

UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific

...strengthening peace and security through disarmament











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UNRCPD works in close partnership with regional and sub-regional organizations, as well as with other United Nations entities and civil society organizations. The Centre focuses its activities in three main areas: providing capacity building and technical assistance, creating and participating in dialogue fora, and engaging in outreach and advocacy on disarmament issues.



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

I would like to call on all Asia-Pacific States to work closely with the Regional Centre in strengthening the capacity of governments and civil society to achieve disarmament goals.

Message for the opening of the Centre in Kathmandu, August 2008



The Centre is mandated to provide, on request, substantive support for initiatives and other activities, mutually agreed upon by the Member States of the Asia-Pacific region, for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament, and to coordinate the implementation of regional activities in Asia and the Pacific. (UNGA Resolution A/42/39D of 30 November 1987)

The United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament became operational in 1989 and was relocated from New York to Kathmandu, Nepal, in August 2008. UNRCPD is part of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).





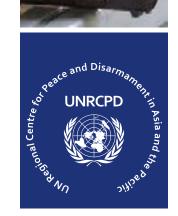












AREAS OF ASSISTANCE

- Promote the universalisation and provide substantive support for the full implementation of global disarmament and non-proliferation treaties, undertakings and norms
- Provide substantive support for the full implementation of existing nuclear-weapon-free zones in the region and assist the fostering of co-operation amongst these zones
- Assist States in strengthening capacity in combating illicit small arms and light weapons, including the provision of technical assistance and training courses
- Assist States in strengthening their capacity to fully implement UN Security Council Resolution 1540
- Promote dialogue and confidence-building on global and regional disarmament and non-proliferation challenges, including through the organization of conferences and seminars
- Promote peace and disarmament education to generate public awareness and support for global and regional disarmament efforts
- Support the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 regarding women, peace and security
- Provide support to Member States in their ratification and implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty

RECENT ACTIVITIES

- 24th UN Conference on Disarmament Issues, Shizuoka, Japan
- 11th UN-Republic of Korea Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Issues, Jeju Island, Republic of Korea
- * 'Children and Peace' Art Competition, Peace Education, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Workshop on implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Bangkok, Thailand
- Asia Regional Meeting to Facilitate Dialogue on the Arms Trade Treaty, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



The 43 countries covered by the UNRCPD mandate

Democratic

People's Republic of Korea → Fiji → India → Indonesia → Japan → Kazakhstan → Kiribati → Kyrgyzstan

Lao People's Democratic Republic → Malaysia → Maldives → Marshall Islands → Micronesia, Federated

States of → Mongolia → Myanmar → Nauru → Nepal → New Zealand → Pakistan → Palau → Papua New Guinea

Philippines → Republic of Korea → Samoa → Singapore → Solomon Islands → Sri Lanka → Tajikistan

Thailand → Timor-Leste → Tonga → Turkmenistan → Tuvalu → Uzbekistan → Vanuatu → Viet Nam





