Regional Preparatory Meeting

for the Fourth Review Conference on the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (RevCon4)

Caribbean States
18–22 March 2024
Virtual format

Funded by the European Union
Day 1 | Monday, 18 March 2024

09:00 – 09:20 Opening

• Adedeji Ebo, Director and Deputy to the High Representative, UNODA
• Michal Adamowicz, Policy Officer, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Arms Export Control, European External Action Service

Group photo

09:20 – 09:30 Overview of Regional preparatory meeting

Soledad Urruela, Director, UNLIREC

09:30 – 10:50 Session 1 – Preparing for RevCon4

• State of play of PoA and possible RevCon4 outcomes
  H.E. Maritza Chan-Valverde, President-designate of RevCon4

• PoA implementation in the region, including trends, challenges, and opportunities
  Soledad Urruela, Director, UNLIREC

• Tour de table – Priorities for RevCon4
  Each State and regional organizations are invited to briefly presents its priorities for RevCon4, 2-3 minutes each. States will be named in alphabetical order.

Moderation: Soledad Urruela, Director, UNLIREC

10:50 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:30 The Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management

• Briefing
  Nora Allgaier, UNODA

• Discussion

Day 2 | Tuesday, 19 March 2024

09:00 – 10:00 Session 2 – The small arms issue and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

• Integrating SALW control into development processes, policies and frameworks / Armed violence prevention initiatives
  Ivor Fung, UNODA

• National experience
  Dennis Zulu, Resident Coordinator of Jamaica, SALIENT

• Discussion

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Day 2 | Tuesday, 19 March 2024

10:00 – 10:45  Session 3: Gender, youth and inclusion

• Women’s participation and gender mainstreaming
  Katja Boettcher, UNLIREC

• Youth engagement and firearms in schools
  Elena Batani, UNLIREC

• Discussion

Moderation: Frida Thomassen, UNODA

10:45 – 10:55  Break

10:55 – 11:45  Session 4 - Coordination, transparency and other relevant instruments

• Presentations
  - Callixtus Joseph, Assistant Director - Policy, Strategy & Innovation (Ag.), CARICOM IMPACS
  - Danielle Jemmott, Programme Coordinator (Ag.), CARICOM IMPACS

  All other regional organizations are invited to briefly present on their initiatives to implement the PoA, 2-3 minutes each.

• Discussion on:
  - Role of regional organizations
  - Regional cooperation, transparency and information exchange
  - Regional roadmaps and strategies
  - Complementarities with other instruments

Moderation: Jason Francis, UNLIREC

Day 3 | Wednesday, 20 March 2024

09:00 – 10:00  Session 5 –Developments in SALW manufacturing, technology and design and resulting challenges and opportunities for the PoA and ITI

• Presentation on the discussions and recommendations from expert symposia
  Ruben Nicoli, UNIDIR

• Trends in Latin America and the Caribbean on SALW manufacturing, technology and design
  Frank Grosspietsch, UNLIREC

• Strengthening the ITI framework: Possible modalities and scope of a technical working group on the ITI
  Aude Feltz, UNODA

• Discussion

Moderation: Quinelle-Marie Kangalee, UNLIREC
Day 3 | Wednesday, 20 March 2024

10:00 – 10:10  Break

10:10 – 11:45  Session 6 – Operational Aspects

• Introductory presentation on PSSM, marking and diversion, border controls, recordkeeping, tracing, destruction and curbing the supply side of small arms and light weapons
  Manuel Martinez, UNODA

• Regional and national priorities on PSSM, marking and diversion, border controls, recordkeeping, tracing, destruction and curbing the supply side of small arms and light weapons
  Member States are invited to share a concrete example of their work on any of the above issues (2-3 minutes each)

• Discussion

Moderation: Jason Francis, UNLIREC

Day 4 | Thursday, 21 March 2024

09:00 – 09:30  Session 7 – Private security companies

• Private security companies in Latin America and the Caribbean
  Soledad Urruela, UNLIREC

• Discussion

Moderation: Manuel Martinez, UNODA

09:30 – 10:30  Session 8 – Enhancing International Cooperation and Assistance

• Presentation on the discussions and recommendations from expert symposia
  Ruben Nicoli, UNIDIR

• Member States are invited to share their priorities and views on the issue (2-3 minutes each)

• Discussion

Moderation: Manuel Martinez, UNODA

10:30 – 10:40  Break
Day 4 | Thursday, 21 March 2024

10:40 – 11:45  Session 9 – Strengthening implementation and measurability

- Presentation on the discussions and recommendations from expert symposia
  Ruben Nicoli, UNIDIR

- Caribbean Firearms Roadmap
  Katja Boettcher, UNLIREC

- Discussion

Moderation: Danielle Jemmott, Programmes Coordinator, CARICOM IMPACS

Day 5 | Friday, 22 March 2024

09:00 – 11:20  Session 10 – PoA process: Way forward

- Interaction with H.E. Maritza Chan-Valverde, President-designate of RevCon4 on regional priorities for RevCon4

- Next steps and timelines

11:20 – 11:30  Closing remarks UNODA
Links of reference
Click on the image to open the link.

Regional Preparatory Meetings for the Fourth Review Conference on the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (RevCon4)

Letter of the President-designate of the RevCon4, 23 February 2024

RevCon4 (2024)
PrepCom (2024)
BMS8 (2022)

BMS7 (2021)
RevCon3 (2018)
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PoA National Reports (2022)
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Inputs for Action on Small Arms: Conclusions and Recommendations from the Thematic Expert Seminars