



Informal Regional Meeting on the implementation of the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management

Asia-Pacific

4-5 December 2024

Kathmandu, Nepal

Agenda

Day 1 | Wednesday, 4 December

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:45 **OPENING**

- Mr. Manuel Martinez Miralles, Senior Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Ms. Hanaa Singer Hamdy, UN Resident Coordinator in Nepal
- H.E. Ambassador Amrit Bahadur Rai, Acting Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal

Moderation: Mr. Deepayan Basu Ray, Director, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD)

09:45 – 09:55 Group photo

09:55 – 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15 – 12:30 **SESSION 1 – SETTING THE SCENE**

Tour de table of participants

Introduction to the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management

Ms. Nora Isabel Allgaier, Political Affairs Officer, UNODA

Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management in the Region. Findings from the briefing paper.

Mr. Nils Anders, Consultant, UNRCPD

Interventions by States and interactive exchange on the implementation of the Global Framework: implications, opportunities and challenges

- Guiding questions:

- *What are current regional and national instruments, strategies, policies and practices in the Asia-Pacific region that support the implementation of the Global Framework? What is working well when it comes to through-life conventional ammunition management and where do you see gaps that need more attention?*
- *The Global Framework brings new opportunities to work together across the region. Which opportunities do you see to improve through-life conventional ammunition management, including in terms of regional or sub-regional level engagement and regional and cross-regional cooperation?*
- *How can multi-stakeholder cooperation be strengthened, including with non-governmental organizations and civil society, academia, research institutions and industry?*
- *What challenges do you anticipate in the implementation of the Global Framework in the region? Whether it is politics, resources, or technical issues, how do you think these challenges can be tackled?*

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12:30 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 - 15:30 **SESSION 2: SUSTAINABILITY OF THROUGH-LIFE CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT (Part I)**

This session focuses on the objectives and measures of the Global Framework that promote sustainability of through-life conventional ammunition management (Objectives 1-4, 15)

Panel discussion: Regional approaches for through-life conventional ammunition management

- Synergies with and integration into the Regional Roadmap Towards a Regional Mechanism in Weapons Regulation. *Presentation by Atty. Martin P. Ontog, Office of the Special Envoy on Transnational Crime (OSETC), Philippines; Ms. Mitzi Austero, Programme Manager, Non-Violence International Southeast Asia (NISEA)*
- Synergies with and integration into the ASEAN Declaration on Combatting Arms Smuggling. *Presentation by the Representative of the ASEAN- SOMTC Cambodia*
- Measures to reduce proliferation risks and combat illicit trafficking of ammunition in Central Asia. *Presentation by Ms. Aidai Erkinbek Kyzy, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek*

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15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 - 16:30 **SESSION 2: SUSTAINABILITY OF THROUGH-LIFE CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT (Part II)**

Panel discussion: Assistance in Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management

- Available tools and capacity building opportunities:

- The International Ammunition Technical Guidelines and application support resources. *Presentation by Mr. Valon Kumnova, Director of Operations, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining*
- Training opportunities. Experience sharing by Ammunition Technical Officers, Ms. Shashi Yadav & Major Ms. Trisha, Indian Army
- WAM Baseline Assessments and Reference Methodology. *Presentation by Mr. Joshua Angelo Bata, Associate Researcher, UN Institute for Disarmament Research, UNIDIR - (online)*

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16:30 – 17:15 **Break-out groups: strategizing for sustainability (45 min)**

17:15-17:30 **CLOSING - Day 1**

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17:30 – 18:00 Cocktail reception

18:00 – 20:00 Official dinner

Day 2 | Thursday, 5 December

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:30 SESSION 3: GENDER AND AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT

This session focuses on objective 14 of the Global Framework on strengthening gender mainstreaming and the full, equal, meaningful and effective participation of women in through-life conventional ammunition management

Integrating Gender Perspectives in Conventional Ammunition Management.

- *A global perspective. Presentation by Mr. Callum Watson, Gender Coordinator, Small Arms Survey (SAS)*
- *A regional perspective:*
 - *Women's participation in Ammunition Management. Presentation by Major Ms. Shashi Yadav & Major Ms. Trisha, India Army*
 - *Lesson learned and best practices in Southeast Asia. Presentation by Ms. Mitzi Austero, Programme Manager, NISEA*

Panel Discussion and/or open-ended Q&A with the audience, guiding questions;

- *In line with Objective 14, how can we enhance the collection and use of sex-and-age disaggregated data in through-life conventional ammunition management? How can this data inform more effective and gender-sensitive ammunition management policies and practices?*

- *What lessons can be applied to increase the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in technical ammunition management roles? What strategies have been successful in addressing gender disparities in these areas?*
- *How can existing training and capacity-building initiatives be adapted to better support women's participation in ammunition management and the systematic integration of gender analysis and approaches?*

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10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:45 **SESSION 4: SAFETY OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

This session focuses on the objectives and measures of the Global Framework that promote the safety of conventional ammunition through-out its life cycle (Objectives 5-7) and will include a practical exercise and a concluding breakout groups session.

- National experience: Response and risk mitigation of unplanned explosions at ammunition sites. *Presentation by the Nepal Army (TBC)*
- Risk reduction processes for ammunition stockpiles. Presentation and practical exercise led by *Mr. Llewelyn Jones, Regional Director for Asia-Pacific and Ms. Josephine Dresner, Director of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, the Mines Advisory Group (MAG)*

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11:45 – 12:30 **Break-out groups: strategizing for safety and takeaways from the session (30 min)**

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 **SESSION 5: SECURITY OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

This session focuses on the objectives and measures of the Global Framework that promote the security of conventional ammunition through-out its life cycle (Objectives 8-13)

Panel discussion (60 min)

- Supply-chain transparency, marking and tracing, data collection and analysis of diversion risks. *Presentation Mr. Himayu Shiotani, Director Research and Policy, Conflict Armament Research – online*
- Effective implementation of article 13: experience from other regions on monitoring and tracing of illicit ammunition. *Presentation by Mr. Nils Anders, Consultant, UNRCPD*
- National experience: Ammunition marking and tracing. Presentation by States.

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14:30 – 15:15 **Break-out groups: strategizing for security (45 min)**

**Coffee break and snacks will be served during the groups discussion*

15:15 – 16:00 **SESSION 6: Reporting back and next steps**

This session provides an opportunity for reporting back from the group discussions and offers a comprehensive wrap-up, synthesizing key insights and outcomes from the various sessions. It will include an exchange on the next steps in implementing the Global Framework, with a particular focus on the commitments by States and the Secretariat to enhance international cooperation and assistance. Additionally, the session will outline plans for the follow-up and review process, ensuring the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of progress in alignment with the Global Framework.

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16:00 – 16:15 **CLOSING REMARKS**

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16:15 -18:00 ***Kathmandu sites visit, night walking tour***

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