

February 7, 2023

**Official Letter of Invitation to attend the Supply Chain Diligence and Know-Your-Customer Workshop to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria March 24, 2023.**

Dear participant,

CRDF Global and Българска стопанска камара (Bulgarian Industrial Association (BIA)), on behalf of the U.S. Department of State's Chemical Security Program (CSP), are pleased to invite you to attend the **Preventing State Actor Chemical Proliferation Pathways for Dual-Use Equipment, Materials, and Expertise through Supply Chain Diligence and Know-Your-Customer (KYC) Workshop** scheduled to take place on Friday, March 24, 2023, from 9:00 – 17:30 (local time) in Sofia. This workshop will bring together participants from the chemical and pharmaceutical sectors in Bulgaria, including manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors to discuss supply chain security, and customer due diligence protocols, and to encourage the adoption and sustainable use of mitigating measures by the chemical industry. By operationalizing KYC and due diligence best practices and establishing reporting mechanisms for suspicious transactions in frontline states, this workshop will equip participating stakeholders with the knowledge and tools to prevent the transfer of sensitive chemical materials, equipment, technology, and knowledge to proliferator states.

This workshop will raise participants' awareness of key issues surrounding chemical security threats within the chemical and pharmaceutical sector through:

- Chemical supply chain management standards and voluntary measures such as Responsible Care and Distribution© and KYC to prevent the sale of dual-use chemicals and equipment to prohibited entities;
- Utilizing open-source data to identify illicit end-users and dual-use risks;
- List-based compliance best-practices and identification of high-risk transactions; and
- Role of regulators in enhancing government oversight of chemical suppliers, distributors, and manufacturers

Two Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) will deliver presentations and lead interactive discussions and tabletop exercises (TTXs) to promote compliance with KYC/due diligence concepts. The SMEs include Mr. Peter Newport, an international specialist with decades of technical expertise in chemical supply and transport security, formulating chemical security policy work, assisting in awareness raising/capacity building projects for CRDF Global, Interpol, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and World Customs Organization (WCO), and Dr. Rohan Perera, a former Senior Program Officer at the OPCW and current CBRN risk mitigation expert, with decades of experience in CBRN safety and security management, strategic program planning, policy analysis, and sustainable industrial development.

CRDF Global cordially invites you to attend this workshop. Please register for the workshop [here](https://forms.office.com/r/DuwxEtiPb5) (<https://forms.office.com/r/DuwxEtiPb5>) by Wednesday, February 15, 2023. There is no registration fee to attend this event, but participant registration is required. Once registered, you will receive a welcome packet which includes the workshop agenda, location, and training materials. We thank you for your commitment to chemical security. Please feel free to contact Ms. Julia Randels ([jrandels@crdfglobal.org](mailto:jrandels@crdfglobal.org)) with any questions regarding this engagement. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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