



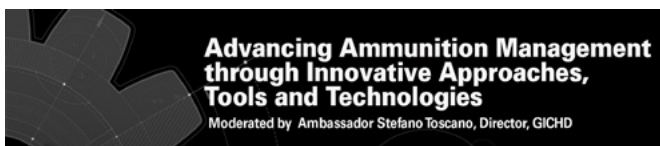
# October – December 2023

## PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### GICHD Innovation Conference 2023



On 14-16 November, GICHD organised the Innovation Conference in Geneva, a global forum showcasing new technologies and fostering discussion on demand-driven Explosive Ordnance Risk Reduction challenges relating to mine action and ammunition management activities around the world. The session “Advancing ammunition management through innovative approaches, tools and technologies”, organised by AMAT, featured insights from panellists, including representatives from the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), Conflict Armament Research (CAR) and Golden West Humanitarian Foundation. The discussion delved into both high-tech and low-tech solutions, the limitations of these solutions, and how they can be leveraged to address the challenges posed by inadequately managed conventional ammunition. The session particularly provided an opportunity to discuss innovative approaches promoted by the new Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management.



## NATO Building Integrity



The first draft of the NATO’s Handbook on Building Integrity (BI) principles and SALW was completed in the last quarter. AMAT led the drafting of one chapter and made contributions on several others. The Handbook will go through a peer review process in early 2024.

## Ammunition Management Activity Platform (A-MAP)



In 2023, the Ammunition Management Activity Platform (A-MAP) was visited by over 9’800 users from 157 countries around the world. A-MAP is a knowledge and information sharing platform designed to provide states, donors, and implementers with a one-stop source on who does what and where in conventional ammunition management. It helps to identify gaps, synergies and opportunities for cooperation and assistance in addressing safety and security challenges and putting in place sustainable systems for through-life management of ammunition. The platform is available at: <https://a-map.gichd.org/>.

A-MAP users by country



## ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND PARTNERS

### PERU



In November, AMAT delivered the 13th training course on the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) at the War Material School in Lima. A total of 18 (14 men and 4 women) personnel of the Peruvian Armed Forces successfully completed the training. In addition, AMAT provided advice and assistance to the thematic sub-committees established in October to implement the Strategic Plan on SALW and ammunition of the Peruvian Ministry of Defence. Along with Norwegian People’s Aid (NPA) and the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), AMAT has actively participated in the sub-committees dedicated to conduct situational analyses on Peru’s current state of stockpile management and related capacity building, as well as to collate and review national regulations on arms and ammunition management and their alignment with international standards.



## UKRAINE



On 13 November, AMAT conducted the Second Informal Coordination Workshop with the Ammunition Safety Regulator (ASR) of Ukrainian Ministry of Defence and the Directorate of Armament and Munitions Provision of the Armed Forces Logistics Command. Financially supported by the governments of Switzerland and Germany, the workshop provided a platform for the ASR and international partners (including Austria, Germany, Switzerland, United States, United Kingdom) and relevant regional organisations to discuss ways of addressing post-conflict immediate risk reduction related to ammunition stockpiles in Ukraine. It also facilitated the collaborative identification of immediate actionable steps to reduce the risks from explosive ordnance once the armed conflict in Ukraine is over. The workshop's timing allowed the ASR team to extend their stay in Geneva to participate in the GICHD Innovation Conference 2023 on 14-16 November. This extension facilitated raising awareness of larger explosive ordnance risk reduction issues, networking opportunities, and bilateral meetings with various organisations and state representatives.

## UN SaferGuard Training for Women Ammunition Technical Experts in AUSTRIA



On 17 October – 3 November, the Ministry of Defence of Austria and UNODA organised the first iteration of the UN SaferGuard Training for Women Ammunition Technical Experts. AMAT contributed to the design, development and delivery of the training whose objective was to empower a group of female ammunition technical experts by enhancing their knowledge and skills for successful careers in ammunition management. The UN SaferGuard training deepened their understanding of the IATG, other international standards and good practices, enhancing self-awareness and skills to recognise and address gender bias. It also facilitated the expansion and consolidation of the Women Managing Ammunition Network established under the UN SaferGuard programme, promoting gender equality and diversity in ammunition management and increasing the visibility of women in technical roles.



## UNODA and RACVIAC workshop in CROATIA



In partnership with the Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Centre (RACVIAC) and UNODA, AMAT supported the organisation and delivery of a regional workshop entitled “Developments in Conventional Ammunition Management: What is new in policy and practice?” in Croatia. In close cooperation with partner organisations active in the region (including UNIDIR, Southeastern and Eastern Europe Clearing House for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons, Conflict Armament Research, Mines Advisory Group, ITF-Enhancing Human Security, and Small Arms Survey), the workshop showcased recent international policy developments following the conclusion of the OEWG on Conventional Ammunition and adoption of the Global Framework for Through-life Management of Conventional Ammunition. The focus was on discussing implications of the Global Framework for RACVIAC Members and exploring how enhancing technical capacity for assessments could strengthen organisational capabilities and capacities in through-life management. The event successfully convened professionals and experts, including representatives of national militaries, relevant ministries, international, regional and non-governmental organisations, providing a collaborative platform for sharing activities, insights and best practices in the field.



## UNODA and UNDPD training on WAM in DDR settings in GHANA



On 2-6 October, UNODA and the United Nations Department of Peace Operations conducted a training course “Effective Weapons and Ammunition Management (WAM) in a Changing Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) Context”. With technical expertise provided by AMAT, the course took place at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training School in Accra, Ghana. The course’s primary objective was to train DDR practitioners to design and implement disarmament operations and WAM activities within a DDR context. This included emphasising the safety and security aspects of weapon and ammunition collection, storage and disposal.





### Policy Leader Seminar in MOZAMBIQUE



AMAT collaborated with the Mozambique Armed Forces and Norwegian People's Aid, to deliver an awareness raising IATG seminar to 13 technical and policy personnel of the Mozambique Armed Forces. Through discussions and collaborative sessions, the participants collectively prioritized actionable steps to address identified gaps, demonstrating a commitment to strengthen their ammunition management capabilities. Follow-up plans from both the Mozambique Armed Forces and Norwegian People's Aid include ongoing collaboration, regular training sessions, and the implementation of the prioritized actions.



### UNREC workshop in TOGO

On 14 December, AMAT remotely participated in the regional workshop on Weapons and Ammunition Management and Cross-Border Control in the Lake Chad Basin organized by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC). AMAT delivered a presentation on the IATG and its Implementation Support Toolkit.

### UN SaferGuard Technical Review Board and Strategic Coordination Group meeting



On 12-13 December, the annual UN SaferGuard Technical Review Board and Strategic Coordination Group meeting was held in Geneva. Day 1 sessions focused on the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management; UN SaferGuard Programme achievements in 2023 and its planned initiatives to support Member States in the implementation of the Global Framework; the UN SaferGuard Tools and other IATG support resources. Day 2 brought together technical experts to discuss IATG Version 3 amendments, module revisions, improvements, and to outline next steps and priorities. In addition to hosting the meeting at the GICHD offices, AMAT actively participated in the Technical Review Board, delivering updates on the IATG tools, resources and amendments to the Guidelines.

from Ghana, Liberia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and the Arms Division of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) provided crucial feedback for enhancing the tool's effectiveness. The workshop saw enthusiastic participation, with experts actively contributing to the contents and providing constructive input. Two surveys on the self-assessment tool yielded essential feedback, highlighting areas of success and opportunities for improvement.





### EU AAMVS End of year project team meeting

On 5-6 December, the project team held its final meeting for the first year of the project in Geneva. The aim of the meeting was to take stock of all findings and results from previous activities and especially the pilot workshop in Ghana. The team assessed the achievements as per its workplan for 2023 and reviewed its plans for 2024. In addition to improvements to the AAMVS self-assessment tool, the team will step up its outreach efforts with exporting countries after the successful pilot with importers. The team will plan to hold a similar workshop with subject matter experts from exporting states from the European Union in 2024. organisations' representatives to promote the AAMVS and gather input for its design in preparation for its launch.

### ECOWAS Annual National Commissions Meeting

AMAT's Technical Advisor presented the AAMVS at the Annual National Commissions Meeting which took place in Dakar, Senegal on 13-15 December, in addition to continuing outreach with ECOWAS and member states. There is strong willingness from ECOWAS and member states' National Commissions on Small Arms to collaborate with the GICHD and utilise the AAMVS, including as part of the import exemption processes and meetings under the ECOWAS umbrella.



**PHASE III**

**European Union AAMVS Pilot of the Pilot Workshop**

The first AAMVS 'Pilot of the Pilot' workshop, held in Accra, Ghana from 30th November to 1st December 2023, marked a significant step towards refining the AAMVS self-assessment tool for its scheduled launch in 2024. During the workshop, subject matter experts