

FORUM ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF CHEMISTRY: POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE OPCW TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

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MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR FERNANDO ARIAS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE OPCW



I am honoured to welcome you to the third edition of the *Forum on Peaceful Uses of Chemistry*. The theme of this year's forum is the "*Potential Contribution of the OPCW to the Achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*" (SDGs). Your exchange of experiences will serve as a basis for promoting the peaceful uses of chemistry for the contribution to sustainable social, economic and environmental development.

Global peace and security is the foundation on which sustainable development rests. The OPCW's founding goal of ridding the world of chemical weapons is a direct contribution to securing a peaceful world (SDG 16 – Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).

As the custodian of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), our work reaches far beyond disarmament. As this event demonstrates, the OPCW is firmly committed to fostering the development of chemistry for peaceful purposes as provided for in Article XI of the CWC.

Our support for chemical industry development, free trade in chemicals and the open exchange of information and knowledge about the peaceful application of chemistry helps our States Parties develop industry and drive innovation (SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure). To ensure the achievement of this core objective at national, regional and global levels, the OPCW is running a wide spectrum of tailor-made and on demand capacity building activities and programmes. Our work in this area also promotes cooperation among stakeholders in legal, scientific, military, law enforcement and other spheres.

Our near universal membership (193 Member States) facilitates effective partnership building among stakeholders around the world (SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals). This forum demonstrates how the OPCW uses its global reach to promote international solidarity and cooperation to advance in sharing the benefits of chemistry for the safety and wellbeing of all.

There are many complex and global challenges that require the full mobilisation of the best and the brightest. Chemistry has an important contribution to make in terms of solutions to these challenges, from climate change to peace and security.

Through this forum, I hope you will benefit from sharing your experiences and ideas to build partnerships and explore synergies in line with the SDGs. Supporting the peaceful uses of chemistry is critical for creating a safer, more prosperous, more equitable and peaceful world. Together, we will raise awareness of the importance of capacity building in this area and seize this opportunity to build international solidarity on this critical issue.

PROGRAMME

Time	Agenda		
08:30 -09:00	Arrival and registration		
	Group Photo		
9:00 - 09:15	Opening Ceremony		
09:15 – 10:15	First Session: Overview of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and OPCW Capacity Building Activities in Contributing to the SDGs		
	Moderator: Mr Cheng Tang, Vice Chairperson, Scientific Advisory Board		
	Speakers:		
	Sound Management of Chemicals within the SDGs: The Challenges of Implementing an Integrated Approach Mr Pierre Quiblier, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment (UNEP)		
	OPCW Capacity Building Activities in Contributing to the SDGs Mr Shawn DeCaluwe, Acting Head, International Cooperation Branch, OPCW		
	Contribution of the Chemical Weapons Convention to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals Ms Agata Justyna Gaca, Institute of Industrial Organic Chemistry, Poland		
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee/tea break		
10:30 – 11:30	Second Session: Peaceful Applications of Chemistry		
	Moderator: Mr Cheng Tang, Vice Chairperson, Scientific Advisory Board		
	Speakers:		
	Peaceful Application of Chemistry: Industry Perspectives		

Ms Deidré Penfold, Executive Director, Chemical and Allied Industries' Association, South Africa

The Green Chemistry: The Way Forward

Dr Pietro Tundo, Chair of IUPAC Interdivisional Committee on Green Chemistry for Sustainable Development

Designing Peace: One Molecule at a Time

Dr Paul Anastas, Director for Green Chemistry and Green Engineering, Yale University, United States of America

11:30 – 12:30 **Third Session:** Chemical Safety, Security and Sustainability

Moderator: Mr Cheng Tang, Vice Chairperson, Scientific Advisory Board

Speakers:

<u>Contributions of the Chemical Industry to the Sustainable Development Goals</u>
Ms Ann Dierckx, Sustainable Development Director, European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)

<u>Chemical Safety & Security and the Sustainable Development Goals</u>
Dr Austin Ochieng Aluoch, Senior Lecturer, Technical University of Kenya,
Kenya

Sustainable Chemistry: The OPCW and the SDGs
Dr Klaus Kümmerer, Director of the Institute of Sustainable and Environmental
Chemistry, University of Luneburg, Germany

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 –14:40 **Forth Session:** Gender Mainstreaming

Moderator: Mr Cheng Tang, Vice Chairperson, Scientific Advisory Board

Speakers:

<u>Canada's Feminist Foreign Policy within the OPCW Framework</u>
Ms Sumita Dixit, Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of Canada to OPCW, Canada

Gender Equality and Empowerment at the OPCW

Ms Michelle Oliel, Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Adviser, OPCW

14:40 –16:40 **Fifth Session:** Building Institutional Synergies on Promoting International Cooperation on SDGs

Moderator: Mr Cheng Tang, Vice Chairperson, Scientific Advisory Board

Speakers:

OECD Chemicals Programme Contribution to SDG Goals

Dr Eeva Leinala, Principal Administrator, Hazard Assessment and Risk Reduction Programme, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (Video Conference)

Sound Management of Chemicals to Achieve the SDGs: International Responses to Activate Synergies and Cooperation

Mr Pierre Quiblier, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment (UNEP)

<u>Learning and Dissemination as Means of Promoting Peaceful Application of Chemistry and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals: A Personal Experience</u>

Dr Adeyinka Olubumi Fasakin, Lecturer, Ekiti State University, Nigeria (Video Conference)

PEACE, the Foundation for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals - Indonesia's Perspective

Dr Wuri Wuryani, Lecturer, Resource of Competencies in Chemical Learning Centre, Indonesia

<u>Do We Prepare Next Generation of Chemists for the Complex Challenges of Sustainability?</u>

Dr Mariana Dennehy, Lecturer, Universidad Nacional del Sur, Argentina

How to identify the most relevant Sustainable Development Goals for your organization: A Science-Based Case Study of a Multinational Enterprise Dr Detlef Maennig, Vice President Corporate Responsibility, Evonik Industries AG, Germany

16:40 – 17:00 *Coffee/tea break*

17:00 – 18:00 Recommendations and Closing

Moderators:

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