

Call for the establishment of a virtual platform of legal experts on firearms control

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Lead organization:

The present announcement is an initiative of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-LiREC) in collaboration with the Organization of American States (OAS).

Objective

Identifying individuals interested in establishing a virtual platform for the exchange - from a legal perspective - of information, opinions, experiences and best practices in the area of firearms, ammunition and explosives with the ultimate aim of creating a virtual community of experts. .

Research topics:

- Existing domestic normative frameworks on firearms, ammunition and explosives in Latin American and Caribbean countries with a view to assessing the status of implementation and harmonization of national provisions with respect to international norms and obligations.
- Experiences or best practices with a view to elaborating national action plans and/or establishing national commissions.
- Experiences or best practices regarding national sanctioning or amending processes applicable to regulations or norms pertinent to the subject.
- Normative experiences at the municipal or local level.
- Experiences and best practices on the integration of gender-oriented criteria and considerations in firearms-related norms.
- Current progress and developments in the “Arms Trade Treaty” (ATT).
- Experiences or legislative issues pertaining to private security.
- Development and promotion of model legislation or regulations.

Modalities of collaboration:

The present call aims at establishing a virtual platform or working group whereby good practices on legal assistance are exchanged; a regional network of experts on firearms, ammunition and explosives is established; and communication and collaboration among the individuals involved is facilitated.

Individuals interested in participating in this initiative and in forming part of the virtual platform will do so on a voluntary basis. Neither working contracts, nor any form of

remuneration is provided for any contribution or participation in this initiative. Notwithstanding, the individuals that comply with the requested profile will form part of the roster and enter a list of potential candidates which in accordance with regular selection procedures may be called upon to provide professional services within the framework of the initiatives and activities that the two lead organizations may develop in the region.

Candidate's profile:

Individuals with the following skills and competencies are sought:

- Legal educational background
- Professional or academic experience in subjects relating to public security or normative development in the area of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

First topic on which contributions are requested:

Experiences and best practices on how to integrate gender criteria and considerations in firearms legislation.

Interested persons are invited to submit the curriculum vitae (cv) for consideration to the following email address:

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