



## ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The Hague, 6 May 2021

L/ICA/ICB/ICB-28/21

**OPCW**

Johan de Wittlaan 32

2517 JR

The Hague

The Netherlands

+31 (0)70 416 33 00

[www.opcw.org](http://www.opcw.org)

Excellencies,

I am pleased to inform you that the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is organising a Symposium on Women in Chemistry scheduled online on 1 July 2021. This programme is financially supported by the European Union.

The theme for this year's symposium is "Fostering a Culture of Promoting Peaceful Uses of Chemistry". This year's thematic topic underlines that more women need to be engaged and represented in the international endeavour to prevent the re-emergence of chemical weapons and to bring the benefits of peaceful chemistry to all.

The aim of the symposium is to illustrate the strength and depth of the contributions of women to peaceful uses of chemistry, including chemical safety and security; to raise awareness of opportunities for capacity and knowledge development for women in chemistry; and to promote international solidarity and cooperation developing human capital for the future of peaceful chemistry, be it in international organisations, government, industry, or academia.

This year Symposium will provide opportunities for the Secretariat to share our experience with the Member States on the OPCW effort to support gender mainstream, women opportunity to join the OPCW capacity building programme. In addition, it also highlight the OPCW as member of International Gender Champions initiative, a leadership network that brings together female and male decision-makers to break down gender barriers and make gender equality a working reality in their spheres of influence

National Authorities of Member States to the OPCW

c.c: Permanent Representations of Member States to the OPCW

The symposium is open to women who:

- (a) have a minimum of a first degree (BSc or equivalent) in chemistry, analytical chemistry, or chemical engineering from a recognised university or institution;
- (b) have professional working experience in academia, science and technology institutions, chemical industry or industry associations, or regulatory or promotional agencies related to chemical sciences;

Due to the impact of and restrictions posed by COVID-19, this symposium will be held online via Microsoft Teams platform.

In this respect, I would like to invite the National Authorities and Permanent Representations to nominate representative(s) to participate in this event. The online live session is scheduled at 12.00 pm (The Hague time), Thursday, 1 July 2021.

Completed nomination form should be addressed to the International Cooperation Branch, OPCW, Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, Netherlands, and submitted by email to [icb.events@opcw.org](mailto:icb.events@opcw.org), indicating "Symposium on Women in Chemistry".

To facilitate further arrangements, it will be highly appreciated that your nomination be submitted at your earliest convenience, but before Friday, 4 June 2021.

Additional information about this workshop can be obtained from Ms Halimatussaadia Mat Som, Programme Officer, who can be reached at [halimatus.matsom@opcw.org](mailto:halimatus.matsom@opcw.org).

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Head, International Cooperation Branch

Enclosed: Annex 1: Provisional programme  
Annex 2: Nomination form

**SYMPOSIUM ON WOMEN IN CHEMISTRY  
1 JULY 2021**

**Provisional Programme**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
11:30 – 12:00	Online Registration for Attendance
12.00 – 12.10	Opening Session
12:10 – 12:40	Session 1: Fostering a Culture of Promoting Peaceful Uses of Chemistry
12:40 – 13:25	Session 2: Strengthening the Role of Women Scientist in Promoting Peaceful Chemistry
13:25 – 13:55	Session 3: Women as Force for Peaceful Uses of Chemistry: Opportunities for Women
13:55 – 14:00	Online Evaluation
14:00	Closing

**SYMPOSIUM ON WOMEN IN CHEMISTRY**  
**1 JULY 2021**

**CONTACT DETAILS FORM**

Please submit the completed form to:  
The Head, International Cooperation Branch, OPCW  
Johan de Wittlaan 32, 2517 JR The Hague, the Netherlands  
Fax: +31 (0)70 306 3535 or +31 (0)70 416 3228; e-mail: [icb.events@opcw.org](mailto:icb.events@opcw.org)

Please type or use **BLOCK LETTERS**.

1	Family name of nominee*			
2	First name(s)*			
3	Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
4	Citizenship			
5	Gender**	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Employer			
7	Position			
8	Contact address (Please do not give a post-office box number)	Street		
		Number	Post code	
		City		
		Country		
9	E-mail address			
10	Telephone numbers, including country and city codes	Home		
		Work		
		Mobile		

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

\*\* For these and all like items, please tick the appropriate box.

**SYMPOSIUM ON WOMEN IN CHEMISTRY  
1 JULY 2021**

**ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Head/Chief Coordinator of the National Authority of the State Party of \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of the Government of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby endorse the nomination of Ms \_\_\_\_\_, holding the position/designation of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Office/Division/Branch of \_\_\_\_\_, as indicated in the attached nomination form, for participation in the Symposium on Women in Chemistry, to be held online, on 1 July 2021.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Official seal of the Organisation: