This course is intended to train government officials of states having signed the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) on how to implement its provisions effectively. The goal of the course is to contribute to fulfilling the two main objectives of the ATT: to “establish the highest possible common international standards for regulating or improving the regulation of the international trade in conventional arms” and to “prevent and eradicate the illicit trade in conventional arms and prevent their diversion.” It will particularly take into consideration needs and concerns of African countries.

**Key benefits for you**

The course will enable you to:

- Acquire knowledge about the current global and regional trends in the conventional arms trade as well as the history of international efforts to regulate it;
- Understand the requirements and implications for your country of the commitments it undertook in signing the Arms Trade Treaty;
- Share good practices and experience with experts and practitioners from other states, international organisations and research institutions on the regulation of the international arms trade;
- Enhance skills to respond cooperatively and effectively to the challenges of applying the provisions of the Arms Trade Treaty.

**Faculty profiles**

The teaching staff is an international team composed of academics and practitioners with broad experience in arms control, legal issues, diplomacy and/or military affairs, from national government agencies, international organisations, advocacy groups and research centres.

**Participant profile**

This course is directed at government decision-makers in the field of conventional arms trade regulation, legal advisors involved in conventional arms trade regulation as well as staff of government arms trade licensing agencies.
Alumni community

Upon completion of the course, you will become part of the expanding GCSP alumni network and enjoy continued access to our events. Security policy conferences enable current and past participants to meet, debate policy issues and share ideas and experiences in an informal setting.

Admission

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Application deadline:
15 September 2015

Tuition fees:
None. Participants from OECD countries are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. Scholarships are available to cover costs for participants from African countries.

Language requirements:
Subject to confirmation, the course will be held in English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

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Why you should attend

This course offers essential understanding and knowledge about the requirements derived from signature and ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty.

Moreover, it provides an opportunity to share practical experience with government officials from other geographic and professional backgrounds, thus improving individual and collective capacities for effective implementation of the Treaty provisions.

Course focus

Day 1
- Introduction
- The trade in conventional arms: global and regional perspectives
- History and goals of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT); treaty infrastructure
- Key elements of a transfer control system

Day 2
- What is a control list?
- ATT scope
- Existing good practices / standards; other international and regional instruments
- Transfer controls: prohibited transfers (Art. 6)
- Export and export assessment

Day 3
- Risk assessment exercise (Case Study)
- Transfer controls: import, transit, transshipment, brokering (Art. 8-10)

Day 4
- Diversion (Art. 11)
- Exercise (Case Study)
- Information exchange, record-keeping, reporting (Art. 12-13)

Day 5
- International cooperation (Art. 15)
- International assistance (Art. 16)
- Recap exercise

Course design

The course is intended to combine knowledge transfer, skill development (in particular through simulation exercises), and experience sharing among trainers and participants from diverse geographical and professional backgrounds.

This Training Course is an activity of the ATT Network, an initiative launched in 2013 in Geneva and today composed of: the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Geneva Graduate Institute, the GCSP, Small Arms Survey, and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)