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NATIONAL AUTHORITY CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
CABINET SECRETARIAT, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
1st FLOOR, CHANAKYA BHAVAN
CHANAKYAPURI, NEW DELHI-110 021

Dear Sanket ji,

5.7.2024

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The National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC) has been set up under the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India to fulfil the obligations of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Convention) and to act as the National focal point for effective liaison with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and other State Parties on matters relating to the Convention.

2. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), an intergovernmental organization for implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), based at The Hague, Netherlands, has invited proposals from researchers and scientists across its Member States on Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions for better implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and building capabilities of OPCW, including applications across various disciplines relevant to the Convention, such as robotics, cloud laboratories, drones, and biotechnology.

3. The objective of the AI Challenge is to identify how AI can be used to enhance the capabilities of the Organization and contribute to ensuring that it is best equipped and prepared to address current and future challenges in the field. **It should be noted that the proposed AI solutions should relate to implementation of the Convention and that proposals related to enhancing governance or business processes at the OPCW will not be considered under this call.**

4. Four proposals will be awarded a fixed-price contract of up to EUR 65,000 with a duration of one year. A concept paper received from the OPCW in this regard is annexed for further information/clarification. Additional information can be found on the OPCW webpage dedicated to this AI Challenge (<https://www.opcw.org/aichallenge>).

5. The interested researchers and scientists may submit their detailed proposal in this regard to the National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), Cabinet Secretariat for examination and forwarding the same to the OPCW for consideration. The schedule of submission of the proposals are as under:

Last Date for submission of the proposal (to NACWC)	-	22nd July, 2024
Presentation and discussion (in NACWC)	-	25th July, 2024
Revised proposed/ presentation (if required)	-	30th July, 2024

6. The detailed proposal in this regard may be sent to NACWC, Cabinet Secretariat through email at: adviser-nacwc@gov.in OR jd-nacwc@gov.in. Please reach out to Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo, Adviser (Tel. No. 24675694) OR Dr. Arjun Singh, Joint Director (Tel. No. 24675465) for more information, if any. follow up review on the submitted challenge proposal may take place through VC/ personal meeting on 24th July, 2024 and 31 July, 2024 respectively.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,
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