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The In-Country Training Programme (ICTP) on Gender-Mainstreaming Small Arms Control in Cambodia

Webinar Series on gender and small arms control

Concept Note

Overview

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) is implementing a multi-year global project in support of gender mainstreamed policies, programmes and actions in the fight against small arms trafficking and misuse, in line with the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda, with funding from the European Union. UNODA's Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) is implementing the project in the Asia-Pacific region. In the framework of this project, UNRCPD plans to conduct a three-day in-country training to strengthen the capacity of national authorities and key stakeholders for integrating gender-relevant considerations into relevant plans, policy and legislative frameworks, including on the collection and analysis of sex- and age-disaggregated data and to promote the meaningful participation and representation of women in this field. The project will also include a second activity to be tailored to specific needs of the beneficiary country with regard to arms control and gender mainstreaming.

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on international travel and working modalities, UNRCPD proposes to conduct the training virtually, through a webinar series on gender and small arms control.

The webinar series will build on the recent participation of the Cambodian authorities working on the Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the webinar series on gender and small arms control organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) targeting regional organizations¹. In this regard, the government officials who have already attended a similar training will be consulted for the development of the proposed webinar series' agendas and will be invited to contribute to the presentation of specific themes, upon their availability and interest.

Objectives

The webinar series will enhance the understanding of key government officials of the relevance of gender considerations and gender responsive approaches to small arms control.

Specifically, the webinar series will:

- Provide training for relevant government officials on key concepts and themes on gender and small arms control, as well as on approaches and methods of gender mainstreaming in small arms control initiatives and policies.
- Provide a platform for the exchange of good practices on gender-responsive policies and programmes and bring together government officials working on converging agendas, such as small arms control, women, peace and security, sustainable development goals.

¹ Live webinar series on Gender & Small Arms Control for regional and sub-regional organizations, 17 May 2021- 8 June 2021.

- Strengthen national expertise and building capacities to support the implementation of the *In-Country Training Programme on gender mainstreaming small arms control* and identify national needs for follow-up activities.

Webinar Series

The webinar series will be conducted according to the following format:

- Four webinars of 150 minutes each, hosted by UNRCPD with the participation of experts for specific thematic.
- Each session will include virtual power point presentations and interactive discussions and exercises;
- Materials and tools will be provided before each session in order to facilitate learning and focused discussions.
- A debriefing meeting with key government officials and ICTP focal points to discuss on the way forward, to be planned after the completion of the fourth webinar.

Target Audience

The webinar series is designed for National Coordination Mechanism / Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons, where they exist. The participation of the government officials who already attended UNODA's webinar series on gender and small arms control for regional and sub-regional organizations is highly encouraged. In addition, participation should be extended to representatives of relevant ministries, such as Public Security / Interior, Defense, Foreign Affairs, Gender Equality, security and defense forces; as well as committees or government officials working on peace and security, the women, peace and security (WPS) agenda, and / or gender-based violence (GBV) prevention, and sustainable development².

Programme

The webinar series may be conducted over a period of 1 or 3 weeks, depending on how frequently the organizers determine is appropriate for participants and instructors.

Webinar Platform as per UN guidelines: [Cisco WebEx](#) or Zoom.

Series:



WEBINAR 1 - GENDER & SMALL ARMS CONTROL

- Introduction to gender and small arms control
- Converging agendas: Small arms control, Gender equality, Sustainable Development



WEBINAR 2 – GENDER ANALYSIS IN SMALL ARMS CONTEXTS

- Gender analysis and data collection in small arms contexts
- Gender-based violence prevention and linkages with small arms control



WEBINAR 3 – DESIGNING GENDER-RESPONSIVE SMALL ARMS CONTROL – PART I

- National coordination infrastructure on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)
- Strengthening the national legal framework for gender-responsiveness



WEBINAR 4 – DESIGNING GENDER-RESPONSIVE SMALL ARMS CONTROL – PART II

- Operational small arms control and entry points for gender-responsiveness
- Conclusion and way forward

² Please consult the [ICTP Target Audience.pdf](#)

Expected Results

- Participants will have gained a new breadth of knowledge and understanding of concepts and methodological tools that are relevant to small arms control and gender-responsiveness.
- Participants involved in small arms-related policy-making and implementation efforts will have acquired tools to mainstream gender in their work.
- The webinar series will have led to the identification of national needs for subsequent technical and financial assistance on gender mainstreaming small arms control and complementary agendas.
- The webinar-series format can be replicated and executed to implement the other activities envisioned in the ICTP in the event of protracted restrictions on in-person events.

Administrative Arrangements and Division of Labour

UNRCPD:

- Provides participants with necessary instructions/guidance on how they can join the webinars.
- Identifies instructors and experts.
- Liaises with participants and provides resources and documents throughout the webinar series.
- Prepares the webinars' agendas and other background documents, in close coordination with the ICTP focal point at the government level.
- Gives a certificate of completion to the participants.

GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA:

- Identifies and confirm the calendar for the webinar series.
- Identifies and nominate national experts from respective ministries and agencies for the webinar.
- Identifies a focal contact person for the operative communication with UNRCPD on the virtual webinar related issues.
- Encourages the participation of the designated participants in the gender capacity assessment survey before the commencement of the webinar series.