



Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) have played a destructive role in many violent conflicts that have pervaded some states in the West African sub-region, in particular, and Africa, as a whole. In order to understand and better respond

### The KA IPTC:

Located in Accra, Ghana, the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KA IPTC) is one of three institutions designated by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) as a regional Centre of Excellence for the delivery of research and training support in Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution and Peacebuilding.

Our Mission is to provide globally-recognised capacity for international actors on African peace and security through training, education and research to foster peace and stability in Africa.

to the complexities of SALW proliferation, enhanced knowledge of small arms issues is important as a first step to addressing challenges in the field. To this end, the Regional Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Training Programme at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KA IPTC) was launched in March 2008 in partnership with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, Government of Japan, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the KA IPTC. It is based at the Faculty of Academic Affairs and Research at the KA IPTC. The programme seeks to develop the human resource capacities of the ECOWAS Commission and the 15 constituent member states and their partners towards the implementation of the ECOWAS Convention (2006) on Small Arms and Light Weapons, their Ammunition and Other Related Materials.

### Course Objectives

The course seeks to introduce participants to the foundational issues pertaining to Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) proliferation and prepare them to confront context specific challenges; as well as equip them with managerial and advocacy

skills for SALW control.

Upon completion of this course, participants should among others be able to:

- List the sources of the vulnerability of the West African sub-region especially in relation to the proliferation of small arms, and design measures for managing the proliferation of small arms in the Sub-region;
- Be aware of the existing legal frameworks for SALW control and be able to utilize them for SALW control in their work;
- Develop their Project Management and resource mobilisation capacities for effective and sustainable management of SALW related projects within the Sahel;
- Identify and improve their methods of communication with critical stakeholders in an effort to create awareness of the SALW proliferation problems among the different agencies and populations.

### Course Contents

The course syllabus will include modules on: The Nature of the African State and its implications for SALW control; Legal and Political Frameworks for SALW Control; Arms control initiatives and measures; Project Management, and Resource Mobilisation; Interagency cooperation and communicating with different audiences.



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### Participants

The course targets mid career personnel in West Africa such as those in the police, military,



“In this era of increased violence, it has become common knowledge that experience sharing between various social actors in the area of security is of relevance, not only for the sub-region, but also and especially for my country, which is not unaffected by these security issues. This course helped me to understand the concepts of small arms and light weapons; and this will enable me to strengthen my efforts, together with the youth, to combat the proliferation of SALW.”

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Human Rights activist/ President, d'Action Droits Humains-Avenir plus Mali, Mali.

gendarmerie, customs and civil society activists involved in SALW control initiatives. Selection will also strive to achieve a gender balance of participants.

## The KAIPTC's Approach

The KAIPTC has to date offered more than 230 courses in diverse aspects of peacekeeping operations for over 11,000 individuals and organisations. We believe in an integrated and multidimensional approach to peacekeeping and peace-building, recognising the increasing and expansive requirements of modern peace operations, which rely on the combined expertise of civilians, police and the military. Participants at our courses have consistently mirrored this requirement with cohorts being composed of a balanced mix of civilians, military and police. Furthermore, selection will strive to achieve gender balance of participants as much as possible. Our approach allows for diversity among participants in terms of academic and professional qualifications, nationality, culture and language, religion, gender and other experiential backgrounds. In order to better equip and deliver its training courses, the KAIPTC uses a participant-centred approach: the Collaborative Problem Based Learning Approach to create an environment appropriate for adult learning, taking into account participants' age, background and experience to promote collaborative learning.

## Facilities

Overlooking the Atlantic Coast, the KAIPTC is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities that provide a perfect environment for participants to study as

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1. An ECOWAS Regional Centre of Excellence
2. Outstanding international reputation
3. The quality of our courses covering wide-ranging and cross-cutting thematic areas (conflict prevention, management, resolution and peacebuilding)
4. The recognised quality of our staff, facilitators and expert resource persons
5. An integrated and multidimensional approach to modern peace operations based on the combined expertise of civilians, police and the military
6. An applied, practical and vocational approach
7. Enhanced career prospects for our graduates
8. A friendly, supportive and professional atmosphere
9. A large campus by the sea with facilities including multi-purpose training rooms, library, high speed internet access, accommodation, restaurant, bar, gym and multipurpose sports facility
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well as experience Accra's warm hospitality. Teaching and learning facilities available in our ten different training rooms include high-speed internet access, projector, individual lighting, sound and temperature controls, while computers and additional equipment can be provided to meet the specific needs of a particular group. In addition, in order to support learners' training experience in as seamless a way as possible, the KAIPTC provides support services to travel, accommodation, dining and recreation requirements.



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