

ATT CSP8 2nd Informal Preparatory Meeting Side Event



Diversions and the ATT: Measures for Responding to Weapon and Ammunition Diversion

28 April 2022 | 16:30-18:00 CEST

Side-event during the 2nd ATT CSP8 Informal Preparatory Meeting
Thursday 28th April 2022, 16.30-18.00 (CEST) / 10.30-12.00 (EST)

Link for registration:

https://stimsoncenter.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_j-2Qg26OQryC6VTLgSpz9Q

When weapons or ammunition are diverted, how can affected parties respond? What measures can governments and other stakeholders take after discovering diversion to prevent its recurrence?

Join the Stimson Center, Conflict Armament Research (CAR), and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) for an expert discussion on this topic. This virtual event will focus on how unpacking recent diversion cases can help inform effective diversion prevention and mitigation measures. Based on an anonymized case study from Conflict Armament Research, this event will detail the experience of an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) State Party and how they responded to a diversion case by implementing post-shipment verification measures to verify that transferred weapons are in the custody of a specific end-user. Panelists will also discuss the importance of international cooperation and information exchange platforms, such as the ATT's Diversion Information Exchange Forum (DIEF), and other useful tools enabling States to report and learn from concrete cases of suspected or detected diversion.

Opening Remarks:

- Nicolas Bieri, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)

Panelists:

- Rob Perkins, Conflict Armament Research
- Anna Mensah, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- Tom Nijs, Chair of the ATT Diversion Information Exchange Forum

Moderator:

- Rachel Stohl, Stimson Center

Strengthening Shared Understanding on the Impact of the Arms Trade Treaty in Addressing Risks of Diversion in Arms Transfers is a joint research endeavour by UNIDIR, Conflict Armament Research (CAR), and the Stimson Center. The objective of the research is to enhance knowledge and facilitate dialogue among States to strengthen shared understanding on the impact of the Arms Trade Treaty in addressing risks of diversion in arms transfers, and to identify options and avenues for more effective policies and practices under the Treaty moving forward. This joint research is supported by the Governments of France and Germany.

