



**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A JOINT BASIC AND ADVANCED COURSE  
ON ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
FOR RUSSIAN-SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS  
SVETLAYA ROSHCHA, BELARUS  
14 – 23 MAY 2018**

1. The Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) wishes to invite States Parties to nominate Russian-speaking representatives to participate in a joint basic and advanced training course on assistance and protection, which will take place from 14 to 23 May 2018 in Svetlaya Roshcha, Belarus.
2. The course will be jointly organised by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and the Government of Belarus, and will provide training for up to 20 instructors who are involved in responding to chemical emergency incidents. The course will cover the following topics:
  - (a) protection of personnel during a chemical emergency;
  - (b) rescue and decontamination operations in contaminated areas; and
  - (c) appropriate responses and countermeasures in the event of incidents involving chemical-warfare agents or toxic chemicals.
3. The course will also provide an overview of the kinds of assistance the OPCW can provide, and will help participating States Parties to enhance the ability and skills of instructors in their countries to offer training in how to provide protection against chemical weapons and other toxic chemicals, as well as in how to manage chemical incidents.
4. The course will offer an introduction to the use of individual and collective protective equipment; to monitoring, detection, and decontamination; and to sampling techniques. It will also facilitate the exchange of information and experiences regarding the implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”), and provide a forum for States Parties to discuss how they can cooperate in the future and what further offers they might make to the OPCW under Article X. The course will include field emergency response exercises.



5. Given the purpose of the course and its technical nature, candidates will be carefully selected according to the following criteria:
  - (a) All participants should be first responders and/or instructors/trainers, or be involved in developing an emergency response system in their own countries.
  - (b) All participants must have a good oral and written command of Russian, because all activities during the course will be conducted in Russian and no interpretation services of any kind will be available.
  - (c) Preference will be given to instructors from emergency response units, such as firefighters, ambulance personnel, and police officers.
  - (d) Participants must be physically fit and capable of wearing individual protective gear for several hours at a time. Some practical experience with protective equipment is desirable.
6. Applications will be carefully screened on the basis of the criteria specified in paragraph 5 above. Only the most suitable applicants will be selected.
7. The Secretariat expects to be able to sponsor a limited number of participants from States Parties. For sponsored participants, it will cover the costs of accommodation and meals. Further details regarding accommodation, the course venue, and transport will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.
8. When making travel arrangements for sponsored participants, the Secretariat will seek the most economical options. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive no earlier than **Sunday, 13 May 2018**, and to depart no later than **Thursday, 24 May 2018**. The Secretariat's approval is required for any changes to the arrival and departure dates of sponsored participants. The Secretariat will not cover expenses unrelated to the course or that result from changes in travel arrangements that it has not authorised. Sponsored participants shall bear all costs resulting from changes they make, including cancellations, once the Secretariat has purchased their tickets. Participants who have not been sponsored are requested to make their own travel arrangements.
9. Participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas before travelling to Belarus. Interested applicants are invited to complete the nomination form that is included as Annex 2 to this Note, making sure to provide all contact details and to indicate their dietary preferences. Completed forms should be sent to the Director, International Cooperation and Assistance Division, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands. Nominations may be submitted by email to [EmergAssistBr@opcw.org](mailto:EmergAssistBr@opcw.org) (the subject line of the email should refer to the name and location of the course). All materials must be received by the Secretariat **no later than 12 March 2018**.

10. Additional information on the course may be obtained from the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact person is Ms Ditta Ciganikova, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3261.

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Provisional Programme
- Annex 2: Nomination Form

## Annex 1

**JOINT BASIC AND ADVANCED COURSE ON ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION  
AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS FOR RUSSIAN-SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS  
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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b><i>Monday, 14 May 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 09:30	Opening ceremony
09:30 – 10:20	Course presentation, definition of aims. Group photo
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 11:55	Introduction to the Institute for Retraining and Professional Development
11:55 – 12:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
12:10 – 13:30	Lecture: The Chemical Weapons Convention
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Lecture: Chemical threat – Chemical weapons, dangerous chemicals, chemical terrorism
15:50 – 16:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:10 – 17:20	Thematic discussion: After-effects of chemical incidents
<b><i>Tuesday, 15 May 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:20	Lecture-discussion: Personal protective equipment
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 11:55	Lecture-discussion: Devices for chemical detection and control
11:55 – 12:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
12:10 – 13:30	Lecture-discussion: Decontamination procedures
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Lecture-discussion: Medical response at the scene of the incident
15:50 – 16:05	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
<b><i>Wednesday, 16 May 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:20	Practical training: Personal protective equipment (Group 1)
	Practical training: Devices for chemical detection and control (Group 2)
	Practical training: Decontamination procedures (Group 3)
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 11:55	Practical training: Personal protective equipment (Group 3)
	Practical training: Devices for chemical detection and control (Group 1)
	Practical training: Decontamination procedures (Group 2)
11:55 – 12:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
12:10 – 13:30	Practical training: Personal protective equipment (Group 2)
	Practical training: Devices for chemical detection and control (Group 3)
	Practical training: Decontamination procedures (Group 1)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Lecture: Organisation of actions the impact area
15:50 – 16:05	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:05 – 17:20	Table-top exercise: Role of the incident commander at the scene

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b><i>Thursday, 17 May 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 13:30	Practical training: Modern means of chemical agent detection (Special Rescue Team of the Belarus Ministry for Emergency Situations (MES))
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch in Minsk</i>
14:30 – 17:20	Discussion: Coordination of emergency service activities during a chemical incident response (Management & Response Centre of the MES Belarus)
<b><i>Friday, 18 May 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 13:30	Practical training: Location and elimination of dangerous agents (chemical facilities)
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:55	Briefing: Location and elimination of dangerous agents
<b><i>Saturday, 19 May 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:20	Basics of psychological support for first responders and victims of chemical incidents
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 11:55	Basics of psychological support for first responders and victims of chemical incidents ( <i>cont'd</i> )
11:55 – 12:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
12:10 – 13:30	Basics of psychological support for first responders and victims of chemical incidents ( <i>cont'd</i> )
<b><i>Monday, 21 May 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:20	Practical training: Location and elimination of dangerous agents (air transport)
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 13:30	Practical training: Location and elimination of dangerous agents (air transport) ( <i>cont'd</i> )
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Practical training: Location and elimination of dangerous agents (air transport) ( <i>cont'd</i> )
15:50 – 16:05	Briefing: Location and elimination of dangerous agents (air transport)
<b><i>Tuesday, 22 May 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:20	Practical training: Location and elimination of dangerous agents (road transport)
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 13:30	Practical training: Location and elimination of dangerous agents (road transport) ( <i>cont'd</i> )
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:50	Practical training: Location and elimination of dangerous agents (road transport) ( <i>cont'd</i> )
15:50 – 16:05	Briefing: Location and elimination of dangerous agents (road transport)
<b><i>Wednesday, 23 May 2018</i></b>	
09:00 – 10:20	Practical training (exercise): Location and elimination of dangerous agents (railway transport)
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:35 – 13:30	Practical training (exercise): Location and elimination of dangerous agents (railway transport) ( <i>cont'd</i> )
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Course evaluation
15:00 – 15:50	Closing ceremony

## Annex 2

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**NOMINATION FORM**

**Please type or use BLOCK LETTERS**

Government body making the nomination	
Family name of nominee*	
First name(s)*	
Date of birth	Day                      Month                      Year
Citizenship	
Gender**	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Passport number	
Date of issue	Day                      Month                      Year
Expiry date	Day                      Month                      Year
Place of issue	
Areas of expertise	
Employer	
Position	
Employer's address (please do not give a post-office box number)	Street
	Number                      Postcode
	City
	Country
Email address	
Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home
	Work
	Mobile
Fax numbers, including country and city codes	Home
	Work
Has the nominee previously attended a course of this kind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, when and where?
Is sponsorship a condition of participation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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Please give the first and family names exactly as they appear in the nominee's passport.

For this and all like items, please tick the appropriate box.

Airport of departure		
Dietary preferences	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Halal <input type="checkbox"/>
	Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Size	Gloves	S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/>
	Boots (number)	
	Height (m)	
	Weight (kg)	

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