



ROADMAP

for Implementing the **Caribbean** Priority Actions on the Illicit Proliferation of Firearms and Ammunition across the **Caribbean** in a Sustainable Manner by 2030

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

- The Caribbean Basin Security Initiative's (CBSI) Technical Working Group (TWG) on Combatting Illicit Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Caribbean, consisting of representatives of CARICOM States, the Dominican Republic and the United States, met in January 2019 in Port of Spain.
- The TWG made 30 recommendations in The Caribbean Priority Actions on Addressing Illicit Trafficking of Firearms (Priority Actions). CARICOM leaders adopted the recommendations at its 19th Special Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government on issues related to Firearms held in May 2019 in Port of Spain.
- The Roadmap consolidates the political commitment made by Caribbean States and the 30 Priority Actions to prevent and combat illicit firearms proliferation in the Caribbean.

The Roadmap was developed by UNLIREC, with institutional support and collaboration from CARICOM IMPACS, under the auspices of the Federal Republic of Germany and coordinated with the United States of America and Canada.

The United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of SALW (SEESAC), who undertook a similar initiative in the Western Balkans, along with six Western Balkan States have offered their support in taking the Caribbean Roadmap Initiative forward through the exchange of information and good practices.

ROADMAP VISION

The vision for the Roadmap is a safer Caribbean. This will be achieved by adopting sustainable solutions to the prevention and combat of illicit proliferation of firearms and ammunition that are consistent with international norms and the Caribbean context.

THE CONTEXT OF FIREARMS IN THE CARIBBEAN

Armed violence in the Caribbean surpasses other regions. The Caribbean has:



less than 1% of the world's population, but 23% of all recorded homicides



an average homicide rate of 15.1 per 100,000 people, three times the world average



documented firearms being used in 70% of its homicides, compared to 30% of homicides at the global level



seized over 23,000 illicit firearms (2010 - March 2020)



recorded approximately 20,000 firearm homicides and shootings (2010 - March 2020)



removed over 360,000 rounds of illicit ammunition from the streets (2010 - March 2020)

THE RESPONSE TO PREVENTING AND COMBATING ILLICIT FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION TRAFFICKING IN THE CARIBBEAN

- Caribbean States continue to be committed to and engaged in international and regional responses to firearms. This is manifested in their support for the UN 2001 PoA, ITI, ATT, CIFTA, and the Firearms Protocol. CARICOM IMPACS has also led regional coordination initiatives through the articulation of a Regional Crime and Security Strategy and a regional Declaration on Small Arms and Light Weapons, in addition to implementing significant firearms capacity-building initiatives across Member States.
- Caribbean States strengthened their capacity to implement relevant firearms-related instruments through support from UNLIREC in the destruction of firearms and ammunition, training security sector officials in the areas of operational forensic ballistics; creating an Armoury Management Regional Centre; firearm and ammunition evidence management training, combat of illicit trafficking and capacity building for the private security sector.

- 62 000 + firearms destroyed
- 62 + tonnes of explosives and ammunition destroyed
- 400 + firearm examiners and security sector officials trained



THE CARIBBEAN ROADMAP

The Roadmap is made up of four Goals. Each Goal is matched with a target(s), timeline for implementation, baseline and international assistance and cooperation section.

- GOAL 1** Reinforce regulatory frameworks governing firearms and ammunition
- GOAL 2** Reduce the illicit flow of firearms and ammunition into, within and beyond the region
- GOAL 3** Bolster law enforcement capacity to combat illicit firearms and ammunition trafficking and their illicit possession and misuse
- GOAL 4** Systematically decrease the risk of diversion of firearms and ammunition from government- and non-government-owned arsenals

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA 2030 (SDG 16.4)



SDG Target 16.4 calls on all UN Member States to significantly reduce illicit arms flows and to combat all forms of organized crime by 2030. Fulfilment of this Target will be significantly reinforced through concerted actions by Caribbean States to ensure accessible, timely and reliable data collection and analysis methodology on firearms and ammunition at the community, national and regional levels.

NEXT STEP

A series of activities have been planned by UNLIREC throughout 2020 and 2021. The cornerstone will be the elaboration of individual State-based National Action Plans (NAPs). These NAPs will map out States national priorities, plans and specific timelines for implementing the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap.

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MONITORING (ANNUAL) AND EVALUATION (BIENNIAL) CYCLE

A monitoring and evaluation mechanism will be created to provide all participating Caribbean States with a chance to share their progress on Roadmap/NAP implementation, including lessons-learned, plans for future actions, and calls for international assistance. This mechanism will consist of annual and biennial meetings on a Caribbean-wide basis.

STAKEHOLDERS



The main stakeholders in the development and articulation of the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap include UNLIREC, participating Caribbean States, donor States and international partners.

UNLIREC welcomes extensive participation of all international partners and donors to consolidate the impact of the Roadmap Initiative across the Caribbean in a sustainable manner.

PARTICIPATING STATES



DONOR STATES



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

