BMS8 side event

**Small arms proliferation:**
Challenges and responses in Burkina Faso, South Africa and South Sudan

In July 2019, the China Arms Control & Disarmament Association (CACDA), Kenya’s Security Research and Information Centre (SRIC) and Saferworld established the Africa-China-Europe project Promoting dialogue and cooperation to prevent the diversion of arms and ammunition in Africa. This project has been made possible with the financial assistance of the European Union by means of the Decision (CFSP) 2019/1298.

The project raises awareness in Africa, China and the EU on the myriad negative consequences of illicit flow of arms - particularly SALW - and ammunition to unauthorised actors in Africa. The project also promotes accountability and responsibility with respect to the legal arms trade.

Over the last year, the project has carried out detailed case studies of the ways in which SALW proliferation and misuse have been harming societies in Burkina Faso, South Africa and South Sudan, and developing concrete recommendations about what different actors, including China and the EU and its member states, could do to help address the identified problems.

The EU, SRIC and Saferworld have great pleasure to invite you to this side-event where we will share the findings of these three case studies. In addition, there will be a presentation of some of the technical developments currently being explored in China that could help improve the marking, record-keeping and tracing of SALW and their ammunition in Africa, and elsewhere.

**Thursday 30 June**
**13:15 – 14:45 (EST)**
**United Nations, New York**

This event will be held in-person in the margins of the UN SALW PoA BMS8, however provision will also be made for remote participation.

**Chair**
Roy Isbister
Saferworld

**Opening remarks**
Stefan Tressing
Acting EU Special Envoy for Non-proliferation and Disarmament; European External Action Service

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**Panel**
Kuyang Harriet Logo
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