

## **UN Regional Centre** for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific

...strengthening peace and security through disarmament

UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) assists countries in the Asia and Pacific region in achieving their peace, security and disarmament goals, through provision of substantive support; coordination of activities at the subregional, regional and international levels; and information sharing on global and regional activities.

**UNRCPD** works in close partnership with regional and sub-regional organisations, as well as with other United Nations entities and civil society organisations. The Centre focuses its activities in three main areas: providing capacity building and technical assistance, creating and participating in dialogue fora, and engaging in outreach and advocacy on disarmament issues.



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
'I would like to call on all Asia-Pacific States to work closely with the Regional Centre in strengthening the capacity of governments and civil society to achieve disarmament goals'. Message for the opening of the Centre in Kathmandu, August 2008



The Centre is mandated to provide, on request, substantive support for initiatives and other activities, mutually agreed upon by the Member States of the Asia-Pacific region, for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament, and to coordinate the implementation of regional activities in Asia and the Pacific. (UNGA Resolution A/42/39D) The United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament became operational in 1989 and was relocated from New York to Kathmandu, Nepal, in August 2008. UNRCPD is part of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.

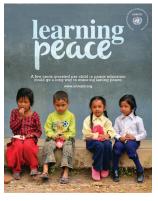
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## **AREAS OF ASSISTANCE**

- Promote the universalisation and provide substantive support for the full implementation of global disarmament and non-proliferation treaties, undertakings and norms
- Provide support to Member States in their signature, ratification and implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)
- Promote dialogue and confidence-building on global and regional disarmament and non-proliferation challenges, including through the organisation of conferences, workshops and seminars
- Assist States to effectively implement the provisions of the UN Programme of Action to combat illicit small arms and light weapons, including the provision of technical assistance and training courses
- Assist States in strengthening their capacity to fully implement UN Security Council Resolution 1540
- Bring a new model for peace and disarmament education to Asia-Pacific to meet post-conflict challenges and reach the next generation



## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**

- International Workshop on Cyber Security, Beijing, China
- Workshop on implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
- Article on the implementation of UNSCR 1540 in the Asia-Pacific, 1540 Compass, issue 6
- \* Assistance to Nepal on implementing the Biological Weapons Convention
- Workshop on National Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and Chemical Weapons Convention, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Second Asia Regional Meeting to Facilitate Dialogue on the Arms Trade Treaty, Manila, the Philippines





Japan

**Philippines** 



Kazakhstan

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Pakistan C\*

Thailand The Netherlands





## The 43 countries covered by the UNRCPD mandate

▶ Afghanistan → Australia → Bangladesh → Bhutan → Brunei Darussalam → Cambodia → China → Democratic People's Republic of Korea → Fiji → India → Indonesia → Japan → Kazakhstan → Kiribati → Kyrgyzstan → Lao People's Democratic Republic → Malaysia → Maldives → Marshall Islands → Micronesia, Federated States of → Mongolia → Myanmar → Nauru → Nepal → New Zealand → Pakistan → Palau → Papua New Guinea → Philippines → Republic of Korea → Samoa → Singapore → Solomon Islands → Sri Lanka → Tajikistan → Thailand → Timor-Leste → Tonga → Turkmenistan → Tuvalu → Uzbekistan → Vanuatu → Viet Nam





