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Context and Objectives of the UNODC Firearms Data Collection and Analysis Initiative

**Regional Meeting on Firearms Data Collection and Analysis
for Member and Observer States of the Middle East and
North Africa Region**

5 and 6 February 2019, Vienna, Austria

**Firearms Trafficking is
linked to multiple security
threats**



Cybercrime



**Trafficking in
Cultural Property**



Illegal Fishing & Wildlife



Human Trafficking



Drug Trafficking



Terrorism



Violent Crime



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

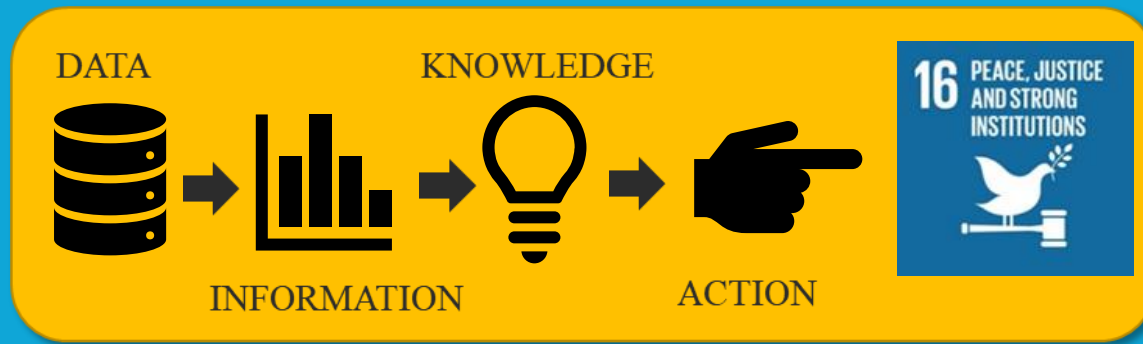


Nexus Between Illicit Arms and Development

Target 16.4 of the Agenda for Sustainable Development

16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime

How to address firearms trafficking and achieve SDG target 16.4? Objective of the Firearms Data Initiative



→ Better understanding firearms trafficking through regular collection and analysis of data helps to:

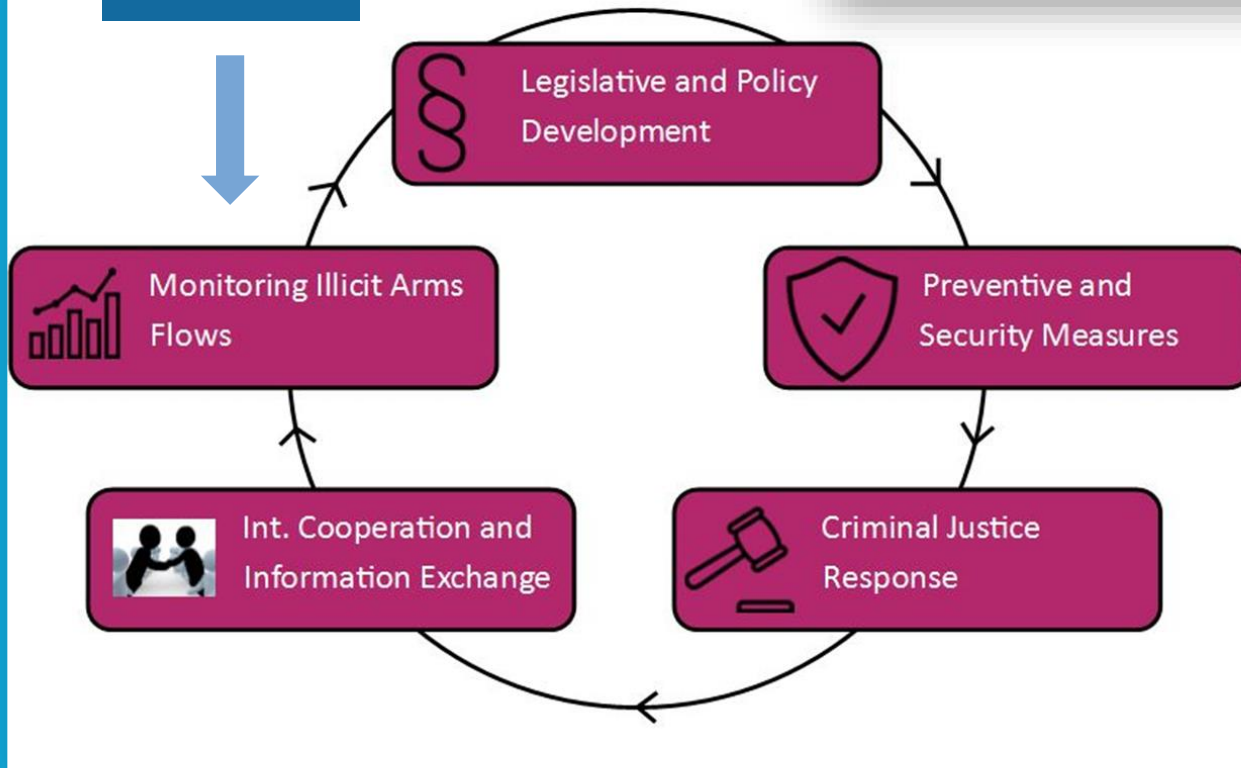


Achieve SDG target 16.4



Monitor achievement of SDG target 16.4

How to address firearms trafficking and achieve SDG target 16.4?



 **UNSCAR**
United Nations Trust Facility
Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation

Timeline of events on global monitoring of illicit firearms flows

2015

The **2030 SDGs** are adopted and, subsequently, **UNODC and UNODA** are designated **co-custodians** of target indicator 16.4.2.

2017-2019

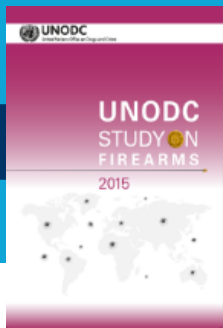
EU-UNODC Project: “Supporting Global Data Collection and Analysis on Firearms Trafficking and Fostering Cooperation and Information Sharing, in particular Among Countries along Major Trafficking Routes to/from the EU

14 June 2018

The IAFQ 2018 is **launched**. Data collection is ongoing.

2010 - 2015

UNODC is mandated by COP to develop the **Firearms Study** (res. 5/4, 6/2). The first UNODC Study on Firearms is **published in 2015**.



2016

UNODC is mandated by the COP “to **continue to collect and analyse**, on a regular basis, quantitative and qualitative information and suitably disaggregated data on trafficking in **firearms, their parts and components and ammunition**” and to take into account **target 16.4** of the SDGs (res. 8/3).

September

2019 – Scheduled publishing date for the new study on firearms.



The EU-UNODC project on firearms data collection and analysis:

Data Collection and Analysis

Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire:

Collects standardized and comparable data on seized, found and surrendered arms

Firearms Champion Country Initiative

Advocacy for evidence based policy and operational decision making:

National and regional studies

Technical Assistance

Capacity building & Tools: Template for in the field data collection & Data aggregation tool



MENA Regional Meeting on Monitoring Illicit Firearms Trafficking Flows – Objectives and Opportunities

- Facilitate and promote participation in the global firearms data initiative by filling in the IAFQ;
- Seize the opportunity to ask – including in side meetings – detailed questions on filling in the IAFQ;
- Create a space for the identification and discussion of shared practices and challenges in the MENA region as regards firearms data collection and analysis;
- Show opportunities to cooperate with partners in exchanging information on firearms trafficking and in jointly tackling this phenomenon.



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Thank you!

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