

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

UN SAFERGUARD EXPERT VALIDATION EXERCISE ON AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT FOR EXPERTS FROM THE MIDDLE-EAST-NORTH AFRICA REGION (MENA REGION)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 26 March 2022

Validation exercise: 18-21 July 2022 | Dubai/Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (TBC)

I. BACKGROUND

United Nations work on conventional ammunition risk mitigation is coordinated through the **UN SaferGuard Programme**. UN SaferGuard Programme also oversees the maintenance and dissemination of the **International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG)**.

General Assembly resolution 72/55 welcomed UN SaferGuard's ongoing work to establish a **UN SaferGuard quick-response mechanism**, which allows ammunition experts to be deployed to assist requesting States in the management of ammunition stockpiles.

In order to provide the technical support requested by Member States under its quick-response mechanism, a **UN SaferGuard Roster of Experts was established**.

To populate the UN SaferGuard Roster of Experts, technical ammunition experts are validated on the compatibility of their knowledge and skills to the IATG through the **UN SaferGuard validation exercise**.

II. OBJECTIVE

To identify ammunition technical experts through an **impartial, standardised methodology**, drawing upon a common baseline of ammunition staff competences, regardless of experts' national training practices.

Such a validation ensures a pool of validated, qualified experts from diverse regions to advise on safety and security aspects of ammunition management based firmly on the guidance provided for in the IATG.

III. PROGRAMME & METHOD

The validation methodology is based on the principles and content of the IATG, in particular the roles and competences laid out in IATG module 1.90. Interested candidates are invited to review the competences found therein.

Selected participants will be asked to take part in an e-learning programme on the IATG and its implementation support toolkit. They will also be required to complete a storage exercise prior to the in-person component of the validation.

The in-person validation will be conducted through roundtable discussions, individual technical exercises, group role play exercises, substantive questions and answers and presentations. Participants will have the opportunity to demonstrate their ammunition technical competences as well as their soft skills.

The validation will be performed by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT).

IV. WHO SHOULD APPLY

Eligible candidates include **ammunition technical experts** from national authorities, United Nations entities, and non-governmental IATG implementers in the field. **Please note that this is a regional validation exercise for Arabic-speaking candidates from the Middle East and North Africa region. Fluency in English is also required as the validation exercise will be conducted in English.** More detailed information on the qualifications and expertise required can be found in the attached Terms of Reference for UN SaferGuard Roster of Experts.

Qualified female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

V. SELECTION PROCESS

- 1) Interested candidates are requested to submit the attached P11 form to Ms. Martina Salini (m.salini@gichd.org) no later than **26 March 2022**.
- 2) Shortlisted candidates will be requested to take a multiple-choice online test for assessing their knowledge of IATG-relevant ammunition management.
- 3) Candidates who pass the test will be invited for a phone interview with UNODA and AMAT to inform the final selection.
- 4) Selected candidates will take part in an e-learning programme on the IATG and its implementation support toolkit prior to the validation exercise in the UAE.
- 5) Selected candidates will complete a storage exercise prior to the in-person validation exercise.

VI. SPONSORSHIP

The validation exercise is provided free of charge for all participants.

Selected participants will receive airfare and daily subsistence allowance to cover accommodation and meals in line with UN rules and regulations.

VII. CONTACT

For queries on the validation exercise, please contact Ms. Martina Salini.

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