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UNREC UPDATE

High-level Regional Methodological Workshop on Electoral Security in Africa, 24-25 June 2019, Lomé, Togo



Jointly organized by UNREC and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research ([UNITAR](#)), in the framework of the project "Support for Security Sector Reform in Law Enforcement during Election Period in a Rule of Law Context", the workshop gathered senior staff of the security apparatus of French and Portuguese speaking African countries involved in the implementation of the project.

The participants reviewed current dynamics in their respective countries with regards to election security and identified challenges and opportunities for capacity building of their defense and security forces. More information: www.lc.cx/mzJR

Tabletop Exercise for the Francophone West African State Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), 29-30 May 2019, Lomé, Togo



This UNREC, in collaboration with the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the BWC and [the Foundation for Strategic Research](#), hosted a table top exercise organized around [Article VII of the BWC](#). The workshop aimed to explore the operationalization of assistance to victims in the event that a State Party is exposed to danger as a result of a violation of the Convention's provisions, bringing together experts at the national level, government officials, as well as experts from the UN, regional organizations and academia. For more information: www.lc.cx/mzo2

Regional Workshop on banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices for States from Eastern and Southern Africa, 22-23 May 2019, Pretoria, South Africa



UNREC, the UNODA Geneva Branch and the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa organized a regional workshop on banning the production of fissile material for East and South African States. The workshop is part of a project to support African States to participate in the expert preparatory group's consultative process on the high level Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty (FMCT).

It aimed at providing information and raising awareness about the importance of advancing efforts to ban the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices at the national, regional and international levels. It also provided participants with an opportunity to acquire technical knowledge on the subject matter as well as gain insights into past and current institutional processes aimed at advancing negotiations for a potential treaty. More Information: www.lc.cx/mzo6

UNREC- SARCOM– RECSA Sub-Regional arms control mechanism (SARCOM) Tripartite Meeting on border cooperation , 21-23 May 2019, Nairobi, Kenya



The In the framework of the project “Technical Assistance for Border Cooperation among SARCOM Member States on Physical Security and Stockpile Management, Detection, Marking, Tracing, and Destruction of Small Arms, Light Weapons and Related Ammunition,” a tripartite meeting with the Sub-Regional arms control mechanism (SARCOM) and the Regional Center on Small Arms in the African Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa (RECSA) was held to make progress in the planning of implementation activities.

UNREC and UNDP support Madagascar with training activities in physical security and stockpile management, weapons marking and data record keeping , 6-17 May 2019, Vontovorona, Madagascar



UNREC and UNDP Madagascar have joined forces, in the framework of UNREC Arms Marking Project and UNDP Security Sector Reform Project in Madagascar, to provide capacity-building to the Malagasy Defense and Security Forces (DSF) on practical arms marking, establishment and maintenance of arms registers, database management and practice of physical security and stock management.

The training brought together 100 participants from the Armed Forces, the Police, the Gendarmerie, Customs, the Water and Forest Authorities, Penitentiary authorities and other stakeholders.

For more information: www.lc.cx/mzou

Regional Technical Capacity-Building Workshop for Stakeholders Involved in the Implementation of the Kinshasa Convention, 24-26 April 2019, Yaoundé, Cameroon



The workshop was organized in the framework of the project "Supporting African States towards the Vision of 'Silencing the Guns in Africa by 2020': Capacity Building for Central African States", jointly implemented by UNREC, the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA) and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS). The purpose of the work-

shop was to take stock of the implementation of the Convention and to make recommendations towards the Signatory States and/or Parties as well as the ECCAS Secretariat. More Information: www.lc.cx/mzol

Regional Workshop on Banning the Production of Fissile Material for Nuclear Weapons or other Nuclear Explosive Devices in West and Central Africa (FMCT) 5-6 February 2019, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea



The European Union and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, through its African and Geneva offices, organized a regional workshop on banning the production of fissile material. The event was attended by representatives of ministries and agencies involved in the management of weapon of mass destruction and security issues from West and Central African countries, as well as representatives from the Economic Community of West African

States (ECOWAS). During the workshop, participants exchanged views and discussed challenges as well as technical and political aspects and effective ways ahead in relation to a future treaty on fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices as well as its potential relationship with already existing global and regional instruments. More information: www.lc.cx/mzob

Workshop on the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC), 4 February 2019, Lome, Togo



Organized by the Foundation for Strategic Research (FSR) in partnership with UNREC, the event aimed to familiarize participants with the problem of international proliferation of ballistics, to present the code and its content, to discuss the notion of transparency in the transfer of goods and technologies involved in the manufacturing, storage and marketing of ballistic missiles. The workshop also enabled UNREC to showcase its efforts for the implementation of relevant non-proliferation instruments in Africa.

48th Ministerial Meeting of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (UNSAC), Kinshasa, 27- 31 May 2019, Democratic Republic of the Congo



The meeting reviewed the general political and security situation in Central African States. During the meeting, UNREC presented a report on disarmament trends in Central Africa as well as its assistance towards the full ratification and implementation of the Kinshasa Convention on SALW.

Workshop for Points of Contact on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) for English-Speaking AU Member States, 26- 28 March 2019, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



The African Union Commission and the Committee established pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) jointly organized a training workshop on Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in Addis Ababa from 26 to 28 March. The workshop enabled participants to gain in-depth knowledge of Resolution 1540 and their national obligations, understand the national frameworks required for its effective implementation, and exchange on experiences and challenges. UNREC was represented in order to

inform about the assistance it provides to states to implement instruments relating to weapons of mass destruction. More information: www.lc.cx/mzoE

Regional Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) Training Programme Nairobi, Kenya, 18-22 March 2019



UNREC was invited to attend PSSM capacity building training and to make a comparative analysis of the PSSM project in the Sahel. Furthermore, UNREC attended the official handover of the regional training program from the German Federal Government to the Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA).

More information: www.lc.cx/mzoa

Intensive Course on Nuclear Nonproliferation Planned for Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in Africa 11-15, Accra, Ghana

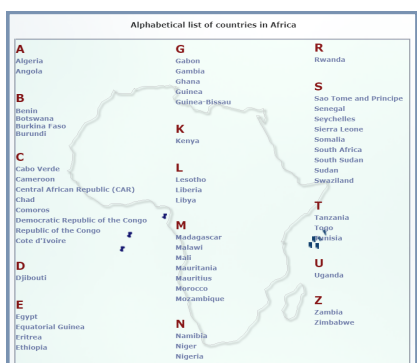


Offered by the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), the course presented female technical experts in the nuclear field with first-hand opportunities to gain in-depth understanding of critical issues in the fields of nonproliferation, arms control, disarmament, peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and nuclear security. The course also facilitated discussion on how women could advance their insights and increase their participation in decision making across all areas of the field of nuclear security. The Director

of UNREC delivered a lecture on the UN disarmament machinery.

More information: www.lc.cx/mzoR

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST



Country Profiles: legal instruments for disarmament and arms control

The purpose of the country profile developed by UNREC is to serve as a database on the status of ratification and implementation of the various legal disarmament instruments to which the African states are parties. This tool provides a source of information for states, researchers, students, and anyone else interested in disarmament, peace and security issues.

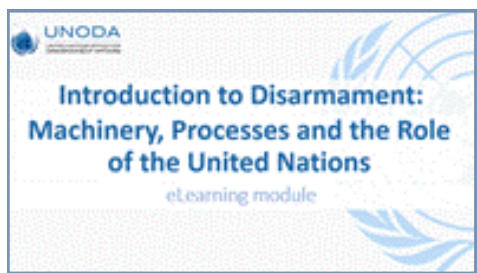
This tool groups by country all the legal instruments that may affect these countries and their status of ratification. www.unrec.org/default/index.php/en/cp



Disarmament and youth

This booklet focused on disarmament, with concrete actions, which can be taken by anyone, anywhere, to eliminate, control or reduce weapons

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UNODA eLearning Module Providing an Introduction to Disarmament

This first module entitled “Introduction to Disarmament: Machinery, Processes and the Role of the United Nations” covers the operations and achievements of the United Nations Disarmament Machinery – namely, the First Committee of the General Assembly, the Disarmament Commission and the Conference on

Disarmament.

To access the “Introduction to Disarmament: Machinery, Processes and the Role of the United Nations,” one needs to create an account at [UNODA’s Disarmament Education Dashboard](#)



IATG* Support Guides to Promote Safe and Secure Ammunition Management

To promote the effective, safe and secure management of ammunition stockpiles and to make the IATG more accessible, the UN SaferGuard Programme published three practical support guides for applying the IATG.

<https://lc.cx/mzoK>

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