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of Chemical Weapons

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Annual OPCW – Asser Training Programme

on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass

Destruction

The Hague, The Netherlands

Dates: 26 – 30 October 2026

Day 1 – International Arms Control Law; Non-Proliferation

Monday, 26 October

09:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration</i>
10:00 – 10:45	Opening and Round of Introductions Dr León Castellanos-Jankiewicz (<i>Researcher, Asser Institute</i>) Keynote Address
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	International Arms Control Law Simon Cleobury (<i>Head of Arms Control and Disarmament Research and Policy Advice Department at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy</i>)
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	The Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Treaties Dr Sico van der Meer (<i>Research Fellow at Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael</i>)
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>

15:30 – 17:00	The Future of Nuclear Arms Control and Strategic Stability Dr Oliver Meier (<i>Policy & Research Director, European Leadership Network</i>)
18:30	<i>Opening Dinner – TBD</i>

Day 2 - Nuclear Weapons; Field Visit

Tuesday, 27 October

09:00–10:30	Nuclear Safeguards Ionut Suseanu (<i>Head of the Non-Proliferation and Policy-Making Section, International Atomic Energy Agency</i>)
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:45 – 12:00	Banning the tests: the International Legal Regime for Nuclear Testing Dr Ana Sánchez-Cobaleda (<i>Assistant Professor of International Law, University of Barcelona</i>)
12:00 – 12:45	<i>Lunch</i>
12:45 – 13:15	<i>Transport to the Technical University (TU) Delft Nuclear Research Reactor</i>
13:15 – 17:00	Field Visit: TU-Delft Nuclear Research Reactor
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Transport from TU-Delft Nuclear Research Reactor to the Asser Institute</i>

Day 3 – Weapons Governance and Emerging Technologies

Wednesday, 28 October

09:00 – 10:30	Export Control Regimes Dr Sibylle Bauer (<i>Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI</i>)
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:45 – 11:45	Simulation Exercise on Export Controls Regimes Dr Sibylle Bauer (<i>Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI</i>)
11:45 – 12:45	<i>Lunch</i>
12:45– 14:15	Weapons of Mass Destruction and Emerging Technologies Dr James Reville (<i>Programme Lead, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Other Strategic Weapons, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research UNIDIR</i>)
14:15 – 14:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
14:30 – 16:00	The Biological Weapons Convention Speaker of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs - TBD

16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
16:30 – 18:00	Biological Weapons' Misuse and Emerging Technologies Dr Miranda Smith (<i>Researcher, SIPRI</i>)

Day 4 - Chemical Weapons; Field Visit

Thursday, 29 October

09:00 – 09:30	<i>Walk from Asser Institute to OPCW</i>
09:30 – 10:30	OPCW and the Chemical Weapons Convention OPCW Staff (<i>TBD</i>)
10:30 – 11:30	Chemical Weapons Demilitarisation: Achievements and Challenges OPCW Staff (<i>TBD</i>)
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11:45 – 12:45	National Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention: Challenges and Opportunities OPCW Staff (<i>TBD</i>)
12:45 – 14:00	Scientific and Technological Developments: Biological and Chemical Disarmament in a Technologically Evolving World OPCW Staff (<i>TBD</i>)
14:00 – 14:45	<i>Travel to the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech)</i>
14:45 – 17:00	Guided Tour of the ChemTech Centre
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Travel from the ChemTech Centre to the Asser Institute</i>

Day 5 - Current Challenges

Friday, 30 October

09:00 – 09:45	Conventional Weapons and Emerging Technologies Dr. León Castellanos-Jankiewicz (<i>Researcher, Asser Institute</i>)
09:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:00 – 11:30	Non-Proliferation Case Study: The DPRK Nuclear Issue Dr Edward Howell (<i>Lecturer in International Relations, University of Oxford</i>)
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
12:00 – 13:30	WMD Threats and Risks in the Middle East

	Dr Abdolrasool Farzam Divsallar (<i>Senior Researcher, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research</i>)
13:30 – 14:00	<i>Programme Evaluation</i>
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Public Panel Discussion: Topic TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPCW Staff (<i>TBD</i>) •
16:00 – 17:00	Closing Reception