

FACT SHEET

UN TRUST FACILITY SUPPORTING COOPERATION ON ARMS REGULATION (UNSCAR)

A great number of States recognise the need for focused and effective funding for the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). The United Nations has launched the UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR), as a multi-donor, flexible funding mechanism in response to these requests.

Objectives

- To support the preparation for ratification and implementation of the ATT, including through South-South cooperation;
- To ensure the complementarity of implementation activities of the United Nations Programme of Action on small arms and light weapons (PoA);
- To improve effectiveness of assistance through better coordination, monitoring and matching of resources;
- To promote increased sustainability through more predictable sources of funding.



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Making ATT implementation Possible

State Parties to the ATT “may seek international assistance” in implementing the Treaty. Each State Party may request, offer or receive assistance through, inter alia, the United Nations. Assistance can include “legal or legislative assistance, institutional capacity-building, and technical, material or financial assistance.” UNSCAR has been launched in anticipation of the ATT’s entry into force—so that countries can start right away with their efforts to improve their laws, procedures and safety regulations.

Essential elements

- **Entities eligible for funding:** UN CASA partners, international organisations, NGOs and research institutes. Member States wishing to apply for funds through the Facility should work with eligible organisations to design and submit project proposals.
- **Eligible assistance proposals:** proposals for funding should:
 - (1) be consistent with the objectives of UNSCAR, as well as priority areas as identified in annual UNSCAR Call for Proposals;
 - (2) align activities with the goals of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and other UN country team tools, where relevant;
 - (3) consider enhancing partnership with regional organizations;
 - (4) be presented by at least one eligible implementing partner;
 - (5) have a minimum implementation period of one year, and a maximum of two years, with the possibility of a one-year extension.

Project proposals to implement special or rapid response activities are also eligible for funding under this Facility.

- **Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation:** the UN requires all recipients of funds from the Facility to prepare and submit interim and final narrative and financial reports. All projects to be funded by the Facility must have a Monitoring and Evaluation component included in the proposal.
- **Complementarity with existing mechanisms:** the Facility recognises the work of the Group of Interested States (GIS) in practical disarmament measures and aims to complement its efforts to match resources and to share lessons learned. The GIS also supports UNSCAR, by providing a forum to discuss UNSCAR activities for broader stakeholders, including recipient States and international and non-governmental organizations.

How to apply for UNSCAR funding?

For information on how to apply, contact us at conventionalarms-unoda@un.org.

“The United Nations will provide its full support as we strive to fulfil the great promise of this landmark global instrument.”

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

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