



# Regional Centre on Small Arms & Light Weapons

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## PRESS INVITATION

### REGIONAL DISSEMINATION AND AWARENESS OF STUDY FINDINGS' WORKSHOP IN NAIROBI

The Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States (RECSA) is mandated under the Nairobi Protocol to coordinate joint efforts of its Member States in addressing problems posed by the proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW).

In line with its mandate, RECSA commissioned three studies on: 1) the symbiotic link between the proliferation of SALW and fragility situations, 2) the link between SALW proliferation and cattle rustling and, 3) the use of SALW in poaching activities. These studies were conducted between July 2015 to May 2016; with funding from the African Development Bank.

In efforts to facilitate the uptake of research recommendation to policy and action, RECSA has organized a **Regional Dissemination and Awareness Workshop on the Study Findings; to be held on 28 August 2017 in Nairobi at Crowne Plaza**. The dissemination is supported by the African Union-European Union continental project, titled "*The Fight Against the Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of Firearms in Africa*" that RECSA has been implementing since 2010.

National Focal Points on Small Arms and Light Weapons from all 15 Member States and other stakeholders will attend the workshop.

The media are invited to the dissemination workshop and press briefing which will cover a range of SALW-related issues including:

- The state of illegal firearms: accumulation and misuse
- The nexus between proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), and Poaching, Fragility, and Cattle Rustling
- Regional approaches to addressing SALW
- An opportunity to interact with regional and development partners working on SALW issues.

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**Date** : 28 August 2017

**Venue** : Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nairobi

**Time** : 8.30am for 9.00am to 1.00pm

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