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# VENUES & FACILITIES

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## PARKING

Paid parking is available in the  
underground garage at the World Forum,  
located in Churchillplein 10.

Click [here](#) for an overview of all car parks  
in The Hague area.

## HOW TO GET HERE

The OPCW HQ can be reached by **tram 1, 16 or 17**, or **bus 21** to the World Forum stop.

If taking a taxi, participants are advised to use only licensed taxis which can be recognised by their blue number plates. When staying in a hotel or dining at a restaurant, staff can be asked to call a taxi, or an app can be used.

To save money on cab fare, sharing taxis is a common practice in the Netherlands.

## ACCESSIBILITY

The OPCW HQ offer barrier-free access, with lifts to all floors and accessible toilet facilities on every floor.



# VENUES & FACILITIES

## REGISTRATION & ACCESS

Delegates must present their passport upon registration, along with their credentials.

- All participants are strongly encouraged to pre-register using the online registration form, and to follow the instructions to complete their pre-registration.
- The Registration Desk is located at the reception. You will find the registration hours posted on the event's agenda.
- All participants will be screened each time they enter the OPCW Headquarters. Be sure to allow extra time to clear security screening prior to scheduled meetings, particularly on the first morning of the events.

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A list of participants who have registered by the first day of your event should be made available. This list will be revised and updated, as necessary.

## IDENTIFICATION & SECURITY

**A security badge will be issued to each participant upon registration, which allows access to the OPCW premises.**

Should a badge be misplaced or lost, please notify the Security Desk immediately. The security badge must be worn visibly at all times while on the premises.

Security agents have strict instructions not to allow access to the OPCW premises or to the conference rooms to persons not wearing a badge.

## REMOTE PARTICIPATION

If you are not attending in person you may follow the live transmission of hybrid meetings proceedings online, through the online remote participation platform.





# RESOURCES

## WI-FI CONNECTION

Free Wi-Fi is available throughout OPCW Headquarters. To connect to the Guest Wi-Fi, please follow the steps below.

- Connect to the network **“OPCW-GUEST”**
- Open a browser on your device and type: [neverssl.com](https://neverssl.com)
- You would be re-directed to a wireless hotspot page to enter an “Access Code”
- Enter the access code (password) **ChemTech4thefuture**

## CLOAKROOM

A complimentary cloakroom will be located at the entrance of the conference area before the security screening area. Items are left at the owner’s risk.

## DUTCH POWER PLUGS

Please note that the Netherlands uses Type C (2-pin) and Type F (2-pin with two earth clips on the side) plugs. As OPCW does not provide plugs, adapters, or electronic device chargers, participants are strongly advised to bring their own. These devices can otherwise be purchased from most supermarkets, kiosks and department stores across the country.

## OPCW COMMISSARY

For a wide range of tax-free goods, gifts and OPCW merchandise please visit the Aelia duty-free shop located at the basement floor. Please note that alcohol and tobacco products are not available for purchase at the duty-free shop.

Opening hours:

**Monday - Friday: 10:00 - 17:00**



# TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION

## GETTING TO THE HAGUE

The Hague is conveniently located near two major airports: **Amsterdam Schiphol** and **Rotterdam-The Hague Airport**, both of which can be reached within 40 minutes by car and train. Alternatively, the Netherlands is home to several other international airports, including Eindhoven Airport, Maastricht Aachen Airport, and Groningen Airport Eelde.

The city is also directly connected with international train stations in Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom. For details, visit [ns.nl](https://www.ns.nl).

## STAYING IN THE HAGUE

Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements. OPCW does not have a hotel reservation service. Rooms can often be obtained at preferential rates in the following nearby hotels through direct booking links:

- **Novotel Den Haag World Forum** - a special booking link is available for 1 person per room. Guests can adjust dates or occupancy on the hotel's website.

- **The Hague Marriott Hotel** – Rooms are reserved for OPCW attendees, with availability managed by the hotel.
- **Leonardo Royal Hotel Den Haag Promenade** - No preferred rate for the rooms of this Hotel

## VISA

Participants are responsible for obtaining visas, if required, for entry into the Netherlands.

Visit [NetherlandsWorldwide.nl](https://NetherlandsWorldwide.nl) for more information on visa requirements and on where to apply for the visa.

Please note that it is strongly advisable to secure an appointment to submit the visa application well in advance.

## EARLY MORNING RETURN FLIGHTS: TIPS

For participants with early return flights on Saturday morning (around 07:00), it is recommended to book a hotel near Schiphol Airport, such as in Hoofddorp. While trains start running early, public transport within The Hague on weekends only begins operating around 07:00.





# GETTING AROUND THE HAGUE

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Travelling within The Hague is a breeze, thanks to its excellent public transportation system. The city is well-connected by a large number of bus and tram lines operated by HTM, ensuring you can easily reach all major attractions and neighborhood.

Single-journey bus or tram tickets or day ticket may be purchased with cash from the ticket machine. Alternatively, it is possible to use a debit card, credit card, or mobile phone for contactless payments on public transport. Simply check in and out, and the amount will be debited from the account at the end of the day.

For details on tickets and route information, visit [htm.nl](https://htm.nl).

## BIKE RENTAL

Bicycles are one of the most popular modes of transport in the Netherlands. In fact, there are more bicycles in the country than there are people. Renting a bicycle is thus a fantastic way to explore the city like a local.

Many hotels offer bike rental services, making it convenient for visitors. Alternatively, there are different bike-sharing and e-moped sharing providers in the city. Visit [denhaag.com](https://denhaag.com) for more information on cycling in The Hague.





# FOOD & SHOPPING

## CATERING & RESTAURANTS

Lunch is available from 12:00-14:00 at the OPCW Restaurant, located on the first floor. Hot and cold beverages, sweets and sandwiches are available from 9:00 until 15:00.

The OPCW Restaurant offers a different menu of hot dishes every day. There is also a selection of cold dishes, all freshly prepared and ready to go.

There are also several restaurants, bakeries and supermarkets located in the **Frederik Hendriklaan** street, 10 minutes walking distance from the OPCW Headquarters.

## SHOPPING

As a major city, The Hague has a huge variety of shops. These are usually open every day and until later – normally 21:00 – on Thursday evenings.

The Hague's main shopping areas are in the city center, with Grote Marktstraat featuring flagship stores and department stores, and the streets around Plaats offering haute couture, boutique, and vintage shops. The Zeeheldenkwartier has local shops and trendy cafes. For malls, visit Passage or New Babylon.

The Hague hosts several markets, including the multicultural **De Haagse Markt** with antiques and exotic foods, and the **Haagse Antiek en Boekenmarkt** for art, books, and antiques at Plein or Lange Voorhout.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## HEALTH & SAFETY

For emergency services (fire, medical, police), call **112**.

For emergencies at the OPCW HQ, call the OPCW Security Control Centre's emergency numbers;  
**#3333** or **+31 (0)70 4163333**.

The OPCW HQ is equipped with first aid kits, Automated External Defibrillators (AED), wheelchairs, and a spinal board. The HQ has fully trained first aiders and a clinic available for medical emergencies. A nursing room is also available for participants who are breast feeding.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING

The OPCW is committed to fostering a positive, harassment-free, and professional environment in line with its Code of Conduct. Feel free to reach out to the Staff Relations and Welfare Officer for confidential support for wellbeing and psychological health:

Contact: [elisabetta.iberni@opcw.org](mailto:elisabetta.iberni@opcw.org)

## PHARMACIES & DRUGSTORES

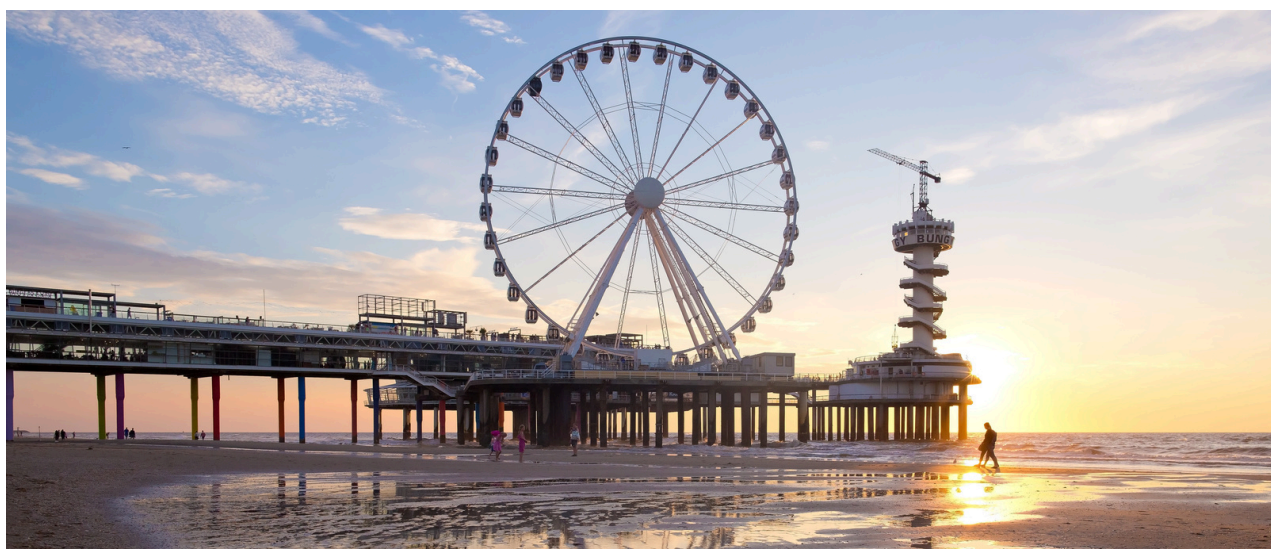
In the Netherlands, *apotheek* refers to dispensing pharmacies for prescribed medication, while over-the-counter products like painkillers and vitamins are available without a prescription in drugstores and supermarkets. Most pharmacies are open on weekdays and sometimes Saturdays. If you need immediate access to your medication in evenings or weekends, you can contact the following emergency pharmacies:

- [Emergency Pharmacy The Hague](#)
- [SMASH](#)

## LOST & FOUND

The OPCW will not assume responsibility for any lost items or for the removal and destruction of unattended baggage deemed to be suspicious.

If you've lost an item or your ID badge, you can report it by checking with the reception at the main entrance building.







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