
PROJECT:	STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL: REGIONAL MEETINGS AS FOLLOW-UP TO THE BMS3
Disarmament focus:	Small Arms
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Geographical focus:	Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), League of Arab States (LAS), OSCE area, Pacific

BACKGROUND

The challenges associated with the issue of illicit small arms and light weapons differ considerably from region to region. In some regions it is the threat of conflict which forms the backdrop of action on illicit arms trade, in other regions it is rather organized crime, drugs trafficking or other contexts of violence. What is true in every region though, is that destabilization and high levels of armed violence in one country tend to have spill-over effects into other countries of the same sub-region. Thus, regional approaches to combating the problems can lead to effective and coherent policies and can achieve more sustainable results. At the Third Biennial Meeting of States on the Programme of Action (BMS3), States stressed the importance of regional approaches and underscored their support for the convening of regional meetings.¹

OBJECTIVES

- To identify regional priorities in Programme of Action (PoA) implementation, building on existing PoA implementation efforts within the respective region;
- To develop a regional implementation plan containing concrete targets;
- To lay the groundwork for the development of regional assistance plans as a basis for the formulation of concrete assistance projects at the regional and national level;
- To help States consult and prepare for the Fourth Biennial Meeting of States (BMS4).

CONTENT AND DESIGN

The commitment to hold a regional meeting is fully up to States in the region. UNODA stands ready to facilitate and coordinate such meetings, and to develop suggestions on design and content, which may include the above ‘Objectives’. Naturally, for each regional meeting an intense effort should be made to ensure that representation is as inclusive as possible.

IMPACT

The outcome of the meetings would serve as implementation strategies to advance the implementation of the PoA within the respective region, including by setting specific goal-oriented targets (e.g. towards the PoA Review Conference in 2012). The meetings

¹ A/Conf.192/BMS/2008/3 paragraph 6, 7 (n) and 29 (c).

would contribute to better implementation of the PoA and more concrete results at the regional level. They would also lead to more effective preparations for the next biennial meetings of States.

BENEFICIARIES

Member States, regional and sub-regional organizations and civil society organizations. Improved regional implementation is expected to lead to palpable results in the regional and global drive against the proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons. This would eventually lead to a reduction of the threat posed by them and bring about positive changes in security perceptions within affected societies.

PARTNERS

The ownership of the regional meetings would in principle rest with the Member States of each region and the respective regional and sub-regional organizations. UNODA will consult with interested Member States and partner organizations including its three regional centers to facilitate the meetings and to provide substantive assistance.

BUDGET

Cost estimates are to be refined based on consultations with potential project partners. These estimates will contain provisions for travel of delegates, experts and staff, conference servicing costs (e.g. interpretation, rental of premises and equipment), and temporary assistance for the organization of the meetings. The following is the overall cost estimates for all the meetings. Please note that the figures provided are provisional and may be revised in light of new information which may become available to UNODA. **Please refer to the Annex for cost estimates in respect of each individual regional meeting.**

BUDGET ITEMS	IN US\$
• Project Personnel (temporary assistance)	43,000
• Conference services (e.g., premises, equipment, interpretation, local assistance)	61,900
• Travel	530,610
• Hospitality (coffee breaks and receptions)	10,500
• Programme support cost	83,910
TOTAL BUDGET REQUIRED	729,920

TOTAL INDICATIVE PLEDGES	50,000
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FUNDING GAP	679,920
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BUDGET PER MEETING	IN US\$	INDICATIVE PLEDGES PER MEETING	FUNDING GAP
West Africa	98,500	0	98,500
Central Africa	124,300	0	124,300
Eastern and Southern Africa	180,900	Meeting successfully completed	0
League of Arab States	29,610	0	29,610
LAC	270,500	0	270,500
Asia	207,010	50,000	157,010
Pacific	255,500	Meeting successfully completed	0

ANNEX
COST ESTIMATES FOR THE REGIONAL MEETINGS ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION

West Africa

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Indicative Cost Estimates for a Regional Meeting in West Africa

as of February 2009

Duration: 2 days

Date: 2009 (to be determined).

Venue: Cotonou, Benin (tentative)

Participants: 32 **participants** (15 countries, 2 per country; 2 from subregional orgs)

Object		Total Cost (US \$)	Totals (US\$) c/
Temporary Assistance for Meeting		6,000	6,000
Conference Costs			10,400
Premises		1,900	
Conference Services	Local assistants, equip for audio & interpretation, etc.	1,300	
Rental of office equipment	PCs, projector, photocopier, phones, etc.	800	
Interpretation	English - French	3,400	
Communications	Telephone, pouch, internet, etc.	1,800	
Supplies and materials	Expendable office supplies	1,200	
Travel			69,300
Travel of participants ^{a/}		0	
DSA for participants ^{b/}	30 participants	11,790	
Travel of Chair-designate (BMS)		10,810	
DSA for Chair -designate		988	
Travel of staff		33,330	
DSA for staff	DSA (\$262/day)	4,764	
Travel of resource persons		6,000	
DSA for resource persons	\$262 @ day	1,572	
Hospitality	Coffee breaks (4) and a reception	1,500	1,500
Subtotal			87,200
Programme Support Cost	13%		11,300
Total			98,500

a. Meeting will "piggy-back" on another meeting of ECOWAS. Thus, no travel expenses will be incurred in respect of participants.

b. 2 participants from each of the invited States and 1 representative from subregional organizations. DSA will not be needed in respect of the representatives of the host country.

c. Figures in "Totals" column are rounded.

Countries to be invited to the Meeting (15)

Benin	Burkina Faso	Cape Verde	Cote d'Ivoire
Gambia	Ghana	Guinea	Guinea-Bissau
Liberia	Mali	Niger	Nigeria
Senegal	Sierra Leone	Togo	
Regional organizations			
ECOWAS	ECOSAP		

Central Africa

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Indicative Cost Estimates for a Regional Meeting in Central Africa

as of February 2009

Duration: 2 days

Date: 2010 (to be determined).

Venue: Libreville, Gabon (tentative)

Participants: 23 **participants** (11 countries, 2 per country; 1 from subregional org)

Object		Total Cost (US \$)	Totals (US\$)b/
Temporary Assistance for Meeting		10,000	10,000
Conference Costs			10,400
Premises		1,900	
Conference Services	Local assistants, equip for audio & interpretation, etc.	1,300	
Rental of office equipment	PCs, projector, photocopier, phones, etc.	800	
Interpretation	English - French	3,400	
Communications	Telephone, pouch, internet, etc.	1,800	
Supplies and materials	Expendable office supplies	1,200	
Travel			86,600
Travel of participants ^{a/}		0	
DSA for participants	\$266 @ day	16,758	
Travel of Chair-designate (BMS)		12,120	
DSA for Chair -designate	DSA (\$266/day)	1,000	
Travel of staff		39,540	
DSA for staff	DSA (\$266/day)	5,736	
Travel of resource persons		9,000	
DSA for resource persons	\$266 @ day	2,394	
Hospitality	Coffee breaks (4) and a reception	3,000	3,000
Subtotal			110,000
Programme Support Cost	13%		14,300
Total			124,300

a. Meeting will "piggy-back" on another meeting. Thus, no travel expenses will be incurred in respect of participants.

b. Figures in "Totals" column are rounded.

Countries to be invited to the Meeting (11)

Angola	Burundi	Cameroon	Central African Republic
Chad	Congo	DRC	Equatorial Guinea
Gabon	Rwanda	Sao Tome and Principe	

Regional organization

ECCAS

League of Arab States

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Indicative Cost Estimates for a Regional Meeting for Members of the League of Arab States (LAS)

as of February 2009

Duration: 2 days

Date: 2009 (to be determined)

Estimated number of participants: 44 **participants** (22 countries, 2 per country)

Venue: Cairo (tentative)

Object		Subtotals (US \$)	Totals (US\$) ^{b/}
General Temporary Assistance (GTA)		0	0
Conference Services		8,000 ^{a/}	8,000
Premises			
Conference services	Local assistants, equip for audio & interpretation, etc.		
Rental of office equipment	PCs, projector, photocopier, phones, etc.		
Interpretation	English-Arabic	8,000	
Communications	Telephone, pouch, internet, etc.		
Supplies & materials	Expendable office supplies		
Travel			18,200
Travel of Chair-designate (BMS)		5,170	
DSA for Chair -designate	\$255/day	765	
Travel of staff		10,340	
DSA for staff	\$255/day	1,934	
Travel of resource persons			
DSA for experts/resource persons	\$255/day		
Hospitality	Coffee breaks and a reception		0
Subtotal			26,200
Programme Support Cost (13%)			3,410
Total			29,610

a. Includes cost of premises, conference services, rental of equipment and interpretation.

b. Figures in "Totals" column are rounded

Countries to be invited to the Meeting (22)

Algeria	Bahrain	Comoros	Djibouti
Egypt	Iraq	Jordan	Kuwait
Lebanon	Libya	Mauritania	Morocco
Oman	Palestine	Qatar	Saudi Arabia
Somalia	Sudan	Syria	Tunisia
UAE	Yemen		

Latin America and the Caribbean

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Indicative Cost Estimates for a Regional Meeting in Latin America and the Caribbeans

as of February 2009

Duration: 2 days

Date: 2009 (to be determined)

Venue: Barbados

Participants: **69 participants (33 countries, 2 per country; 3 regional orgs)**

Object		Subtotals (US \$)	Totals (US\$) ^{af}
Temporary Assistance for Meeting		15,000	15,000
Conference Costs			19,400
Premises		1,200	
Conference Services	Local assistants, equip for audio & interpretation, etc.	3,300	
Rental of office equipment	PCs, projector, photocopier, phones, etc.	4,400	
Interpretation	English - Spanish	8,800	
Communications	Telephone, pouch, internet, etc.	1,100	
Supplies and materials	Expendable office supplies	600	
Travel			202,000
Travel of participants	32 States x 2 reps + 3 Reg. orgs	116,230	
DSA for participants	\$225 @ day (winter rate)	45,225	
Travel of Chair-designate (BMS)		1,970	
DSA for Chair -designate	DSA (\$225/day)	675	
Travel of staff		12,250	
DSA for staff	DSA (\$225/day)	5,510	
Travel of experts/resource persons		18,000	
DSA for experts/resource persons	\$225 @ day	2,025	
Hospitality	Coffee breaks and a reception	3,000	3,000
Subtotal			239,400
Programme Support Cost	13%		31,100
Total			270,500

a. Figures in "Totals" column are rounded.

Countries to be invited to the Meeting (33)

Antigua and Barbuda	Argentina	Bahamas	Barbados
Belize	Bolivia	Brazil	Chile
Colombia	Costa Rica	Cuba	Dominica
Dominican Republic	Ecuador	El Salvador	Grenada
Guatemala	Guyana	Haiti	Honduras
Jamaica	Mexico	Nicaragua	Panama
Paraguay	Peru	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Venezuela	Suriname	Trinidad and Tobago
Uruguay			

Regional organizations

OAS, SICA, Mercosur

Asia

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Indicative cost estimates for a Regional Meeting in Asia

as of February 2009

Duration: 2 days

Date: 2009 (to be determined)

Estimated number of participants: 42 **participants** (21 countries, 2 per country)

Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia (tentative)

Object		Subtotals (US \$)	Totals (US\$)
General Temporary Assistance (GTA)		12,000	12,000
Conference Services		12,000 ^a	13,700
Premises			
Conference services			
Rental of office equipment	PCs, projector, photocopier, phones, etc.		
Interpretation			
Communications	Telephone, pouch, internet, etc.	1,100	
Supplies & materials	Expendable office supplies	600	
Travel			154,510
Travel of participants	40 participants	79,540	
DSA for participants	\$160/day	19,200	
Travel of Chair-designate (BMS)		7,330	
DSA for Chair - designate	\$160/day	480	
Travel of staff		20,520	
DSA for staff	\$160/day	4,008	
Travel of experts/resource persons		21,990	
DSA for experts/resource persons	\$160/day	1,440	
Hospitality			
Official functions	Coffee breaks and a reception	3,000	3,000
Subtotal			183,210
Programme Support Cost (13%)			23,800
Total			207,010

a. Includes cost of premises, conference services and rental of equipment.

b. Figures in "Totals" column are rounded.

Countries to be invited to the Meeting (21)

ASEAN (10)

Brunei Darussalam
Cambodia
Indonesia
Laos
Malaysia
Myanmar
Philippines
Singapore
Thailand
Vietnam

SAARC (7)

Bangladesh
Bhutan
India
Maldives
Nepal
Pakistan
Sri Lanka

Others (4)

Japan
ROK
China
Timor-Leste