Training Law Enforcement Officials

Commercial Trade of and Illicit Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Ammunition: Training the Trainers Investigative Techniques Course

Assisting States to implement the United Nations 2001 Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
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- **209 law enforcement officials trained from 27 countries in the region**
- Improvement work on two training facilities in Costa Rica and Uruguay
- **10 Databases in the Small Arms and Light Weapons Administration (SALSA) System**
- CICAD/OAS Model Regulations test database
The third and final phase of the training course consists of the following:

Support to national training courses

Support to the development of the Regional Public Security Training Centre and 5 Combined Command Posts

Courses on intelligence

Courses on international cooperation

Further development of the SALSA System
What are the Training the Trainers courses?

The Training the Trainers courses consists of a series of training modules which are part of the second level of activities of the Regional Clearing-house Programme (Operational Level) aimed at capacitating the law enforcement community on the commercial trade of and illicit trafficking in firearms, their parts and ammunition and consist of the following progressive three training courses:

- Training the Trainers Investigative Techniques Course
- Training the Trainers Intelligence Course
- Training the Trainers International Cooperation Course

The objective of these courses is to train selected officials as trainers of national operational activities on how to address various firearms issues. This implies exposing students to a range of specific theoretical and practical investigative issues and exercises, including human security, legal instruments, investigative techniques, firearms trafficking routes, weapons destruction, stockpile management, distance learning, as well as other issues related to the legal commerce and illicit trafficking in firearms and ammunition (e.g. drugs, terrorism and money laundering).

In addition, a Small Arms and Light Weapons Administration (SALSA) web-based system has been created to serve as a platform for the courses, housing over ten databases containing information on official points of contacts on firearms issues, as well as press releases, publications, seminars, training courses, and past and up-coming events, thus serving as a tool for continue interaction beyond the period of the courses themselves.

What results are expected from the course?

It is expected that the three set of courses will enhance law enforcement officials skills in the region to:

- Assess information on the legal and illicit demands for firearms, their parts and ammunition;
- Collect and protect evidence of firearms and related offences;
- Apply national and international legislation and other regulatory measures;
- Plan and coordinate responses to firearms and related problems;
- Use computer-based information-sharing tools;
- Further integrate the intelligence community fighting illicit firearms trafficking; and
- Coordinate firearms-related international cooperation initiatives.

Who is eligible to apply?

**For the Investigative Techniques Course:** officials who have successfully completed the basic/entry level law enforcement training requirements and who are (or will be) tasked to train law enforcement officials. Candidates are selected by a Coordinating Committee consisting of representatives from partner organizations.

**For the Intelligence Course:** intelligence officials who have or will work in the area of commercial trade of and illicit firearms trafficking.

**For the International Cooperation Course:** any law enforcement official who works in the area of commercial trade of and illicit firearms trafficking.
Which countries are eligible to participate in the Training the Trainers courses?

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Barbados
- Dominica
- Grenada
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Bahamas
- Cuba
- Jamaica
- Haiti
- Dominican Republic
- Belize
- Costa Rica
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Peru
- Chile
- Guyana
- Suriname
- Venezuela
- Brazil
- Bolivia
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