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## **The In-Country Training Programme (ICTP) on Gender-Mainstreaming Small Arms Control in Papua New Guinea Webinar Series on gender and small arms control**

### **Concept Note**

#### **Overview**

In the framework of its project "*The In-Country Training Programme (ICTP) on Gender-Mainstreaming Small Arms Control*", the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) plans to conduct a three-day in-country training to strengthen the capacity of national authorities and key stakeholders from Papua New Guinea for integrating gender-relevant considerations into relevant plans, policy and legislative frameworks, and to promote the meaningful participation of women in the this field.

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

#### **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 for gender mainstreaming small arms control related policy and programmes.
- 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, sustainable development goals, and Spotlight Initiative.
- 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 and priorities for follow-up activities.

#### **Webinar Series**

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

- Four webinar's sessions hosted by UNRCPD with the participation of experts for specific thematic;
- Each session will include virtual power point presentations and interactive discussions;
- 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, as well as National Focal Point for the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (UN PoA). In addition, participation should be extended to representatives of relevant ministries, such as Public Security / Interior, Defence, Foreign Affairs, Gender Equality, security and defence forces; as well as committees or government officials working on the Spotlight Initiative, Gender-based violence (GBV) prevention, sustainable development<sup>1</sup>. Participants representing the Parliamentary Committee on Gender Equality, the Office of Gender Equality in the President's Office and the Committee responsible for the implementation of the National Strategy on Gender Based Violence 2016-2025, are highly encouraged.

## Programme

The two sessions of the webinar series may be conducted with interval of one- or four-weeks subject to consultations with the government, 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
- Gender analysis and data collection in small arms contexts



### WEBINAR 2 – CONVERGING AGENDAS AND SYNERGIES WITH KEY DOMESTIC STRATEGIES

- Converging agendas: Small arms control, Gender equality, Sustainable Development
- 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

## 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Please consult the [ICTP Target Audience.pdf](#)

- Participants involved in complementary agendas, such as gender equality and gender-based violence prevention will have acquired tools to integrate small arms control issues 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.
- 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 PAPUA NEW GUINEA:**

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