

The Permanent Mission of New Zealand and the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat invite you to a side event on:

The ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF): Supporting implementation of core Treaty obligations

**Thursday, 25 August 2022
08:30 – 09:45 (CEST)**

This side event will be held virtually via Zoom

In accordance with Article 16(3) of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), a Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) was established in August 2016 to assist States to implement the ATT. Applications for the next VTF funding cycle will open from October 2022 – January 2023. This side event will provide guidance to States on how to apply for funding to support implementation of Treaty obligations and provide an update on recent developments with regard to the VTF.

The event will be chaired by the Chairperson of the VTF Selection Committee, Ambassador Dell HIGGIE of New Zealand.

Panelists include:

- Ambassador Dell HIGGIE, Chairperson of the VTF Selection Committee
- Mr. Dumisani DLADLA, Head of the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat
- Representatives of Grantee States: (Costa Rica and Zambia)

Zoom meeting link is [here](#)

The ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF): Projects for implementation of core Treaty obligations

Agenda

1.	08:30 – 08:35	Welcome remarks	- Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee
2.	08:35 – 08:45	Overview of the VTF status and plans for the 2023 cycle	- ATT Secretariat
3.	08:45 – 08:55	Overview of tools and guidance documents to support VTF applications	- Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee
4.	08:55 – 09:10	Recent issues for the VTF (the challenge of Covid-19 for VTF projects; the need for a decision by CSP8 as to whether States with ATT financial arrears can apply for funding to the VTF)	- Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee - ATT Secretariat
5.	09:10 – 09:17	VTF project for implementation of core Treaty obligations: perspective from a recipient State (1)	- Representative of Costa Rica
6.	09 :17 – 09 :25	VTF project for implementation of core Treaty obligations: perspective from a recipient State (2)	- Representative of Zambia
7.	09 :25 – 09 :40	Q&A and informal exchange	- All participants
8.	09 :40 – 09:45	Concluding remarks	- Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee
9.	09:45	Close	