

“Unlocking SDG Target 16.4: A UNODA- UNODC Joint Event”

Side Event: 11th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development
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Organizer(s)

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific)

Co-organizer(s)

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Background

The availability of data for tracking progress on SDG Target 16.4 remains a persistent challenge. Understanding the extent and trends of illicit flows is particularly challenging with regards to illicit arms flows. As the co-custodians responsible for indicator 16.4.2, UNODA and UNODC will address major challenges countries encounter in achieving and in measuring and monitoring this goal, and present tools, frameworks, and programmes that can assist Member States in combating illicit arms flows and improving data collection on illicit firearms and organized crime, including links with other illicit markets. Kick-off presentations will focus on the 'architecture of efforts' that underpin international actions in this field, such as the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and its Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition (Firearms Protocol) and the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons. The event will also highlight on-going initiatives in the region and beyond, to strengthen legislative frameworks and policies, preventive firearms control measures, law enforcement and criminal justice responses, including



international cooperation and information exchange, as well as improve the monitoring of illicit flows. UNODC and UNODA will engage in discussions with government officials and other stakeholders to explore how these initiatives complement each other and to reflect on progress, ongoing challenges, and measurability.

Key Questions and Outcomes

Guiding questions:

- What efforts can be made to address the challenges related to data availability for measuring progress on SDG Target 16.4?
- How can countries contribute to global efforts to monitor illicit arms flows?
- What tools, frameworks and help can UNODA and UNODC provide to improve data collection for SDG 16.4?
- How do international instruments, such as the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Firearms Protocol contribute to the achievement of SDG Target 16.4?
- Which ongoing initiatives on normative and preventive frameworks, criminal justice responses, international cooperation and data collection and analysis have demonstrated effectiveness in the region and how do they contribute to SDG 16.4 and its indicators?

Expected outcome:

- Identification of practical tools, frameworks, and programmes that can assist Member States in combatting illicit flows and improving data collection in areas related to illicit financial and arms flows, recovery and return of stolen assets, and combat all forms of organized crime.
- Enhanced knowledge about how existing programmes run by UNODA and UNODC contribute to achieving SDG 16 and identified areas of collaboration.
- Sharing of best practices and lessons learned from regional initiatives in law enforcement, border management, illicit trafficking prevention.
- The development of recommendations for action, collaboration, and policy enhancements to make progress toward SDG Target 16.4.

Programme

Introduction to the topic: SDG 16.4 and relevant normative frameworks	Briefing	20 min 16:45 – 17:05
Speakers		



Mr. Deepayan Basu Ray , Director, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD)	UNODA/RCPD's normative frameworks and work on SDG 16.4	10 min 16:45 – 16:55
Ms. Simonetta Grassi , Chief, Firearms Trafficking Section United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	UNODC's normative framework and work on SDG 16.4: Implementation of UNTOC and the Firearms Protocol	10 min 16:55 – 17:05
On-going initiatives on SDG 16.4 in the region	Briefing	28 min 17:05-17:32
Speakers		
UNRCPD / Government Official from the Region	Implementation of the UN PoA on SALW and data collection	10 min 17:05 – 17:14
Ms. Sara Pinheiro Stocker	UNODC efforts to monitor illicit arms flows and support data collection. Global Study on Firearms Trafficking	9 min 17:14-17:23
Mr. Felipe de la Torre Regional Coordinator (Policy and Outreach Affairs) Border Management Programme United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Regional Office Bangkok	The Border Liaison Office network in Southeast Asia – Turning policy into action, an example of cross border law enforcement cooperation	9 min 17:23-17:32
Q&A and Interactive discussion with the audience		25 min 17:32-17:57
Closing		3 min 17:57- 18:00

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