Programme on WMD	—	The Hague, the Netherlands	ERD

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5-16 September	Course on the enhancement of laboratory skills, Laboratory Quality Management (CW-LQM), VERIFIN	—	Helsinki, Finland	ICA/ICB
20-22 September	Pan African chemical science workshop - All African Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Initiative (AANNI)	—	Cape Town, South Africa	ICA/ICB
20-22 September	Annual meeting of representatives of chemical industry and National Authorities	—	Doha, Qatar	ICA/IPB
25-30 September	TRIPLEX 2016	—	Farsund, Norway	ICA/APB
26-30 September	SADC Project - Planning Meeting	—	Harare, Zimbabwe	ICA/APB
27-30 September	Regional training course for customs authorities of States Parties in Eastern Europe on technical aspects of the transfers regime of the CWC	—	Krakow, Poland	ICA/IPB
OCTOBER				
3-7 October	Lab course	—	The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/APB
11-14 October	Eighty-Third Session of the Executive Council	EC-79/6, dated 9 July 2015	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
17-21 October	International advanced training course on Assistance and Protection against chemical weapons for Arabic-speaking States Parties	—	Amman, Jordan	ICA/APB
18-20 October	Developing/strengthening capacity of regional centres of excellence and training course	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
25-28 October	Twenty-Fourth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board	SAB-22/1, dated 21 July 2015	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
24-28 October	Fourth regional Assistance and Protection exercise for States Parties from Latin America and the Caribbean	—	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	ICA/APB

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NOVEMBER				
14-18 November	Operational Training for EAC States Parties	—	Uganda, Kampala	ICA/APB
21-25 November	International advanced Assistance and Protection course	—	Islamabad, Pakistan	ICA/APB
21-25 November	Swiss lab course	—	Spiez, Switzerland	ICA/APB
23-25 November	Eighteenth Annual Meeting of National Authorities	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	ICA/IPB
28 Nov-2 Dec	Twenty-First Session of the Conference of the States Parties	C-16/5, dated 2 December 2011	World Forum, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
DECEMBER				
6-8 December	Implementation of Article X - Regional Workshop	—	Doha, Qatar	ICA/APB