

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.

“We further reaffirm the importance of taking effective measures for international cooperation and assistance, including, as appropriate, improved funding options, technology transfer, and adequate training and support programmes, in order to accelerate the attainment of the objectives of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.”

Outcome document, Third Review Conference
on the UN Programme of Action

The 2018 Call for Proposals

Eligible entities can submit proposals for UNSCAR funds once a year during the annual call for proposals. The 2018 call for proposals is open from 8 June to **31 July 2018**. Applicants were strongly encouraged to take **gender considerations** into account in their project formulation. Priority will be given to projects which include one 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 23 UN entities.

- Support the universalisation and/or effective implementation of relevant global instruments on arms regulation.
- Promote the nexus on progress between conventional arms regulation, peace and security, and development, particularly in connection with Target 16.4, under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; including:
 - integration of arms control efforts into national development agenda;
 - national capacity building for data collection.
- Explore synergies between international and regional instruments on arms regulation.
- Support the implementation of international assistance priorities, considering:
 - outcomes from milestone conferences/meetings;
 - assistance needs as identified by States in national reports submitted.

UNSCAR projects

Since its inception, UNSCAR has supported 64 projects on a total budget of approximately US\$9 million in all regions of the world:

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| • 2013-2014 | 9 projects | US\$1 million | • 2015-2016 | 10 projects | US\$1.5 million |
| • 2014-2015 | 19 projects | US\$3.2 million | • 2016-2017 | 13 projects | US\$1.6 million |
| | | | • 2017-2018 | 13 projects | US\$1.7 million |

Type of activities implemented

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| • capacity-building (training courses, workshops) | • implementation tools and guides |
| • contributions to ongoing multilateral processes | • data collection for the 2030 Agenda |
| • support to national processes (ratification/accession) | • information platforms, databases, e-learning |

Thematic issues addressed

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| • legislation | • craft production | • gender and children |
| • reporting | • record-keeping and tracing | • public awareness (civil society) |
| • end-use/r control | • stockpile management | • 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.

UNSCAR funded four such projects in: 1) the Philippines to help clean up an ammunition depot and secure ammunition that was awash by typhoon Haiyan; 2) Ukraine to conduct a baseline assessment of non-state armed groups and their weapons and ammunition; 3) Swaziland to move ammunition from an earth-covered magazine due to flooding; and 4) Saint Lucia to conduct assessment for relocation of an ammunition depot located in a populated area.

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United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation



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