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CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE BUREAU FOR COMMUNITY SECURITY & SMALL ARMS OPENS IN JUBA

JUBA, 19 FEBRUARY: A week-long capacity building workshop for members of the Bureau for Community Security and Small Arms Control (BCSSAC) was held in Juba on 18 - 22 February 2019.

The exercise, facilitated by the Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA) sought to develop the technical skills and expertise of the Bureau Staff towards the efficient and effective execution of its mandate. The Bureau draws its mandate from national, regional and international instruments on regulation of Small Arms and Light Weapons.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Christo Simon Fataki assured the Bureau that RECSA will continue supporting South Sudan to fulfil its national development agenda. “The flow and circulation of illicit arms across the region continues to fuel conflict and abet other serious crimes like terrorism that pose a serious threat to national political, economic and development efforts. The only way to comprehensively address this problem is by coordinating our national and regional interventions and building the capacity of the national institutions responsible for arms control and management,” said Gen. Fataki.

The Chairperson of the Bureau, Lt. Gen. Andrew Kuol Nyuon Gew expressed his gratitude for the support RECSA has accorded the Bureau. He noted that this was the 4th workshop to be conducted in Juba since the new RECSA Executive Secretary Lt. Gen. Badreldin Elamin Abdelgadir took office in June 2018. He urged his staff to engage with the team of experts that will facilitate the workshop on among other topics: international and regional instruments on arms control, physical security and stockpile



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management of weapons and ammunition, public awareness, resource mobilization and financial management.

The training program is funded by the African Development Bank which is working closely with RECSA to strengthen security cooperation and develop the capacity of national institution across all 15 RECSA Member States to work towards peace and security for sustainable development.

RECSA and the Bureau have been jointly undertaking activities towards security sector strengthening, including training of law enforcement officials and citizen awareness campaigns on the dangers of illicit firearms. In October 2018, RECSA and the Bureau conducted a training on weapons and ammunition management for 40 participants drawn from the security forces. *The Republic of South Sudan ratified the Nairobi Protocol on the Prevention, Control and Reduction of Small Arms and Light Weapons in 2011. The Nairobi Protocol provides a framework for regional cooperation amongst the 15 Member States.*