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OPCW CALENDAR FOR MARCH TO DECEMBER 2018

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 2018. It also lists the sessions and meetings of the policy-making organs and their subsidiary bodies that are to take place in 2018. 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 2018



Annex

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Date	Title	Reference	Location	Secretariat Contact ¹
MARCH				
27 Feb-1 Mar	Fifth Session of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach	ABEO-4/1, dated 31 August 2017	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
5-9 March	Sub-regional basic course and field exercise on assistance and protection for States Parties of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation	—	Dhaka, Bangladesh	APB
12-16 March	Swiss exercise	—	Spiez, Switzerland	APB
13-16 March	Eighty-Seventh Session of the Executive Council	Decided at EC-85	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
13 March	Science for Diplomats at EC-87 – Science, technology and the Chemical Weapons Convention: a preview of the Scientific Advisory Boards Report to the Fourth Review Conference	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
19-23 March	Twenty-Seventh Session of the Scientific Advisory Board	SAB-26/1, dated 20 October 2017	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP

¹ Legend for Division and Branch names:

APB: Assistance and Protection Branch
 BUD: Budget, Planning and Control Branch
 ICB: International Cooperation Branch

IPB: Implementation Support Branch
 OCS: Office of Confidentiality and Security
 OSP: Office of Strategy and Policy

PAB: Public Affairs Branch
 PMO: Secretariat for the Policy-Making Organs

Date	Title	Reference	Location	Secretariat Contact ¹
APRIL				
9-13 April	Seventh regional basic training course on emergency response to chemical incidents for States Parties in Asia	S/1558/2017*, dated 21 Nov 2017	Kathmandu, Nepal	APB
9-13 April	General training course for personnel of National Authorities and relevant stakeholders on Chemical Weapons Convention	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	IPB
10-12 April	Workshop on needs assessment and best practices on chemical safety and security management	—	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	ICB
16-20 April	Responsible Care ® Workshop in Russian	—	Moscow, Russia	ICB
23-27 April	Basic course for Latin American and Caribbean Countries on response to incidents involving chemical warfare agents and with toxic industrial chemicals	S/1565/2018, dated 4 January 2018	Panama City, Panama	APB
MAY				
7-9 May	Twentieth Meeting of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality	CC-19/1, dated 19 May 2017	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OCS
7-9 May	Seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention and chemical safety and security management for Asian Member States of the OPCW	S/1571/2018, dated 30 January 2018	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	ICB
7-9 May	Seventeenth regional meeting of National Authorities in Eastern Europe	—	Prague, Czech Republic	IPB
7-11 May	Sampling and analysis in contaminated environments	—	Częstochowa, Poland	APB
7-18 May	Analytical chemistry course under the OPCW Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention	S/1552/2017, dated 8 November 2017	Pretoria, South Africa	ICB
14-23 May	Basic and advanced course on assistance and protection for Russian speaking participants	—	Svetlaya Roshcha, Belarus	APB
16-24 May	Assistance and protection training for instructors	—	Lázně Bohdaneč, Czech Republic	APB

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21-25 May	Basic Course on Assistance and Protection for Portuguese speaking participants	—	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	APB
21-25 May	Advanced course and exercise on chemical emergency response under Article X for States Parties from Latin America and the Caribbean	—	Buenos Aires, Argentina	APB
JUNE				
4-8 June	Advanced Assistance and Protection course for first responders in Asia	—	Seoul, Republic of Korea	APB
4-14 June	Live agent training for experts	—	Zemianske Kostol'any, Slovakia	APB
5-8 June	Forty-Fourth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	ABAF-43/1, dated 1 September 2017	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	BUD
7 & 8 June	Conference on countering chemical terrorism	S/1570/2018, dated 25 January 2018	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
11-27 June	Course on analysis of chemicals related to the Chemical Weapons Convention in the framework of OPCW Proficiency Testing in Spanish	—	Madrid, Spain	ICB
19-21 June	Sixteenth regional meeting of National Authorities in Africa	—	Marrakesh, Morocco	IPB
19-21 June	Sixteenth regional meeting of National Authorities in Asia	—	Thimphu, Bhutan	IPB
25-29 June	International basic assistance and protection course	—	Ankara, Turkey	APB

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JULY				
2-6 July	Swiss basic course	—	Spiez, Switzerland	APB
3-5 July	Workshop on needs assessment and best practices on integrated chemicals management/chemical safety and security management	—	Santiago, Chile	ICB
10-13 July	Eighty-Eighth Session of the Executive Council	Decided at EC-85	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
11 July	Science for Diplomats at EC-88	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
23-27 July	Regional advanced course for police first responders	—	Bogotá, Colombia	APB
31 Jul-3 Aug	Forty-Fifth Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	BUD
AUGUST				
3 Aug-5 Oct	Associate Programme 2018	S/1547/2017, dated 18 October 2017	Various locations in the Netherlands and elsewhere	ICB
6-10 August	Nineteenth Internship Programme for legal drafters and National Authority representatives	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	IPB
15-17 August	Sub-regional planning and coordination meeting	—	Khartoum, Sudan	APB
28-30 August	Sixth Session of the Advisory Board on Education and Outreach	ABEO-4/1, dated 31 August 2017	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP

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SEPTEMBER				
3-7 September	Training Course for Representatives of National Authorities of States Parties Involved in Fulfilling Article VI Declaration Requirements of the CWC	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	IPB
10-21 September	Course on enhancement of laboratory skills, LC-MS (CW-NMR) VERIFIN	—	Helsinki, Finland	ICB
10-21 September	Course on the enhancement of laboratory skills, laboratory quality management (CW-QMS), VERIFIN	—	Helsinki, Finland	ICB
23 September	Open Day	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PAB
24-28 September	Wuppertal annual course on loss prevention and safety promotion in the chemical process industries	S/1555/2017, dated 14 November 2017	Wuppertal, Germany	ICB
26 & 27 Sept	Follow up workshop on the training of trainers at a global level	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	IPB
OCTOBER				
1-5 October	International course on medical aspects of assistance and protection against chemical weapons	—	Teheran, Iran (Islamic Republic of)	APB
9-12 October	Eighty-Ninth Session of the Executive Council	Decided at EC-85	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
9 October	Science for Diplomats at EC-89	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	OSP
15-19 October	Twentieth internship programme for legal drafters and National Authority Representatives	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	IPB
29-31 October	Annual assistance coordination workshop	—	Marrakesh, Morocco	APB

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NOVEMBER				
5-9 November	Swiss laboratory course	—	Spiez, Switzerland	APB
6-8 November	Twentieth Annual Meeting of National Authorities	—	OPCW Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands	IPB
12-16 November	Advanced course on assistance and protection for Arabic speaking States Parties from North Africa	—	Amman, Jordan	APB
12-16 November	International advanced assistance and protection course for States Parties of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation	—	Pakistan, Islamabad	APB
19 & 20 Nov	Twenty-Third Session of the Conference of the States Parties	C-22/5*, dated 1 December 2017	World Forum, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO
21-30 November	Fourth Review Conference	C-22/5*, dated 1 December 2017	World Forum, The Hague, the Netherlands	PMO/OSP

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