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

2018-2019 funding cycle

Under the 2018 **Call for Proposals**, UNSCAR accepted 53 applications in June and July 2018. The funding cap was set at US$200,000 per project for activities related to stockpile management and weapons marking and tracing; and US$100,000 for others. Applicants were required to ensure specific outputs through activities related to **gender considerations** such as collection of gender-disaggregated data. **Sixteen project proposals were selected for funding**, to be implemented in 2019. These projects conform to one or more of the following thematic priorities:

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1 UN CASA is the UN-internal coordination mechanism on small arms, the arms trade and ammunition, compromising of 23 UN entities.

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• 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 80 projects on a total budget of approximately US$11 million in all regions of the world:

- 2013-2014  9 projects  US$1 million  
- 2014-2015  19 projects  US$3.2 million  
- 2015-2016 10 projects  US$1.5 million

• 2016-2017  13 projects  US$1.6 million  
• 2017-2018  13 projects  US$1.7 million  
• 2018-2019  16 projects  US$2 million (TBC)

Type of activities implemented

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

Thematic issues addressed

- legislation
- reporting
- end-use/r control
- craft production
- record-keeping and tracing
- stockpile management
- 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.

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) eSwatini 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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Donor countries