

The Arms Trade Treaty
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To : Representatives of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.
: Representatives of Signatory States to the Arms Trade Treaty.
: Representatives of Observer States to the Arms Trade Treaty.
: Representatives of International and Regional Organizations.
: Representatives of Civil Society, NGOs and Industry.

Dear Distinguished Representatives,

INVITATION TO THE ATT CSP12 INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETING: 27 - 28 MAY 2026

1. Following my announcement circulated on 01 December 2026 regarding the schedule of ATT meetings for the period leading up to CSP12, I have the pleasure to invite you to the CSP12 Informal Preparatory Meeting, which will take place on 27-28 May 2026.
2. As indicated in that announcement and in accordance with the relevant CSP11 decision, this meeting will take place at the Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting will be held in-person, with an option for those who cannot attend in-person to follow the meeting via livestreaming. Daily sessions of the meeting will take place from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00 (Geneva time).
3. Participants are kindly encouraged to strive for gender balance in their delegations, in line with the relevant CSP5 and CSP10 decisions.

Draft schedule of meeting

4. The draft schedule for the meeting is included in the attached Annex. The draft schedule is subject to change, as appropriate.

Documentation

5. The draft annotated agenda is circulated together with this invitation. The Chairs of the Working Groups and other ATT office holders aim to issue their documents for the meeting through the ATT Secretariat on 29 April 2026.

Registration

6. It is brought to your attention that pre-registration for the Working Group meetings will be required to facilitate the collection of gender-disaggregated attendance data by the ATT

Secretariat. This is done in response to the call of CSP10 to collect this data during ATT Working Group and Preparatory meetings, in addition to the data collected at CSPs, to foster gender balance in delegations. Delegates wishing to participate in the 27-28 May 2026 meeting are therefore requested to **register by 22 May 2026**. Registration involves one step: each individual member of each delegation must register online ([here](#)).

Information

7. Delegations intending to submit working papers or raise any other business are requested to do so via e-mail to the ATT Secretariat (info@thearmstradetreaty.org), by **13 May 2026**.

8. Delegates are encouraged to visit the ATT website ([here](#)) for further information.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tsholofelo' followed by a stylized 'e'.

Ms. Tsholofelo TSHEOLE

President of the Twelfth Conference of States Parties to the ATT

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF CSP12 INFORMAL PREPARATORY MEETING: 27 - 28 MAY 2026*

	Wednesday	Thursday	
10:00 – 13:00	Progress reports of ATT subsidiary bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI)</i> • <i>Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (WGTR)</i> • <i>Working Group on Treaty Universalization (WGTU)</i> 	CSP12 preparatory arrangements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview of the implementation of other CSP11 decisions</i> • <i>Update on the development of a draft five-year strategy for the ATT</i> 	10:00 – 13:00
15:00 – 18:00	Progress reports of ATT subsidiary bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF)</i> • <i>Management Committee (MC)</i> 	CSP12 preparatory arrangements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Status of gender participation in ATT meetings</i> • <i>Update on the Gender Focal Points' survey on the preliminary workplan</i> • <i>Status of ATT finances</i> • <i>Consideration of the CSP12 draft agenda</i> • <i>AOB</i> 	15:00 – 18:00
SIDE EVENTS	<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>	SIDE EVENTS

* The draft schedule is subject to change, as appropriate. Agenda items will be addressed on a rolling basis, where feasible.