UNODC’s Firearms Champion Country Initiative

Side Event

17 October, UNTOC COP 9
Vienna, Austria
Objective: Countering illicit arms trafficking and related crimes, through implementation of UNTOC and the Firearms Protocol and effective international cooperation and information exchange.

Donors:
Cross-cutting elements (gender, civil society engagement, human rights, rule of law)
UNODC’s Efforts to Monitor Illicit Arms Flows

COP - 2010
UNODC mandated to develop Firearms Study

2015
Publication of the first UNODC Study on Firearms

2016 – Res. 8/3
New mandate for collection and analysis of firearms data on regular basis, also taking into account target 16.4 of the SDGs

April 2017
Start of the EU-UNODC Project on Firearms Data

June 2018
Launch of the Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire (IAFQ)

October 2018
Launch of the Firearms Champion County Initiative

Ongoing
Technical assistance to enhance data generation, collection, recording and analysis capacities

To date responses from 42 MS received
The Firearms Champion Country Initiative

- **Objective:** Supporting Member States’ efforts in identifying and disseminating **best practices along the chain of measures** that States need to put in place in order to effectively **prevent, detect and combat the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, P&C&A**, address their **links to other crimes** and achieve and monitor **SDG target 16.4**.

- **First focus area:** **Evidence-based decision making** through the generation, collection, recording, analysis and operational use of firearms data

- **Modalities:** **Flexible approach** with a variety of outputs, such as
  - National studies on firearms trafficking and links to other forms of crime
  - Contribution to issue paper on good practices to detect, prevent and combat illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their P&C&A
Interested in joining the initiative?
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