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NEWS

Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)



Following the historic adoption of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) in April 2013,

UN Member States have been demonstrating continued commitment to this new instrument. Since the ATT opened for signature on 3 June 2013, 118 States became signatories to the Treaty of which 33 are African Member States.

- ◆ [Number of Signatory States: 118](#)
- ◆ [Number of African states signatories: 33](#)
- ◆ Number of States Parties: 31
- ◆ Number of African States Parties: 2 (Nigeria and Mali)
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UNREC has been engaged actively in assisting African States in the ATT process, and encourages all African States to sign and ratify the Treaty at the earliest opportunity.

UNREC PROJECTS UPDATE

UNREC supports Mali in its fight against the illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons, 12-14 February 2014, Bamako-MALI.



In collaboration with the National Commission for Combating the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons of Mali, UNREC organized a workshop for the validation of the 2014-2018 National Action Plan (NAP) to combat the proliferation and illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW). The national action plan will guide the Government of Mali in effectively addressing issues of uncontrolled proliferation of SALW in the aftermath of the crisis of 2012-2013.

The NAP is expected to be implemented nationwide by the National Commission, civil society, defense and security forces, civic associations and non-governmental organization. [More information.](#)

UNREC supports Cote d'Ivoire in the design and provision of Stockpile Management Procedures for Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Ammunition, 3 March 2014, Abidjan; 4-8 March 2014, Grand-Bassam-Côte d'Ivoire.



UNREC and the National Commission for the Fight against the Proliferation and Illicit Traffic of Small Arms and Light Weapons of Côte d'Ivoire organized a validation workshop on a manual of procedures on physical security and stockpile management of weapons and ammunition in Abidjan. This workshop was followed by a training of trainers (TOT) in Grand-Bassam for more than 25 members of the National Police, Gendarmerie, Republican Forces as well as customs, water and forestry offices with a view to bolstering security and peace-

building in Côte d'Ivoire.

The initiative was the latest effort in the Regional Centre's engagement with the National Commission of Côte d'Ivoire and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the fight against SALW. [More information.](#)

West African workshop on the implementation of the International Tracing Instrument (ITI), 18-19 March 2014, Lomé-TOGO.



The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), through UNREC, and with the financial support of the European Union organized a sub-regional workshop on the International Tracing Instrument focusing on marking, recordkeeping and tracing of illicit small arms and light weapons (SALW).

The workshop brought together government representatives and members of national commissions on SALW

from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo as well as experts and delegates from the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lakes Region the Horn of Africa and Bordering States (RECSA), INTERPOL, the UN Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and UNODA.

The workshop contributed to the reinforcement of national capacities for the implementation of the International Tracing Instrument and provided participants with a platform to share experiences and exchange recommendations on how to overcome potential implementation challenges. [More information.](#)

Workshop on the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) for French-speaking UN Member States on methodologies for reporting, 20-21 March 2014, Libreville-Gabon and 10-11 April, Pretoria-South Africa.



UNODA, through UNREC, and in cooperation with the Governments of Gabon and South Africa, organized two regional workshops on the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) for Francophones and Anglophones African States that have not yet submitted their initial report on the status of national implementation of the resolution.

The workshop was aimed at assisting UN Member States in preparing their initial report with the support of 1540 Committee experts and African States that have already issued a report, and served as a forum to share experiences, lessons learned and effective practices in implementing and reporting on Security Council resolution 1540 (2004).

Advanced Training Course for States of the East African and Southern African sub-regions on conventional ammunition management utilizing the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG), 14-17 April 2014 Nairobi-KENYA.



UNREC in collaboration with the Conventional Arms Branch (CAB) of UNODA organized an advanced training course using the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines. The training took place at the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) and was made possible with the financial support of the European Union.

The aim of the training course was to raise awareness and knowledge among national authorities and personnel who deal with conventional ammunition on a daily basis, allowing them to return with enhanced ammunition management practices and skills to their places of work.

Personnel responsible for ammunition and explosive ordnance destruction from twelve countries from East and Southern Africa joined together with staff members from the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and a representative from the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) to take part in this training course. Participants received information on a diverse range of aspects covered by the IATG, including among others on temporary field storage facilities, disposal and destruction of ammunition, and inspection of explosive facilities. [More information](#)

OTHER EVENTS

UNREC support to the ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty in the ECOWAS Region.



UNREC participated in the "Planning Meeting for the Ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) in the ECOWAS Region" for civil society organizations organized by the West African Network on Small Arms (WAANSA) from 11 to 12 January in Elmina-Ghana.

The purpose of the meeting was to identify relevant content for a training of trainers to be developed for civil society organizations. After the content of the training was validated, four workshops were organized in Dakar, Abidjan, Freetown and Lomé from January to March.

These workshops are aimed to enhance civil society organizations in lobbying and campaigning for the signature and the ratification of the ATT by ECOWAS Member States, to encourage media work in support of the ratification process.

During the workshops UNREC briefed participants about the ATT, provided recommendations on the content of training modules and facilitating various sessions and activities.

Workshop of the Network on the Arms Trade Treaty, 7 February 2014, Geneva-Switzerland

UNREC participated in The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Network Needs Assessment Workshop organized by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Geneva Forum. This workshop identified 2-3 thematic domains on which the network will focus for the next 12 months. During the Dakar and Lomé workshop, the UNREC Director Marco Kalbusch presented on various aspects of article 8 of the Arms Trade Treaty related to measures of conventional arms imports regulation.

Workshop on "Border Controls and Small Arms & Light Weapons for Central African States", 22-24 April Bujumbura - Burundi.



UNREC Senior customs, immigration and border officials from 10 Central African States gathered to take initial steps towards the development of an integrated strategy to counter terrorism and arms trafficking in Central Africa.

Participants were briefed on the utility of the International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS) and on its Module 05.60 in particular, which provides practical guidance on "Border Controls & Law Enforcement Cooperation" in the context of preventing illicit cross-border movements of arms.

The workshop produced an outcome document containing a range of measures and tools that Central African States can use to counter terrorism and illicit arms trafficking. The outcome of the workshop will be elaborated into an integrated strategy for the Central African region.

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