

SIDE EVENTS

SECOND CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE ARMS TRADE TREATY

22-26 August, Geneva, Switzerland

Monday, 22 August

Title:	Towards a globalized ATT: understanding barriers and obstacles
Organizer:	<i>RAND Europe</i>
Room:	<i>Salle S1</i>
Speakers:	<i>Chair: Mr. Johannes Rumpff, German Federal Foreign Office, Export Control - Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods Dr. Giacomo Persi Paoli, Research Leader, RAND Europe – Defence Security and Infrastructure Group. Mr. Ivor Fung, Deputy Chief, Conventional Arms Branch at the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, UNODA Representative from the Philippines</i>
Starting time:	<i>13:15</i>
Language:	<i>English</i>
Focal point:	<i>Persi Paoli, Giacomo gpersipa@rand.org</i>
<p>The main topic of the event will be ATT globalization with a specific focus on barriers and obstacles to implementation and related current initiatives aimed at addressing them. The event will include three 15-min presentations followed by a 15-min open discussion session. The opening presentation will be delivered by Dr Giacomo Persi Paoli who will be introducing a current UNSCAR-funded RAND Europe research project.</p>	

Title:	Launch of the ATT Monitor Report 2016
Organizer:	<i>Control Arms, Australia, Netherlands, Ireland</i>
Room:	<i>Salle W</i>
Speakers:	<i>Chair: Ambassador Imohe (tbc) Australia The Netherlands Ireland Mr. Deepayan Basu Ray, ATT Monitor Coordinator for Control Arms</i>
Starting time:	<i>13:15, Sandwiches provided</i>
Language:	<i>English</i>
Focal point:	<i>Control Arms</i>
<p>This event will launch the ATT Monitor Report 2016, with a presentation of some of the key themes from the Report. It will also introduce the ATT Monitor ‘Risk Watch’ methodology.</p>	

Title:	Breakfast meeting with Ambassador Korhonen, candidate for the 3rd ATT CSP President
Organizer:	<i>Finland</i>
Room:	<i>Salle E</i>
Starting time:	<i>9:00, Coffee and tea will be served</i>

Title:	Assessing national compliance with the ATT: Liberia, a case study
Organizer:	<i>Saferworld, Liberia, Norway (tbc)</i>
Room:	<i>Salle B</i>
Speakers:	<i>Chair: Norway (tbc) Mr. James Fromayan, Chair, Liberia National Commission on Small Arms Mr. Michael Yorwah, Liberia Action Network on Small Arms Mr. Roy Isbister, Arms Unit, Saferworld</i>
Starting time:	<i>13:15, Sandwiches provided</i>
Language:	<i>English</i>
Focal point:	<i>Control Arms</i>

Through sharing Liberia's experience in conducting a comprehensive national-level assessment of its current level of compliance with all of the provisions of the ATT, the event will be designed to (1) engage with potential donor states and institutions with a view to supporting a national implementation programme, and (2) showcase the national assessment methodology used by Liberia to those states that would themselves benefit from following such an approach.

Title:	Launch of <i>The Arms Trade Treaty: A Practical Guide to Implementation</i>
Organizer:	<i>ATT Network, GCSP, Small Arms Survey, UNIDIR</i>
Room:	<i>Salle S1</i>
Speakers:	<i>Mr. Eric Berman, Small Arms Survey Mr. Marc Finaud, GCSP Ms. Sarah Parker, Small Arms Survey Mr. Tom Nijs, Government of Flanders</i>
Starting time:	<i>13:15</i>
Language:	<i>English</i>
Focal point:	<i>Ms. Sarah Parker sarah.parker@smallarmssurvey.org</i>

During the side event, the Small Arms Survey and the ATT Network partners will launch *The Arms Trade Treaty: A Practical Guide to Implementation*, which forms part of the Small Arms Survey's Handbook series. The Guide explores and explains the core provisions of the treaty and offers practical suggestions for their implementation. The speakers will present key findings of the publication launched, copies of which will be available at the side-event.

Title:	Yemen: How arms transfer are furthering human suffering
Organizer:	<i>Control Arms, Oxfam, Pax</i>
Room:	<i>Salle W</i>
Speakers:	<i>Mr. Rob Perkins, Control Arms, ATT Monitor Mr. Frank Slijper, Pax Ms. Penny Lawrence, Oxfam GB Ms. Ann Feltham, Campaign Against the Arms Trade</i>
Starting time:	<i>13:15, Sandwiches provided</i>
Language:	<i>English</i>
Focal point:	<i>Control Arms</i>

This side event will investigate the ongoing transfer of military equipment to members of the Saudi-led coalition operating in Yemen, with panellists presenting research on the extent to which ATT States Parties and Signatories are in violation of their legal obligations by supplying weapons to Saudi Arabia and the coalition.

Title:	Shadow World: A documentary film screening
Organizer:	<i>Corruption Watch</i>
Room:	<i>Sale W</i>
Speakers:	<i>Mr. Andrew Feinstein, author of Shadow World, will conduct a Q and A after the film screening.</i>
Starting time:	<i>18:30, A drinks reception is planned before the screening.</i>
Language:	<i>English</i>
Focal point:	<i>Control Arms</i>

To host a special screening of the new documentary film, Shadow World, which explores the shadowy world of the global arms trade.

Title:	Launch of The Arms Trade Treaty: A Commentary
Organizer:	Switzerland
Room:	Salle B
Speakers:	Chair: Switzerland Mr. Andrew Clapham, Professor of Public International Law, Graduate Institute of International and Developmental Studies Ms. Sarah Parker, Senior Researcher, Small Arms Survey Mr. Gilles Giacca, Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross
Starting time:	13:15, Sandwiches provided
Language:	English
Focal point:	Mr. Laurent Masméjean laurent.masméjean@eda.admin.ch
<p>This side event will launch the publication “<i>The Arms Trade Treaty: A Commentary</i>”, which forms part of the Oxford Commentaries on International Law. The Commentary, written by distinguished academics and experienced practitioners directly involved in the negotiation of the Arms Trade Treaty, comprehensively discusses and interprets each provision of the Arms Trade Treaty, taking into account various contemporary international legal regimes, including human rights, trade, disarmament, humanitarian law, criminal law, and use of force.</p> <p>The speakers will present key findings on the meaning of some contentious provisions and explain how the commentary provides guidance to government officials, commentators and scholars.</p>	

Title:	Implementation of Article 7 of the Arms Trade Treaty
Organizer:	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Room:	Salle S1
Speakers:	Ms. Ray Acheson, Reaching Critical Will of WILPF Mr. Guy Fuegap, WILPF Cameroon Ms. Katherine Ronderos, LIMPAL Colombia Ms. Maribel Hernández, WILPF Spain
Starting time:	13:15, Sandwiches provided
Language:	English
Focal point:	Ms. Mia Gandenberger mia@reachingcriticalwill.org
<p>This side event, organised by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, will look at implementation of Article 7 of the ATT, especially as it relates to gender-based violence. We will present a recent report by WILPF's disarmament programme, Reaching Critical Will that provides tools and guidelines for effective implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty and UN Programme of Action on small arms and light weapons provisions related to gender-based violence, and we will present a case study reviewing some of Spain's recent arms sales. A similar study for Sweden will also be circulated. We hope that this event will provide States with the opportunity to pose questions in connection to their implementation of article 7(4).</p>	

Title:	ATT Reporting and Transparency: Impressions and Lessons Learned
Organizer:	ATT BAP, Control Arms
Room:	Salle W
Speakers:	Chair: European State (tbc) Ms. Rachel Stohl, Stimson Centre Mr. Paul Holtom, Coventry University Mr. Deep Basu Ray, ATT Monitor, Control Arms
Starting time:	13:15, Sandwiches provided
Language:	English
Focal point:	Control Arms
<p>The event will provide analysis of the initial implementation reports and lessons learned for future ATT implementation and reporting.</p>	

Title:	Roundtable side-event on enhancing cooperation and preventing diversion: strengthening end use/r control systems
Organizer:	<i>United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the International Secretariat of Amnesty International (IS-AI)</i>
Room:	Salle B
Speakers:	<i>Chair: Mr Jarmo Sareva, UNIDIR Mr. Brian Wood, International Secretariat of Amnesty International Mr. Paul Holtom, UNIDIR, Expert Consultant Mr. Himayu Shiotani, UNIDIR Roundtable discussion speakers from States and other stakeholders (tbc)</i>
Starting Time:	<i>13:15</i>
Language:	<i>English</i>
Focal point:	<i>Mr. Hardy GIEZENDANNER HGIEZENDANNER@unog.ch,</i>
<p>The diversion of authorized conventional arms transfers, including small arms, poses a persistent problem for security at all levels, and lies at the heart of the illicit proliferation of arms. States in multilateral forums have repeatedly called for measures to strengthen end use/r control systems to improve their role in preventing diversion. Despite these repeated calls, a global, comprehensive and inclusive dialogue on this issue has yet to be initiated among States. In response to this, UNIDIR in 2016 is implementing a project to promote sub/regional dialogue to enhance shared understanding and cooperation to strengthen end use/r control systems (Phase II). This event provides an opportunity for States and other relevant stakeholders to initiate a dialogue within the ATT framework to identify potential areas, options and avenues for enhancing cooperation, shared understanding, and possible alignment of measures to strengthen end use/r control systems in order to mitigate the risk of conventional arms diversion.</p>	

Title:	The African perspective: challenges and opportunities to implementing the ATT
Organizer:	<i>African Union, Control Arms, New Zealand, Small Arms Survey</i>
Room:	Salle S1
Speakers:	<i>Mr. Eric Berman, Director, Small Arms Survey Dr. Tarek Sharif, Head of Defence and Security Division at African Union Commission Mr. Robert Perkins, ATT Monitor Researcher, Control Arms Mr. Leonard Tettey, Program Officer, Ghana National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons Mr. James M. Fromayan, Chairman of the Liberia National Commission on Small Arms (LiNCSA) Ms. Anna Macdonald, Director, Control Arms</i>
Starting Time:	<i>13:15</i>
Language:	<i>English</i>
Focal point:	<i>Mr. Einas Osman Abdalla Mohamed Einaso@africa-union.org</i>
<p>During this side event, panellists will discuss some of the challenges and opportunities to implementing the ATT on the African continent. Panellists will offer a range of perspectives - from an importing state, and a state under embargo – and will share their experiences and impressions of what the ATT means for Africa. In addition, two reports focusing on diversion prevention and universalization of the ATT in Africa will be presented. Copies of the reports will be available at the side-event.</p>	

Title:	Arms transfer and SALW controls in Latin America and the Caribbean: Recent developments and lessons learned
Organizer:	<i>SIPRI, Sweden, and UNLIREC</i>
Room:	<i>Salle W</i>
Speakers:	<i>Chair: Amb. Paul Beijer, Sweden Latin American state representative (tbc) Caribbean state representative (tbc) Ms. Mélanie Régimbal, UNLIREC Dr. Sibylle Bauer, SIPRI</i>
Starting Time:	<i>13:15, Sandwiches provided</i>
Language:	<i>English / Spanish</i>
Focal point:	<i>Mr. Mark Bromley bromley@sipri.org</i>
<p>This side event will explore the steps being taken by states, international and regional organizations, and NGOs to improve arms transfer and SALW controls in Latin America and the Caribbean. The event will explore recent progress in a range of areas relevant to national implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty and the UN Programme of Action on SALW and discuss potential lessons-learned, both for the region and beyond. The event will also include a presentation of the online database for ATT-related cooperation and assistance activities developed by SIPRI and plans to extend its coverage to include Latin America and the Caribbean in collaboration with UNLIREC.</p>	