

The German Delegation to the Conference on Disarmament and the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Secretariat invite you to a side event on:

## **The ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF): sharing project implementation experiences**

**Thursday, 27 February 2025  
13:20 – 14:45 (CET)  
CICG Level 3, Plenary E**

Pursuant to Article 16(3) of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), the Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) was established in August 2016 to assist States to implement the ATT. This side event will provide guidance on how to apply and use VTF funding and present an opportunity for VTF recipient states to share their experiences.

Moderator and Panelists:

- Ambassador Thomas Göbel, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva
- Ambassador Markus V. Lacanilao, Special Envoy on Transnational Crime of the Philippines & ATT WGETI Chairperson
- Ms Thato Mapuleng Mokitimi, Lesotho, Acting Director Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Relations
- Ms. Yoko Owatari, Voluntary Trust Fund Officer, Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat

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### Agenda

1.	13:20 – 13:25	Welcome remarks	- Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee
2.	13:25 – 13:35	Overview of the VTF status	- ATT Secretariat
3.	13:35 – 13:50	Perspective of a beneficiary State	- Ambassador Markus V. Lacanilao (Philippines)
4.	13:50 – 14:05	Perspective of a beneficiary State	- Ms Thato Mapuleng Mokitimi (Lesotho)
5.	14:05 – 14:40	Q&A and informal exchange	- All participants
6.	14:40 – 14:45	Closing remarks	- Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee