WHAT: The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) is pleased to invite you to a virtual side event to discuss how to undertake a national weapons and ammunition management (WAM) baseline assessment in order to strengthen governance, oversight, accountability, and management of arms and ammunition. The event will launch a new UNIDIR publication entitled “A Reference Methodology for National Weapons and Ammunition Management Baseline Assessments”. This Reference Methodology codifies UNIDIR’s research methodology, which has been used to design and support the implementation of national WAM baseline assessments for 11 States since 2015 to date. It represents a practical tool contributing to ongoing efforts at national, sub-regional and multilateral levels to undertake comprehensive WAM baseline assessments and strengthen WAM frameworks, policies, and practices. This virtual side event is organised on the margins of the Seventh Biennial Meeting of States to consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects (BMS7).

UNIDIR is honoured to be accompanied by an expert panel to discuss how to utilise the Reference Methodology and how it can contribute to national, sub/regional, and multilateral efforts to strengthen WAM. The panel will be composed of the following experts/organizations:

- Ecowas
- Independent Expert(s) of national WAM baseline assessment Research Team
- Unmas
- UNIDIR

WHEN & WHERE: The event will be held on Monday 26th July 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (EDT) via Zoom.

PARTICIPANTS: UNIDIR encourages the participation of national representatives, policymakers, United Nations representatives from headquarters, field missions and country teams, technical experts, and planning officers, and interested representatives of civil society and non-governmental organisations involved in WAM, small arms and conventional arms control more broadly. The event will be organised in English only.

RSVP: Interested participants are requested to complete this registration form by Friday 23rd July 2021. For any inquiries, please contact Anna Mensah (anna.mensah@un.org) and Theo Bajon (theo.bajon@un.org).