



Co-operating to Disarm

RECSA ACTIVITY REPORTING

- Project/Activity:** Executive Office – Partnerships and awareness raising
- Activity/Mission Objective:** RECSA Mission to the Third Review Conference on the United Nations PoA and ITI
- Report Period:** 18th - 29th June 2018
- Activity/Mission Leader:** RECSA Executive Secretary
- Participating Officers:** ES, DID, DOP, PO-F, PO-PCPR, GM-WRA, BICC TA
- Activity/Mission Justification:** RECSA was invited by UNODA to attend the third review conference on the UNPoA in New York, in the capacity of a regional mechanism mandated to control arms. The mission included active participation in the deliberations, delivering a statement during the conference, networking with development partners for fundraising purposes and awareness-raising/publicity activities for RECSA.

Strategic Intervention	Specific Activities Carried out	Achievements/Results	% Achievement	Implementation Challenges	Next Steps / Future Plans
<i>As drawn from the RECSA Strategic Plan</i>	<i>In line with the approved action plan for the period.</i>	<i>Tangible achievements and or results of the intervention(s)/activities/mission(s) implemented. (both from the approved action plan and unplanned activities)</i>	<i>Estimated proportion of completed activities as a %age of planned activities</i>	<i>Operational, institutional, policy or legal related challenges encountered during the implementation period</i>	<i>Planned actions/activities to address existing gaps or for completion of planned activities</i>
Partnerships	Active participation in the conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DID delivered the RECSA statement at the RevCon3 on behalf of the ES ▪ Copies of the Statement were uploaded on the UN Papersmart portal and hardcopies were also provided for participants. ▪ Discussions were held with NFPs present (Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, DRC, Somali) on strengthening their cooperation with the Secretariat and their buy-in for forthcoming project activities. 	100% done	None	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>RECSA to officially communicate with NFPs on forthcoming project activities</p>
Awareness-raising	Dissemination of public-awareness messages and publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Over 70 factsheets and brochures were distributed to the REVCON attendants. ▪ RECSA's participation at the event was consistently covered on Twitter. ▪ Statement uploaded on the RECSA website and shared on Twitter too 	100% done	None	N/A

Resource mobilization	Establish new contacts and develop new partnerships to fast-track fundraising activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ African Union ▪ East Africa Community ▪ UNSCAR ▪ ECOWAS ▪ Japan ▪ Switzerland ▪ United Kingdom ▪ Arab countries ▪ Belgium ▪ Sweden ▪ Germany 	-		As detailed below
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Outcomes/ Way Forward on Meetings with development partners on the sidelines of the RevCon3

- **African Union**

The Acting Head of the AU Peace and Security Division (PSD) assured RECSA of the AU’s willingness to strengthen its working partnership with RECSA. In this regard, Ms. Einas Mohamed re-extended an invitation to the ES to attend the AU Regions Steering committee meeting in July in Libreville (which has since been changed to Addis Ababa).

Action Point :

- Follow up on RECSA mission dates

- **East Africa Community**

The Conflict/SALW representative at the EAC assured of commitment to renew its partnership with RECSA.

Action Point :

- Request official visit/meeting with the EAC team in Arusha.

UNSCAR/ ODA

RECSA also attended the UNSCAR Side event regarding the current call for proposals and held bilateral talks with the UNSCAR focal point. He advised that RECSA can apply and be funded for two grants in each cycle.

Action Point

- Follow up with UNSCAR on the modalities of applying for funding for the model/ reference armory

- Apply for the 2018 grants and share the call for proposals with our partners
- **UNODA**
RECSA also attended the UNODA side event regarding the new dedicated fund for SALW control. Further discussions were held with UNODA staff including the new focal point for ISACS/ IATG work, Katherine Prizeman. Discussions were also held with Daniel Prins to reiterate that rather than setting up parallel PSSM standards at the regional level, the existing IATGs and ISACs remain the basis of the MSAG PSSM modules. The difference is that local examples and case studies from operational environments are being used to illustrate the standards, therefore resonating better with national PSSM trainees who are familiar with operating in limited resource, insecure environments.
- **Japan**
The government of Japan has been working with UNDP in the peace and security sectors, but the priority is shifting, and they are looking at forming new partnerships especially with regional organizations. Regarding funding, RECSA was asked to engage with the Embassy in Nairobi for guidance on the proposal submissions.
Action point:
- Engage the Embassy in Nairobi for guidance on project proposal submission.
- **Switzerland**
Swiss support for arms control has been mainly through MSAG but they are willing to develop other partnerships.
Action Point:
- RECSA to establish contact and follow up with the Embassy in Nairobi
- **United Kingdom**
While the UK has a lot of funding available for peace-building and arms control initiatives, RECSA can only access more funding if the current grant is well implemented as a demonstration of the institutional capacity.
Action Point:
- Ensure excellent implementation of the current project and maintain good relations with the UK FCO.
- **Belgium**
The delegation confirmed they could support RECSA's work.
Action Point
- Follow up with the contact person for more details on resource mobilization.
- **Sweden**
Discussions focused bilateral support.

Action Point:

- Follow up with the contact person

▪ **Netherlands**

Discussions focused on identifying potential areas of support and cooperation.

Action Point:

- Follow up with the contact person in the Hague.

▪ **Madagascar**

Discussions were held with the representative of Madagascar to the RevCon on the request for support received by RECSA from UNDP and the Office of the Resident Representative in Antananarivo. The focus of the discussion was on identifying potential areas of support and cooperation in the SSR sector. Follow up meetings were discussed, and it was agreed that it would be useful to draft a common concept note to identify potential areas of collaboration before another face to face meeting.

Action Point:

- Follow up with the contact person in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

▪ **ECOWAS**

The new RECSA ES was introduced to Ambassador Joseph Ahoba of ECOWAS. Discussions focused on identifying potential areas of support and cooperation including the PSSM trainings set to begin in West Africa later this year.

Action Point:

- Follow up at the technical level between RECSA and ECOWAS to enhance positive relations.

▪ **Germany**

The new RECSA ES was introduced to the German Delegation including Mr. Marcus Bleinroth, the Head of Conventional Arms Control Branch in Berlin. Discussions focused on identifying potential areas of support and cooperation. Discussions also focused on identifying a time window for the Deputy Head of Conventional Arms Control to visit Nairobi and to arrange for the ES to visit Germany in 2019. Emphasis was laid on operationalizing the AU-led Silencing the Guns framework and enhancing cooperation with other Regional Organizations. The role of RECSA together with IGAD, ICGLR and ECOWAS was discussed. Additionally, proposals for continued support of the PSSM programme in terms of a midterm evaluation were also encouraged, including the drafting of the RECSA PSSM Strategy. RECSA also lobbied its member states to support the motion to include ammunition in the PoA and RevCon Outcome document in support of the process led by Germany and Ghana.

Action Point:

- Follow up through the BICC TA with OR-10 in Berlin
- Follow up meetings between RECSA ES and German Federal Foreign Office and BICC in Nairobi and then in Germany

European Union

Discussion with EU representative Frank Meussen focused on renewing cooperation with RECSA. Mr. Meussen advised RECSA to follow up with the delegation in Nairobi.

RECSA also attended the following side-events:

1. Side-Event on: How the African Union and African Regional Organizations lead the way in Silencing the Guns on Tuesday 19 June 2018, 1.15 to 2.45 pm, German House, New York.

The BICC TA made a presentation on the value and critical need to adopt a regional approach to arms control. To be effective, enhanced cooperation among member states at the cross-border level needs to be combined with enhanced cooperation and knowledge sharing among RECs. ECOWAS and the African Union also reiterated the need to operationalize the framework on Silencing the Guns for which enhanced cooperation among the regional organizations is a critical precondition.

2. Side-Event on: Weapons and Ammunition Management in Somalia sponsored by UNIDIR, Conflict Armament Research and the Government of Finland.

The Somalia SALW NFP Abadir Ahmed also represented the Office of National Security Advisor to the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia. The findings of the Joint Verification Team established to monitor the import of weapons and ammunition under the partial lifting of the arms embargo were also shared in this forum.

3. Side-Event on: Weapons and Ammunition Tracing in Iraq sponsored by Conflict Armament Research and the Government of Germany

Methodologies of tracing and tracking weapons and ammunition in Iraq were presented. PSSM capacity building initiatives were also highlighted.

4. Side-Event on: Ammunition Profiling in Latin America sponsored by UNLIREC and the Government of Japan

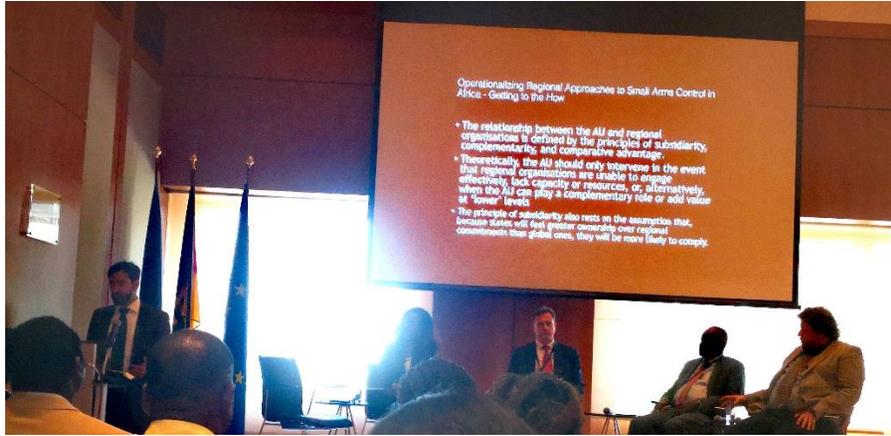
New methods of profiling and marking ammunition using laser marking machines were presented. Costs and size of the machines are significantly lower than in the past and methodologies involving placing new and unique marks on the collar of ammunition rounds have been piloted successfully.



Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Christo S. Fataki (DID) delivering RECSA's Statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary



RECSA Executive Secretary Lt. Gen. Badreldin Elamin holds bilateral discussions with Ag. Head of the AU Peace and Security Division (PSD) Ms. Einas Mohamed. Sudan NFP Mr. Salah Idris (on the left)



BICC Technical Advisor to RECSA Mr. Nikhil Acharya making a presentation during the AU-ECOWAS side-event hosted by the German Embassy