



PARLIAMENTARY FORUM
ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

Programme

Webinar

“Connecting the Dots: Enhancing implementation of the UN PoA and the Women, Peace & Security and 2030 Agendas – through increased parliamentary engagement and action in international processes”

Objective: To enhance implementation of the UN PoA in relation to the Women, Peace & Security and 2030 Agendas by parliamentary action through capacity-building, policy-shaping and awareness-raising.

Thursday, June 24 2021

11:00-14:00 Central African Time/GMT+2

11:00 - 11:10 Introduction

* Mr Abdelkader Araoua, Coordinator for the Silencing the Guns Unit at the African Union Commission

* Hon. Raphael Chegeni – Member of Parliament in Tanzania and Vice-President of the Parliamentary Forum on SALW

11:10 -12.25 Session I: Prevention and reduction of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)-related violence in Africa

Aim of the session: Analyse the status of SALW-related violence in Africa.

- What are the three main challenges and opportunities for parliamentary work in relation to the prevention and reduction of SALW-related violence in Africa?

Introduction and facilitation: Ms Emmanuelle Texier, Programme Officer, Parliamentary Forum on SALW

* Mr Richard Chelin – Senior researcher, Institute for Security Studies (ISS)

* Ms Annie Matundu Mbambi, President, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, the Democratic Republic of Congo

* Hon. Vincent de Paul Emah Etoundi – Member of Parliament in Cameroon and Board member of the Parliamentary Forum on SALW

* Hon. Aïssata Diallo Touré – former Member of Parliament in Mali and member of the Parliamentary Forum on SALW. Current Head of the Communication-Lobbying Service, National Institute of Public Health under the Ministry for Health.

Open floor discussion and questions



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12:25 -13.47 Session II: Parliamentary action and engagement in the implementation of the UN PoA in Africa and other international instruments/frameworks on SALW-control, linked to the Women, Peace & Security (WPS) agenda and 2030 Agenda

Aim of the session: Identify recommendations on parliamentary actions to be presented at the Seventh Biennial Meeting of States of the UN PoA, based on the existing Parliamentary Action Plans for Africa.

- *How can parliamentarians contribute to the universalisation and implementation of the UN PoA in Africa, and the linkage to other international instruments/frameworks on SALW-control?*
- *What are the three main challenges and possibilities faced by parliamentarians when working on the UN PoA, the WPS agenda and the 2030 Agenda?*
- *What are the main recommendations from the Parliamentary Action Plan 2019 for Africa that have been or are to be implemented in the current context?*
- *What additional recommendations could be incorporated to supplement the current Parliamentary Action Plan 2019?*

Introduction and facilitation: Ms Karin Olofsson, Secretary General, Parliamentary Forum on SALW

* Mr Joseph Dube – Representative of the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)

* Mr. Eric Kayiranga – Coordinator of the Joint AU-UNODA Amnesty Month Project and WAM Expert, Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States (RECSA)

* Hon. Biyika Lawrence Songa – Member of Parliament in Uganda and member of the Parliamentary Forum on SALW

* Hon. Alfred Sanou – former Member of Parliament in Burkina Faso and member of the Parliamentary Forum on SALW

Open floor - discussion and suggestions on parliamentary action

13:47 - 13:57 Concluding remarks

* Hon. Eve Bazaiba – Board member of the Parliamentary Forum on SALW, recently appointed Vice-Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development

* Ms Karin Olofsson - Secretary General of the Parliamentary Forum on SALW