

## PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



### UNODA collaboration

*DDR WAM Training Course and SOP*  
AMAT participated in the organisation of 15 training sessions over 5 weeks with 30 participants. AMAT updated the training materials to enable the delivery of the training online. The second version of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is nearly complete and will be finalised in the first quarter of 2021.

#### *Standardised Training Materials for UN Peace Operations*

Since the start of the project in August 2020, AMAT has prepared the draft course curriculum and pedagogical methodology. The training needs assessment is currently ongoing and will be completed in early 2021. Phase 2 of the project in 2021 will finalise of the course materials and validate and pilot the workshops.



### UN SaferGuard Programme

#### *IATG TRB and IATG Version 3*

Throughout 2020, AMAT substantially assisted the Technical Review Board (TRB) in the review and further development of the IATG ahead of its version 3. Held on 7–10 December, the TRB reviewed and approved the changes proposed to the IATG version 3. The IATG was fully revised for the first time since its inception in 2011. 2 new modules were included (01.35 Organisational capabilities, and 08.20 Airfield module for safe storage of ammunition and explosives on military and civilian airfields) while 4 were removed. Significant amendments were made to the module on transport of ammunition and the risk reduction process level (RRPL) system. In collaboration with the Swiss Verification Centre, AMAT will develop a new quantity safety method in early 2021. The upcoming edition of AMAT Insights will provide a detailed overview of the IATG amendment process and results.

## Requests for assistance



### MAURITANIA

In October 2020, AMAT conducted a needs assessment mission to assess the appropriateness, as per the IATG and MOSAIC, of Mauritanian policies and practices pertaining to arms and ammunition management. Following the mission, an assessment report was drafted and shared with relevant national authorities. The report outlines key results from the mission and details four levels of practical recommendations to the national authorities based on the findings of the investigations carried out.



### MOLDOVA

In response to the assistance request from the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Moldova, AMAT travelled to Chisinau in October. Participating in information sessions, high-level meetings with the MoD Directorates, armed forces command and regional organisations, plus field monitoring visits to the ammunition storage areas (ASAs) in the north, south and central Moldova, AMAT gathered first-hand information on the National Army Action Plan (NAAP) 2020-2024 for a study on the PSSM in Moldova.



The objectives of the visit were to strengthen the cooperation between the MoD and its partners and supporters on the ground; to establish contacts with the U.S. Office of Defence Cooperation and the

OSCE Office in Moldova; and to lay the ground for a high-level conference on the implementation of the NAAP in Chisinau.



### PERU

AMAT has continued to work closely with the Peruvian Ministry of Defence through online meetings and conference calls. Due to the unchanged COVID-19 situation and the accompanying travel restrictions, AMAT was requested to develop a virtual IATG Introductory course to be delivered to Peruvian Officers in 2021. AMAT is now developing the training management plan for this course.



### Standardised Assessment Methodology Project

This project is supported by the Swiss Verification Centre (of the Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport). The project is currently in the conceptual Phase I with the main deliverable of a background paper on the existent methodologies and tools for assessing national capacities in ammunition through-life management (TLM). Beyond TLM, the analysis considers assessment approaches from other sectors such as SALW control, mine action, oil and gas, and explosives management in the private sector. Phase I of the project will be completed in the first quarter of 2021.



### IATG Training Project

The Comprehensive Training Programme on the IATG started in October. The project aims at developing three IATG training packages (Policy, Technical and Train the Trainers) to promote and facilitate global application of the IATG. As part of the first phase of the project, the project team conducted a training needs and gaps analysis. The results of the analysis were presented and validated in the first meeting of the project Training Review Working Group in December.



## EU AAMVS Project

The first phase of the EU project for the development of an internationally recognised system for the validation of arms and ammunition management (AAMVS) on the basis of open international standards started on 1 October. The objective of this phase is to study the feasibility of the establishment of the AAMVS. To this end, the project contracted three partner institutions and two independent technical experts. An Expert Working Group was established and its first meeting convened. A workplan, the study methodology and five background research project outlines were further developed. During the first quarter of 2021, AMAT will continue to compile the insights of the EWG members on different aspects of the AAMVS feasibility. AMAT will also engage additional experts as required and develop a website for the project. The second EWG meeting will take place in the first quarter of 2021.



## 4th AMAT Advisory Council Meeting

The fourth meeting of AMAT's Advisory Council (AC) was held virtually via Zoom on 9 November 2020. Ambassador Stefano Toscano, Director of the GICHD and Mr. Adedeji Ebo, Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch, UNODA, co-chaired the meeting.



Attended by eight states, and eight international, regional and non-governmental organisations, the meeting presented AMAT's activities in the past six months since the last AC in May, and its plans for 2021. Following the opening, the AC meeting was divided into three thematic sessions: 1. Assistance to states; 2. Benefits to partners; and 3. Dialogue and cooperation. Several states and

organisations were active in offering strategic advice and making enquiries. By the end of the meeting, members of the AC were updated on the progress and plans of AMAT. It was recognised that AMAT is fully operational along its lines of service and that it works with and through partners, to facilitate enhanced safety and security of ammunition in states, and to support the professionalisation of the ammunition management field globally.



## RACVIAC PSSM Seminar

RACVIAC Centre for Security Cooperation organised an online seminar on PSSM for South Eastern Europe titled "Current PSSM issues and ammunition management in a nutshell" in December. AMAT was invited to present in 2 sessions on risk management, and monitoring and evaluation of ammunition storage sites. 33 participants attended the seminar.



## OAS Regional Seminar on PSSM

On 3–6 November, AMAT delivered presentations on risk reduction and monitoring and evaluation of ammunition storage facilities, as part of the second virtual regional (Caribbean) seminar on good practices in physical security and stockpile management. The seminar was organised by the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and attended by eight Caribbean states and six regional and non-governmental organisations.

## PUBLICATIONS

### AMAT Workplan 2021

In Q4, AMAT finalised the workplan for 2021 and shared it with the Advisory Council. AMAT will prioritise interventions in states where the challenges with safe and secure ammunition management are most prominent, being attentive to the regional dynamics on the risks of diversion and accidental explosions. Accordingly, AMAT plans to engage states and regional organisations in Africa, Eastern Europe and the Caucasus and Latin America, in collaboration with partners and the GICHD's cooperation programmes.

## Geneva Peace Week Video

AMAT contributed to the 2020 edition of the Geneva Peace Week "Rebuilding trust after disruption: Pathways to reset international cooperation" by producing a video in partnership with UNODA. The video "Security Sector Reform and Stockpile Management: lessons learned from Bosnia and Herzegovina" is available on [YouTube](#).



## Ammunition Safety Management Guide

The ASM Guide e-publication is finalised and will be uploaded on the GICHD and AMAT websites in the first quarter of 2021.



## STAFF

AMAT recruited a UN SaferGuard IATG expert as a consultant for a minimum of one year. Based in Peru, the consultant will assist AMAT in the provision of technical advice and services to states in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

## PLANS IN Q1/2021

- Continue assisting states requesting AMAT's advice and services.
- Finalise the DDR WAM SOP.
- Perform edits in the IATG as required ahead of the release of Version 3.
- Deliver virtual IATG training course to the Peruvian Armed Forces.
- Complete phase I of Standardised Assessment Methodology project.
- Develop EU project website and organise second EWG meeting.
- Upload ASM e-publication on AMAT website: promote in relevant medias.