



Promoting Universality of Arms Trade Treaty in the Arab Countries

Maat for Peace, Development, and Human Rights, in collaboration with the Independent Commission for Human Rights in North Africa, are pleased to invite you to the panel discussion on “Promoting Universality of the Arms Trade Treaty in Arab Countries”.

This panel will take place on the sidelines of the first preparatory meeting for the 11th Conference of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

SPEAKERS AND MODERATOR



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Background about this side event

In recent years, the Arab region has witnessed an alarming increase in wars, armed conflicts, and civil wars, often accompanied by severe violations of international humanitarian law and human rights. A major contributor to these conflicts is the irresponsible arms trade, which continues to fuel violence and instability. In the context of these crises, it is essential to address the challenges posed by unregulated arms transfers that undermine peace and sustainable development.

To this end, the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) aims to mitigate the negative humanitarian impacts of arms trade. However, despite its importance, only three Arab countries have ratified the treaty. This panel discussion will focus on the challenges and opportunities related to increasing the universality of the ATT in the Arab region.



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