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## Invitation

# Technical Workshop on Response to Chemical, Biological and Radiological/Nuclear Terrorist Attacks

April 28-30, 2009  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada



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**Invitation:** You are invited to attend and/or give a presentation at the Technical Workshop on Response to Chemical, Biological and Radiological/Nuclear Terrorist Attacks co-hosted and sponsored by Environment Canada and the International Science and Technology Centre (ISTC). The Workshop will be held on April 28 to 30, 2009 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada at the Sheraton Ottawa Hotel.

**Purpose:** Workshop participants will exchange technical information on various aspects of detection, decontamination, neutralization, and disposal of material resulting from a terrorist attack on a facility or area. The focus will be on R&D work that has been carried out since the last workshop held in April 2008. Work progress to date will be summarized and analyzed. Research findings and their importance will be discussed. Technology gaps and challenges will be identified and plans of action for the next year will be developed and evaluated. The workshop will be divided into Chemical, Biological, and Radiological/Nuclear Decontamination sessions.

**Who should attend:** This workshop is intended for scientists and technical personnel involved in research and technology development of detection, restoration and decontamination methods. While the focus is not on first responder practices, they may find this event useful. The workshop will be conducted informally to facilitate scientific exchange. Participation is by invitation only and is free of charge. Contact the Workshop Coordinator to reserve your spot.

**To make a presentation:** Submit a short abstract, approximately 250 words, to the Workshop Coordinator by **January 23, 2009**. Also indicate your presentation title, length of time required for presentation (15, 30 or 60 minutes – including question periods), and appropriate session. We will contact you if time limits need adjusting. Participants are encouraged to use PowerPoint presentations, for which the necessary software and hardware will be provided. Send an electronic copy of your presentation to the Workshop Coordinator by **March 6, 2009**. Copies of the abstracts and presentations will be distributed on CD among workshop participants. Please inform us in advance if you do not want your presentation included on the CD.

**To present a poster:** To present a poster, please submit a short abstract and indicate the poster title. Posters will be displayed on the day of that subject matter. Poster size should not exceed 1.2m by 2.4 m (4' by 8').

**Language:** The working language of this workshop will be English though simultaneous translation will be provided for Russian speaking participants.

**Security requirements:** As this event is not considered secret, no secret information should be presented.

**Accommodation:** Hotel information will be sent shortly. Attendees are responsible for reserving and paying for their own hotel accommodations.

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