



United Nations Regional Centre
for Peace, Disarmament and Development
in Latin America and the Caribbean

► Español

Newsletter No. 2 December 2010



Caribbean States strengthen their commitment to counter Illicit firearms trafficking

(Panama City, Oct.- 2010) - On 25 October 2010 UN-LiREC's Inter Institutional Training Course for Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking (IITC) was selected as the Best Practice in the category of Regional Arms Control Initiatives by the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SICA), the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Spanish International Cooperation Agency for Development (AECID) as part of the knowledge fair *Compromiso Centroamérica: a space to build a safe region.* ([more...](#))

► Highlights

UN-LiREC Strengthens the Capacity of Andean Women in Controlling Illicit Firearms Trafficking

(Lima, Dec. 2010) - Once again, living up to its innovative spirit, and in line with the firm commitment to disarmament demonstrated by countries within the Andean Region, UN-LiREC organized its first Inter-Institutional Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking targeted at women working in the area of small arms control in the Andean Region. This ten-day course - carried out in Lima, Peru, from 22 November to 3 December - brought together 40 female officers from law enforcement institutions, judiciary power and the public prosecutor's office of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. ([more...](#))

[Third Seminar on Armed Violence and](#)

► Agenda

- ▣ [Inter-institutional Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking \(IITC\)](#), 31 January - 11 February 2011, Quito, Ecuador. Organized by UN-LiREC.
- ▣ [High-Level Meeting on the Implementation of International Instruments on Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials](#), 4 February 2011, Quito, Ecuador. Organized by UN-LiREC.
- ▣ [Inter-ministerial Conference on the Configuration and Operational Scope of National SALW Commissions](#), 14 February 2011, Quito, Ecuador. Organized by UN-LiREC.
- ▣ [Inter-ministerial Conference on the Configuration and Operational Scope](#)

[Development: Strengthening the Community of Practice in Central America](#)

(La Antigua, Nov. 2010) - Ensuring the continuity of the commitments made by the Government of Spain and the United Nations to prevent and reduce armed violence, the Spanish Cooperation Training Centre in La Antigua, Guatemala, hosted the Third Seminar on Armed Violence and Development on 16-18 November. The event was co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the UN Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-LiREC), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). [\(more...\)](#)

[UN-LiREC Participates in Preparatory Meeting for the Third Meeting Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Public Security in the Americas](#)

(Santiago de Chile, Nov. 2010) - The Organization of American States (OAS), together with the Government of Chile, hosted the meeting of experts in preparation for the Third Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Public Security in the Americas (MISPA III) to be held in November 2011 in Trinidad and Tobago. UN-LiREC and other public security experts from the region met in Santiago de Chile between on 18-19 November with the aim of strengthening cooperation between governments within the continent in the fight against crime, violence and insecurity. [\(more...\)](#)

[VIIth Seminar on the Implementation of the UN Programme of Action \(2001\) on Small Arms in Latin America](#)

(Cartagena of the Indies, Oct. 2010) - With the support of the UN Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-LiREC) and the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain organized the VIIth Seminar on Small Arms and Light Weapons for Latin American States from 19-22 October at the Spanish Training Centre for Cooperation in Cartagena of the Indies, Colombia. [\(more...\)](#)

[UN-LiREC supports the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 \(2004\)](#)

(Lima, Nov.- 2010) - A facilitation event on the implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) took place in Lima, Peru, organized by the Government of the United States of America in cooperation with the 1540 Committee and UN Office for Disarmament affairs, the Government of Peru,

of National SALW Commissions, 18 February 2011, La Paz, Bolivia. Organized by UN-LiREC.

- [Inter-institutional Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking \(IITC\)](#), 21 February - 4 March 2011, Santa Cruz or Cochabamba, Bolivia. Organized by UN-LiREC.
- [Technical Workshop on the Fight Against Illicit Trafficking of Explosives](#), 24 - 25 February 2011, Bogota, Colombia. Organized by UN-LiREC.
- [Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty](#), 28 February - 4 March, 2011, New York, USA. Organized by the United Nations.
- [Inter-institutional Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking \(IITC\)](#), 7 - 18 March 2011, Tumbes, Peru. Organized by UN-LiREC.
- [Inter-institutional Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking \(IITC\)](#), 7 - 18 March 2011, Pereira, Colombia. Organized by UN-LiREC.
- [Experts Workshop: Best Practices in Training Legal Officers in Combating Illicit Trafficking in Firearms, Explosives and Ammunition](#), 21 - 22 March 2011, Lima, Peru. Organized by UN-LiREC.
- [Sub-regional Forum on the Status of Implementation of the the Andean Plan to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects \(Decision 552\)](#), 24 - 25 March 2011, La Paz, Bolivia. Organized by UN-LiREC.

and with the technical assistance of UN-LiREC. The main objective was to provide a forum for the participating States and regional organizations in the Latin American and Caribbean Region with regard to the implementation of the UNSCR 1540 (2004), sharing expertise, information, national and regional experiences of implementation, including strengths, weaknesses and challenges. ([more...](#))

UN-LiREC continues assisting Caribbean States on Firearms Destruction and Stockpile Management

(Port of Spain, Dec.- 2010) - UN-LiREC hosted the United Nations Caribbean Regional Workshop on Firearms Destruction and Stockpile Management: from Assessment to Action, in collaboration with the Ministry of National Security of Trinidad and Tobago on 8 and 9 December 2010 to conclude Phase One of UN-LiREC's Firearms Destruction and Stockpile Management (FD&SM) Assistance Package for Caribbean States. ([more...](#))

UN Secretary General Five Point Proposal: Enhancing Nuclear Disarmament in the Latin American and Caribbean Region

(Montevideo, Nov.- 2010) - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay, the Global Action Against War and the Freidrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation (FES) organized a seminar entitled "Latin America and the Caribbean: Facing Disarmament and Non-proliferation - Opportunities and Challenges", took place in Montevideo, Uruguay on 8 and 9 November 2010. ([more...](#))

If you do not wish to receive this email in the future, simply click [here](#) to be deleted of the mailing list.