

The UK Delegation to the Conference on Disarmament and the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Secretariat invite you to a side event on:

The ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF): supporting national ATT implementation plans (strategies)

Thursday, 24 August 2023

13:15 – 14:45 (CEST)

Room E, CICG (Third floor)

Pursuant to Article 16(3) of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), the Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) was established in August 2016 to assist States to implement the ATT. This side event will provide guidance on how to apply and use VTF funding to support national ATT implementation plans (strategies), and present an opportunity for VTF recipient states and project implementing partners to share their experience

Panelists include:

- Ambassador Aidan LIDDLE, UK Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva
- Mr. Dumisani DLADLA, Head of the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat
- Ms. Malessinani AKAOLO, Chief, Division of Disarmament and Peacekeeping issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Togolese Abroad
- Mr. Roger BEST, Director, Strategic Services Agency, Ministry of National Security of Trinidad and Tobago
- Mr. Roy ISBISTER, Arms Unit, Saferworld

*French/English simultaneous interpretation will be provided from 13:15 – 14:30.

*Refreshments/ light lunch will be served.

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Draft Agenda

1.	13:15 – 13:25	Opening and Introduction	- Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee
2.	13:25 – 13:35	Overview of the VTF status	- ATT Secretariat
3.	13:35 – 13:50	Perspective from a recipient State (1)	- A representative of Togo
4.	13:50 – 14:05	Perspective from a recipient State (2)	- A representative of Trinidad and Tobago
5.	14:05 – 14:15	Role of project implementing partner	- A representative of Saferworld
6.	14:15 – 14:40	Q&A and informal exchange	- All participants
7.	14:40 – 14:45	Closing remarks	- Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee