Women's Meaningful Participation in Ammunition Management

Insights from women ammunition management experts

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Overview

This webinar will take place as the Open-ended Working Group on Conventional Ammunition meets for its third substantive session to discuss a new Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management. In previous meetings, many States have highlighted the importance of gender mainstreaming ammunition management policy and practice and the equal, full and meaningful participation of women in through-life conventional ammunition management.

In 2022, under the UN SaferGuard programme, the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs initiated a network of women ammunition management experts to promote more diversity in this field and to make women more visible in technical ammunition management roles at the international level.

This event will provide an opportunity to hear members of the network discuss:
- what kinds of barriers to meaningful participation women in ammunition management face;
- how these can be overcome in practice;
- what more can be done to promote women's meaningful participation in ammunition management, including through international cooperation and assistance within the scope of a future Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management.

Speakers

Ambassador Maritza Chan-Valverde, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations
Hans Almoslechner, Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations
Shena St Mark, Royal Saint Lucia Police
Sherry Oake, Department of National Defence, Canada
Lt. Col. Preeti Kanwar, Indian Army
Lina Castillo Mendez, UN Mine Action Service, Colombia
Nora Allgaier, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs
Callum Watson, Small Arms Survey (facilitator)