

CAMYOSFOP PROJECT ON:

STRENGTHENING THE TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL CAPACITIES OF STATES PARTIES TO THE KINSHASA CONVENTION ON SALW THROUGH THE MODULAR SMALL-ARMS-CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION COMPENDIUM (MOSAIC) MODULES ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS ON SALW (NATCOMS), ELABORATION OF NATIONAL ACTION PLANS ON POA AND KINSHASA CONVENTION (NAPS), AND WOMEN AND YOUTH NATURE OF SALW.

RATIONALE:

Over 10 million illicit SALW circulate in the Central Africa Sub Region and is expected to rise with ravaging conflicts in Central Africa Republic, DRC, Cameroon, Burundi and the Boko Haram insurgency in the Lake Chad Basin and the current Anglophone crisis in the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon. The adoption of the Kinshasa Convention on SALW for Central Africa in April 2010 and the entry into force of this convention on March 8, 2017 with Angola's ratification as the sixth state, later on Sao Tome as the seventh state, followed by the holding of the first Conference of State Parties (CSP1) in Yaounde from 11 – 13 June 2018 generated momentum for the effective implementation of the Convention. Unfortunately, its State Parties still lacks capacity on MOSAIC modules on the elaboration of national action plans (NAPs), creation and management of National Commissions on Small Arms (NATCOMS), gender and youth key to the convention's implementation. This project seeks to help build the technical and operational capacities of 7 state parties of the Kinshasa convention on the above mentioned ISACS modules.

Articles 27 - 30 of the convention on institutional arrangements and implementation and the final Declaration of CSP1 are much more determinant for CSOs especially as the secretariat of the convention is not yet set up.

It is therefore on this basis that the Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP) an Expert civil society organization in the domain of the fight against the illicit proliferation and misuse of SALW with the support of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the State of Cameroon through the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX) submitted a proposal for the 2019 UNSCAR grant to facilitate the capacity building of the 7 state parties on the ISACS modules of NAPs, NATCOM and women and youth.

The targeted countries for the implementation of the project are *Angola, Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Central Africa Republic, Congo Brazzaville, Sao Tome.*

GOAL:

To facilitate the implementation of the Central African Convention for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons, their Ammunition and All Parts and Components that can be used for their manufacture, repair and assembly (Kinshasa Convention) by strengthening the technical and operational capacities of the 7 States Parties to the Kinshasa Convention through MOSAIC creation and management of National Commissions on SALW (NatCOMs), elaboration of National Action Plans on the PoA and the Kinshasa Convention (NAP) and Gender and Youth nature of SALW

KEY ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROJECT:

1. Develop and publish a Manual with key elements of NatComs, PoA, Kinshasa Convention and UNSCAR to facilitate the operational capacities of the seven state parties in the implementation of the Convention and elaboration of NAPs and provide more visibility on the project.
2. Technical Expert meeting on "Applying MOSAIC relevant modules (Setting up and functioning of NATCOMS, NAPS, Youth and Gender) to implement the Kinshasa Convention methodological approaches."
3. 1 working session with ECCAS on information sharing, participation in project activities, elaboration of national action plans and on work plans of the new Secretariat of the Kinshasa Convention
4. 1 capacity building workshop of 20 participants in each of the 7 State Parties on ISACS is organized.
5. Advocacy meetings/Working sessions with key ministerial departments of the 7 State Parties to facilitate the establishment of NATCOMS, strengthen existing NATCOMS and formulate NAPs on PoA and Kinshasa Convention;
6. Design and publish a posters and flyers on the Kinshasa Convention

CHRONOGRAMME OF NATIONAL WORKSHOPS

| No | ETAT PARTIES | PERIOD D'ATELIER |
|----|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Cameroon | April |
| 2. | Angola | May |
| 3. | Chad | June |
| 4. | Sao Tome and Principe | August |
| 5. | Congo Brazzaville | September |
| 6. | Central Africa Republic | September |
| 7. | Gabon | October |

KEY PARTNERS:

1. Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
2. UN Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC)

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