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In this first edition of our quarterly newsletter, you will find the main activities carried out in the last quarter of 2022.

We invite you to watch the message from Soledad Urruela, Director of UNLIREC.

Spotlight

**EVENT** More than 50 representatives from Caribbean States participated in the Second Annual Caribbean Firearms Roadmap Meeting

**PUBLICATION** The non-proliferation of biological weapons: challenges and opportunities for Latin America and the Caribbean

**CAMPAIGN** Arms control as a building block to eliminate gender-based violence
Join us in celebrating the first International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness (IDDNPA)!

From 1 to 5 March, we invite you to take part in this initiative by sharing a picture of yourself and/or your team holding this image on your social media accounts with the hashtags #IDDNPA #5March #disarmament and tag @UNLIREC & @unitednations_oda

UNLIREC in action

**Antigua and Barbuda**

Royal police force of Antigua and Barbuda promotes gender mainstreaming into firearms-related criminal investigations. UNLIREC, in collaboration with the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, carried out the Specialised Course on Firearms Investigations from a Gender Perspective (FIGP), aimed at strengthening participants' technical knowledge on gender-sensitive firearms-related criminal investigations. [link]

**Belize**

Belizean authorities participated in the National Ballistics Intelligence Management Course and a Monitoring and Evaluation Roundtable Meeting with a view to reducing the effects of armed violence and gun crimes in Belize through strengthen capacities of national officials to respond to those phenomena. [link]
Dominica

Authorities from Dominica were trained in Interdicting Small Arms, Ammunition, Parts and Components (ISAAPC). Twenty-five (25) officials, including five (5) women, from the following agencies actively participated in the hybrid course: Dominica Air and Seaports Authority, Commonwealth of Dominica Police Force and the Dominica Customs and Excise Division.

Guyana

Nineteen officials, including four women, from the Guyana Police Force, Guyana Defence Force, Guyana Revenue Authority, Cheddi Jagan International Airport and Ogle Airport Inc. actively participated in the Interdicting Small Arms, Ammunition, Parts and Components (ISAAPC) course in order to strengthen their capacities to combat and prevent the illicit trafficking of small arms, ammunition and explosives.

Jamaica

The Ministry of Education and Youth (MoEY) of Jamaica, in collaboration with UNLIREC, hosted a roundtable meeting on responses to tackle the presence of firearms in schools. The roundtable meeting aimed at promoting dialogue at the national level on this phenomenon between the different stakeholders and sectors.

Dominican Republic

Thirty-eight customs officials, including sixteen women, from the Dominican Republic participated in training on the implementation of strategic trade control in the context of Resolution 1540, adopted in 2004, with the objective of strengthening the capacities of Dominican customs authorities to control strategic trade in dual-use goods.
St. Kitts & Nevis

Through presentations and practical exercises, participants were introduced to international standards and best practices in stockpile management, physical security and stockpile management, marking and recordkeeping as well as firearms and ammunition destruction procedures.

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