

FACT SHEET

UN TRUST FACILITY SUPPORTING COOPERATION ON ARMS REGULATION (UNSCAR)

UNSCAR is a multi-donor trust fund established in response to the need for focused and effective support for conventional arms regulation. UNSCAR aims to:

- Mobilise resources to support the ratification/accession and implementation of relevant international instruments on arms regulations;
- Improve effectiveness of assistance through better coordination, monitoring and matching of needs with resources;
- Increase sustainability in providing international assistance related to arms regulation through more predictable sources of funding.

Essential elements

- **Eligible entities:** UN partners,¹ international/regional organizations, NGOs and research institutes. Governments wishing to receive assistance should work with eligible entities who can submit a proposal to UNSCAR.
- **Submitted project proposals must be:**
 - Compatible with the objectives of UNSCAR;
 - Consistent with the requirements for submitting an application;
 - In line with a thematic priority identified in the Call for Proposals.
- **Coordination among partners:** UNSCAR strongly encourages coordination amongst implementing partners to seek synergies in relevant activities and to avoid duplication of efforts.

“Most States reporting under the Programme of Action include in their national reports information on their national assistance needs. However, the Programme of Action does not provide a mechanism for matching these needs with available resources. Many States which have formulated needs for assistance have not received a reply or a showing of interest. The Secretariat will address this gap by pointing towards these reported assistance needs when opening its annual call for proposals under UNSCAR.”

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

2016-2017 funding cycle

Under the 2016 **Call for Proposals**, UNSCAR accepted applications in **June** and **July 2016**. The funding cap was set at US\$150,000 per project. Applicants were strongly encouraged to take **gender considerations** into account in their project formulation. **Eleven project proposals were selected for funding**, to be implemented in 2017 and 2018. These projects conform to one or more of the following thematic priorities:

¹ UN CASA is the UN-internal coordination mechanism on small arms, the arms trade and ammunition, comprising of 26 UN entities.

- Support the universalisation and/or effective implementation of relevant global instruments on arms regulation, including the Programme of Action on small arms and light weapons (PoA) and the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT);
- Promote the relevance of conventional arms regulation to development, particularly in connection with Target 16.4 under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Address synergies between international and regional instruments on arms regulation;
- Support the implementation of assistance priorities:
 - Given due consideration to discussions at Biennial Meetings of States (PoA) and the Conferences of States Parties to the ATT;
 - Taking into account needs identified by States in national reports to, for instance, the PoA and ATT.

The 2017 Call for Proposals will open for applications from June-July 2017.

UNSCAR projects

Since its inception, UNSCAR has supported 39 projects on a total budget of approximately US\$6 million in all regions of the world:

- 2013-2014 9 projects US\$1 million
- 2014-2015 19 projects US\$3.2 million
- 2015-2016 11 projects US\$1.7 million

Type of activities implemented

- capacity-building (training courses, workshops)
- contributions to ongoing multilateral processes
- support to national processes (ratification/accession)
- implementation tools and guides
- action-oriented research
- information platforms, databases, e-learning

Thematic issues addressed

- legislation
- end-use/r control
- national points of contact
- reporting
- weapons destruction
- stockpile management
- border control
- gender and children
- public awareness (civil society)
- South-South cooperation

Special-circumstances projects

UNSCAR also funds special-circumstances projects, which aim to provide rapid response to emergency situations. These projects can be submitted all year round.

In 2013 and 2014, UNSCAR funded two such projects: one in the Philippines, to help clean up and secure ammunition that was scattered over a large area following the destruction of an ammunition depot by typhoon Haiyan; and another in Ukraine to enable the conduct of a baseline assessment of non-state armed groups and their weapons and ammunition.

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Donor countries



