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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, SECURITY SECTOR OFFICERS AND CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ASIA- PACIFIC CONVENE TO LEARN ABOUT GUN-FREE ZONES

Kathmandu, 7 November (Office for Disarmament Affairs) — From 7 – 8 November, law enforcement authorities, government officials, security sector officers and civil society representatives from Asia-Pacific will convene for a two-day online workshop to learn about gun-free zones and practical ways to implement measures to reduce gun-related violence in their communities.

The online training, organised by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) with financial support from the Government of Sweden, aims to provide the participants with practical guidance, knowledge and skills on the establishment and maintenance of Gun-Free Zones initiatives, with a view to developing and implementing measures to prevent and reduce the occurrence of gun-related violence in their societies and communities.

[Gun-Free Zones](#) are designed to be delineated spaces where the possession or carrying of weapons are prohibited. The two-day online workshop is part of UNRCPD's project "Supporting the Establishment and Maintenance of Gun-Free-Zones (GFZ) in Asia-Pacific", which seeks to support participating countries in their efforts to prevent and reduce armed violence, including through gender-sensitive approaches.

Prior to the webinar, participants will complete a self-paced online course on Gun-Free Zones, which is freely available at [UNODA's Disarmament Education Dashboard](#).

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