

UNODA's RDB ORGANISATION

UNODA's Regional Disarmament Branch serves over 135 countries. It comprises a New York-based office as well as three UN Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament:

AFRICA (Lomé, Togo)

UNREC (United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa) is serving 53 countries.

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (Kathmandu, Nepal)

UNRCPD (United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific) is serving 43 countries.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (Lima, Perú)

UNLIREC (United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean) is serving 33 countries.

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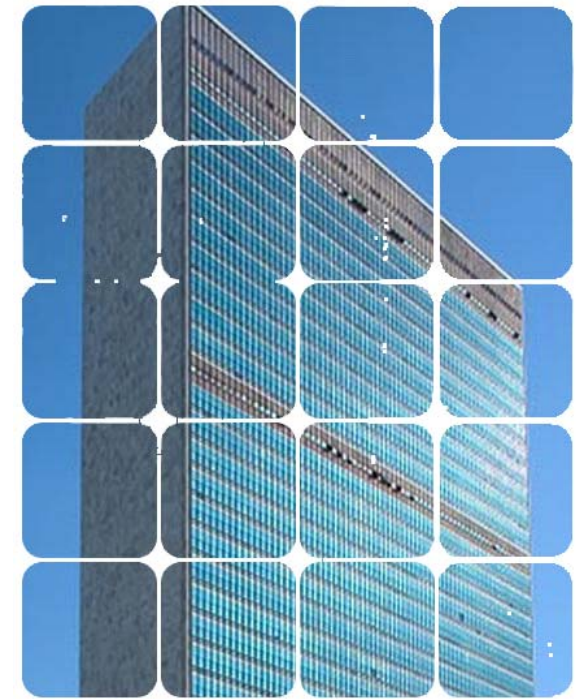
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REGIONAL DISARMAMENT BRANCH





The Regional Disarmament Branch (RDB) is the operational arm of the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) at the regional, sub-regional and national levels.

UNODA's Regional Disarmament Branch OBJECTIVES

To promote and enhance international efforts towards global disarmament and international peace and security through the support and promotion of regional disarmament efforts and initiatives using approaches freely arrived at among the States of the region and taking into account the legitimate requirements of States for self-defence and the specific characteristics of each region (A/64/6(Sect.4)).

To promote regional disarmament, taking into account the specific characteristics of each region and in accordance with the principle of undiminished security at the lowest level of armaments, in order to enhance the security of all States and to thus contribute to international peace and security by reducing the risk of regional conflicts (PP9 of A/RES/65/45).

UNODA's Regional Disarmament Branch is committed to mainstreaming gender in all its activities.

ACTIONS

Provides substantive expertise regarding disarmament and confidence-building measures in the conflict-prevention and post-conflict peacebuilding efforts of the UN system, including supporting the development and implementation of practical disarmament measures at the request of Member States:

(a) Promoting, facilitating and strengthening regional cooperation among States and regional, sub-regional and other arrangements, and facilitating the coordination of efforts in matters related to confidence-building measures, disarmament, peace and security;

(b) Providing substantive and other support, as appropriate, including advisory services, as requested, to regional initiatives by Member States and to regional, sub-regional and other arrangements in order to promote and implement disarmament measures;

(c) Enhancing the capacity and expertise of Member States, as well as regional and other arrangements in the field of disarmament and international security in the regional context;

(d) Disseminating relevant information and documentation in the field of disarmament, peace and security, including through databases and websites, to regional and sub-regional organizations and other arrangements, as appropriate;

(e) Providing substantive, secretariat, organizational and administrative support to the UN Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(f) Contributing actively to the vision ONE-UN in arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation at country and regional levels.

**Regional Disarmament:
Making a Difference on the Ground**

PROGRAMMES

Capacity-Building at Regional, Sub-regional and national levels:

- Security Sector capacity-building;
- Inter Institutional Training courses (IITC) to combat illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and firearms trafficking;
- Peace, disarmament and non-proliferation education;

Outreach and Advocacy:

- ODA Regional and sub-regional conferences, seminars and workshops to promote and support the implementation of conventional and weapons of mass destruction related instruments, including the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Security Council Resolution 1540, the Ottawa and Oslo Conventions and the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence.

Technical Assistance

- SALW and firearms policy and legal assistance;
- Establishment of national commissions and mechanisms on SALW;
- Harmonization of national norms with international arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation instruments;
- Technical support in stockpile management and weapons destruction;
- Support to national, sub-regional and regional registers on conventional arms.

