



NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR A LIVE-AGENT TRAINING COURSE FOR EXPERTS
ZEMIANSKE KOSTOL'ANY, SLOVAKIA
4 – 14 JUNE 2018**

1. The Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) wishes to invite States Parties to nominate representatives to participate in a live chemical warfare agent training course, which will take place from 4 to 14 June 2018 in Zemianske Kostol'any, Slovakia.
2. The course is jointly organised by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and the Government of Slovakia, and will provide training for up to 15 qualified participants who may be called upon to respond to chemical emergencies in their home country. The course will cover the following topics:
 - (a) detection of chemical warfare agents;
 - (b) donning and doffing of chemical protective clothing;
 - (c) preparation of samples for transport;
 - (d) decontamination operations; and
 - (e) appropriate responses and countermeasures in the event of incidents involving chemical warfare agents or toxic chemicals.
3. The course will provide participants with an opportunity to practice advanced elements of contaminated scene operations in the presence of live chemical warfare agents.
4. 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 the development of the chemical emergency-response system in their own countries.
 - (b) All participants must have a good oral and written command of English, as all activities during the course will be conducted in English and no interpretation services of any kind will be available.



- (c) Preference will be given to individuals who have demonstrable competency in the principles of chemical scene operations, including but not limited to, completion of the OPCW assistance-and-protection training cycle.
 - (d) Participants must be physically fit and capable of wearing individual protective gear for several hours at a time.
 - (e) Selected participants will be required to supply a “Confirmation of Health Status” from their personal healthcare provider, as required by the host facility.
5. Applications will be carefully screened on the basis of the criteria specified in paragraph 4 above. Only the most suitable applicants will be selected.
 6. 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 transportation, accommodation, and meals. Further details regarding the venue and other course-specific arrangements will be issued to all confirmed participants at a later date.
 7. In order for the Secretariat to keep costs to a minimum, sponsored participants are expected to arrive no earlier than Sunday, 3 June 2018, and to depart no later than Friday, 15 June 2018.
 8. Sponsored participants shall bear all costs not related to the course, or resulting from any itinerary changes made without explicit approval from the Secretariat. Participants who have not been sponsored are requested to make their own travel arrangements in accordance with paragraph 7 above. All participants are requested to obtain all necessary visas before travelling to the Slovakia, including transit visas.
 9. Interested applicants are invited to register their nomination online **no later than 6 April 2018** through Eventus—the OPCW event management system. The Eventus registration link is accessible via the OPCW website at: <http://apps.opcw.org/eventus>. Please note that all questions marked with an asterisk (*) must be answered in order for the nomination to be received and for the candidate to be considered for this event. Interested applicants who, for technical reasons, are unable to submit their application online via Eventus are requested to contact the Assistance and Protection Branch at EmergAssistBr@opcw.org, with reference to the name and location of the event in the subject line of the message. Those who have been selected to participate will be contacted no later than two weeks after the submission deadline.
 10. Additional information on the course may be obtained from the International Cooperation and Assistance Division. The contact person is Mr Guy Valente, who can be reached at +31 (0)70 416 3423.

Annex: Provisional Programme

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
<i>Monday, 4 June 2018</i>	
07:00	Blood draw
08:30 – 12:30	Opening, facility presentation, training programme, safety and medical instructions, presentations on the character of chemical warfare agents (CWAs), CWA health effects, first aid, detection of CWAs
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 17:00	Individual protective equipment (IPE) distribution, laboratory demonstration, tour of the NBC Technical Training Centre, demonstration of decontamination control, demonstration of IPE use, gas mask test
<i>Tuesday, 5 June 2018</i>	
08:00 – 12:30	Briefing, detection of CWAs, decontamination of CWAs, self-decontamination, sample transport preparation, rescue exercise, simulants
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 17:00	Individual training: First contact with CWAs, simulants, evaluation
<i>Wednesday, 6 June 2018</i>	
08:00 – 12:30	Briefing, individual training: First contact with CWAs, CWAs, decontamination, hygiene
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 17:00	Detection of simulants and false positives, exercise on preparation of decontamination solutions, exercise on personal decontamination, simulants, evaluation
<i>Thursday, 7 June 2018</i>	
08:00 – 12:30	Briefing, exercise: CWA detection and decontamination of common surfaces – CWAs, decontamination, hygiene
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 17:00	Team exercise: Complex samples that require preparation, simulants, decontamination, hygiene, evaluation
<i>Friday, 8 June 2018</i>	
08:00 – 12:30	Briefing, team exercise: Complex samples that require preparation, CWAs, decontamination, hygiene, evaluation
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:45 – 16:15	Exercise: Detection and sampling from improvised explosive devices, detection and sampling from waste incineration residues, simulants, evaluation
<i>Saturday, 9 June 2018</i>	
08:00 – 12:30	Presentations (hotel): CWA analysis in field conditions, sampling (methods, types of samples, sampling equipment)

Time	Activity
<i>Monday, 11 June 2018</i>	
08:00 – 12:30	Briefing, team exercise: Detection, sampling and decontamination of CWAs on vehicles, CWAs, decontamination, hygiene
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 17:00	Team exercise: Detection and sampling from collectors of drinkable water, detection and sampling from ammunition, simulants, evaluation
<i>Tuesday, 12 June 2018</i>	
08:00 – 12:30	Briefing, final complex exercise focused on detection of CWAs, their sampling and decontamination – samples preparation for transport, CWAs, decontamination, hygiene
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 17:00	Team exercise: Illegal laboratory – detection and sampling, detection and sampling after road incident, simulants, evaluation
<i>Wednesday, 13 June 2018</i>	
08:00 – 12:30	Briefing, laboratory analysis of samples collected during the training, CWAs, decontamination, hygiene
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 17:00	Team exercise: Collection of samples in poor visual conditions, simulants, evaluation
<i>Thursday, 14 June 2018</i>	
07:00 – 12:30	Blood draw (hotel), IPE cleaning and return, evaluation of training, official closure
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 17:00	Social activities for participants, organised by the Ministry of the Economy
<i>Friday, 15 June 2018</i>	
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