Open Call for Inputs: Key concepts and definitions

A Prevention-Based Approach to Reducing Firearms-Related Violence under the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap

Prevention measures: Actions, policies, programmes, or interventions that seek to prevent firearms-related violence and reduce the conditions that contribute to the demand for, acquisition, misuse, and illicit circulation of firearms.

Thematic areas:

1. **Government Leadership and Coordination:** Policies, institutional arrangements, and collaborative mechanisms that strengthen leadership, coordination, and implementation of prevention efforts across government sectors.
2. **Community Partnerships and Public Participation in Firearms-related Violence Prevention:** Partnerships and initiatives that engage communities, civil society, victims and survivors, young people, academia, faith-based organizations, the private sector, the media, and other stakeholders in preventing firearms violence.
3. **Public Health, Health-Informed Approaches to Firearms-related Violence and Early Intervention**: Public health measures, early intervention, and family-centred approaches that address risk factors, strengthen protective factors, and prevent firearms violence before it occurs.
4. **Youth-focused Prevention of Firearm Acquisition, Carrying and Misuse, including Safe Learning Environments:** Programmes and initiatives that support children and young people through education, skills development, mentorship, and safe environments that reduce the risk of involvement in firearms violence.
5. **Support for Victims and Survivors of Firearms-related Violence and Trauma-Informed Responses:** Services, reporting mechanisms, protection measures, and

trauma-informed approaches that support victims and survivors, promote recovery, and help prevent further violence.

6. **Gender-Responsive and Firearms-related Violence Inclusive Prevention**: Prevention measures that recognise the different experiences and risks associated with gender, age, disability, and other forms of exclusion, and address factors that increase vulnerability to firearms violence.
7. **Firearms-related Data, Research, and Learning:** Data collection, research, monitoring, evaluation, and knowledge-sharing that strengthen understanding of firearms violence and inform prevention policies, programmes, and decision-making.
8. **Prevention through Policing, Justice, and Action against Firearms-enabled Organised Crime**: Prevention-focused policing and justice initiatives that promote early intervention, rehabilitation, reintegration, and community trust-building while addressing the drivers of firearm violence, organised crime, gangs, and illicit firearm markets.
9. **Regional and International Cooperation on Firearms and Ammunition Control**: Regional and international collaboration, information sharing, joint initiatives, and coordinated action to address cross-border trafficking and other shared drivers of firearms violence.
10. **Public Awareness, Social Cohesion and a Culture of Peacebuilding, relating to Illicit Firearms and Armed Violence**: Public education, communication, dialogue, mediation, and community initiatives that strengthen trust, promote peaceful conflict resolution, challenge the acceptance of violence, and build safer communities.