

CSP3 SIDE EVENTS

Wednesday, 13 September

Title:	<i>The ATT from an African perspective: Parliaments and civil society as relevant stakeholders for universalization and implementation</i>
Organizer:	<i>Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung; Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons</i>
Room*:	<i>Room 6 (60per.)</i>
Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>H.E. Yvette Stevens, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, Vice-President of CSP3</i>• <i>Karin Olofsson, General Secretary Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Sweden</i>• <i>James Agalga, Member of Parliament, Ghana</i>• <i>Sylvère Tchédoh Koffi, RASALAO, Cote d'Ivoire</i>
Start time:	<i>13:15; Finger food lunch provided</i>
Language:	<i>English</i>
Focal point:	<i>Hannah Peters, hpeters@fes-geneva.org</i>
Description:	<p><i>Despite the relatively fast pace of ratifications of the Arms Trade Treaty, universalization in certain regions and implementation is still a pending task. Parliaments still have to review and adapt local legislation, allocate budgets and increase oversight regarding government compliance with the ATT.</i></p> <p><i>Following an international conference jointly organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the Parliamentary Forum on 'Promoting Stakeholder and Parliamentary Dialogue on the Arms Trade Treaty' in June this year, this side event will discuss implementation and universalization of the ATT looking at the (West) African experience. The discussion will highlight importance of civil society and parliaments in this process, the role of Regional Economic Communities in ensuring universalization as well as the importance of national strategies linked to national political priorities and relevant international frameworks such as the Agenda 2030 and the UNPOA.</i></p>