

Training on Gender Mainstreaming Small Arms Control in Sierra Leone  
From 30 November to 2 December 2021  
Freetown

Recommendations based on presentations and discussions

- A. General
- B. Data collection and analysis in arms control
- C. Women's participation and empowerment in arms control
- D. Synergies between agendas
- E. Youth participation, empowerment and engagement
- F. Transforming violent masculinities
- G. Disability rights and inclusion
- H. Partnerships, in particular with civil society, for transformative approaches
- I. Other

**List of Recommended Actions:**

1. Ensure that the provisions within the Arms and Ammunition Act no 9 of 2012 related to gender- and sexual-based violence are fully implemented and recorded.
2. Increase and allocate adequate resources and funding for the design and implementation of armed violence reduction strategies and initiatives that consider gender specific needs including those of people with disabilities.
3. Identify and implement inclusive steps to further strengthen women's participation and empowerment in arms control policy making, programming and implementation.
4. Establish cooperation between SLeNCSA and the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs and other national authorities working on gender equality issues.
5. Strengthen the engagement and coordination between key stakeholders, in particular in national authorities and civil society, working on development, peacebuilding, conflict prevention programmes and small arms control actors.
6. Develop robust data collection mechanisms to allow the collection and analysis of sex, age and disability disaggregated data related to the ownership, use, misuse, impact and demand of small arms and light weapons.
7. Integrate small arms-related questions in data collection efforts related to gender-based violence and other relevant gender equality related efforts.
8. Integrate and promote arms control in Sierra Leone's implementation and reporting efforts of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Sierra Leone's Medium-Term National Development Plan and the African Union Agenda 2063.
9. Alignment of national action plans, strategies, policies and programmes on women, peace and security; youth, peace and security and small arms control.

10. Strengthen collaboration between the SLeNCSA, the Ministry of Youth and Youth organisations to increase the participation, capacity and engagement of youth in the fight against the proliferation, trafficking and misuse of small arms and light weapons.
11. Development of collaboration and partnerships between the SLeNCSA and institutions providing victims assistance and family support to efficiently identify the underlying drivers for the demand of small arms.
12. Develop collaborations between SLeNCSA and civil society organisations working on women and youth participation and protection; and on the African Union's initiative 'Silencing the Guns by 2030'.
13. Support SLeNCSA's effort to implement weapons collection and destruction programmes in a tailored, inclusive and gender-sensitive manner.
14. Strengthen efforts to encourage craft producers of small arms to take up alternative livelihoods and to engage family members and the wider community for more sustainable and gender-transformative solutions.
15. Establish coordination and collaboration between SLeNCSA, organizations representing and assisting persons with disabilities as well as other relevant key stakeholders.

## **Participating Entities**

Family Support Unit of the Sierra Leone Police  
Humanity & Inclusion Sierra Leone  
International Action Network on Small Arms  
Marwopnet Kambia  
Members of Parliament  
Men's Association for Gender Equality Sierra Leone  
Mines Advisory Group  
Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs  
National Youth Commission  
Office of National Security  
Republic of Sierra Leone Arm Forces  
Sierra Leone Action Network on Small Arms  
Sierra Leone Police  
Sierra Leonean National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons  
Small Arms Survey  
Statistics Sierra Leone  
UN Women

United Nations Development Program

Voice of Women Advocacy

Women in the Media Sierra Leone

Women's Forum Sierra Leone

50/50 Group of Sierra Leone