Promoting Discussion on an Arms Trade Treaty

Regional Seminar for countries in Eastern and Southern Africa
10-11 December 2009
Hotel Hilton, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

AGENDA

**Wednesday, 09 December 2009**
During the day: arrival of participants

**DAY 1**

**Thursday, 10 December 2009**

08:30–09:00 **Registration**

09:00–10:30 **Opening Session**

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Opening remarks:

Abebaw Felleke, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Mathias Kruger, Swedish Embassy, on behalf of the Swedish Presidency of the European Union

Presentations:

*Developments and Processes within the United Nations – special focus on participation of countries from Eastern and Southern Africa*

Nicolas Gerard, Deputy Director, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

*Civil Society’s Contribution to the ATT process in the region*

Judy Waruhiu, civil society

*Key messages from the previous regional seminars of the EU-UNIDIR Project*
10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–13:00 **SESSION I: General overview of arms trade and the proposed ATT**

Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Presentations:
- **Overview of Arms Transfers – globally and in the region**
  Pieter Wezeman, Researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

- **Parameters, scope and implications of an arms trade treaty**
  Perrine Le Meur, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique
  Delivered by Elli Kytömäki

- **Africa and an ATT – challenges and priorities**
  Joseph Dube, IANSA

Discussion.

13:00–15:00 Lunch at conference venue

15:00–16:00 **SESSION II: Regional perspectives on an ATT**

Chair: Fabio Della Piazza, Office of the Personal Representative of the High Representative on Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

Presentations:
- **African Union an arms control in sub-Saharan Africa**
  Peter Otim, Secretariat of the African Union

- **Governmental perspective to an ATT – South African views**
  Johann Paschalis, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations, New York

- **Example of operationalizing arms transfer criteria – EU Common Position**
  Kateřina Sequensova, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Czech Republic

16:00–16:15 Coffee break
16:15–17:00  **SESSION II continued**

Discussion.

18:00–19:30  **Reception**

**DAY 2**

**Friday, 11 December 2009**

09:00–10:30  **SESSION III: Human Security, SALW and an ATT**

Chair:  Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Presentations:

- *ATT and International Humanitarian Law*  
  Nathalie Weizmann, International Committee of the Red Cross

- *Special focus on small arms – Nairobi Protocol and RECSA*  
  Angela Nyokabi Baiya, RECSA Secretariat

10:30–10:45  **Coffee break**

10:45–13:00  **SESSION V: Parallel working group sessions: further exploration of an ATT – regional perspectives**

13:00–15:00  **Lunch at conference venue**

15:00–16:30  **SESSION VI: Conclusions and next steps: Gathering ideas, recommendations and suggestions**

Chair:  Nicolas Gerard, Deputy Director, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

- Presentation of results from the working groups: priorities, challenges and the way forward.

  Discussion.

16:30–17:00  **Closing Session**
Chair: Christiane Agboton-Johnson, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Summary of the seminar discussions
Elli Kytömäki, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Closing remarks:

Abebaw Felleke, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Fabio Della Piazza, Office of the Personal Representative of the High Representative on Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

17:00–17:30 Press Conference