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REPORT ON THE ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 2025/2026**INTRODUCTION**

1. This report has been prepared by the ATT Secretariat as administrator of the ATT Sponsorship Programme, in accordance with the decision of the Fourth Conference of States Parties (CSP4) to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).
2. The report covers the operations of the ATT Sponsorship Programme for the period immediately after the Eleventh Conference of States Parties (CSP11) up to the Twelfth Conference of States Parties (CSP12).
3. The first part of the report provides an overview of the background to the ATT Sponsorship Programme. The second part presents an update on the financial status of the ATT Sponsorship Programme, as of 24 July 2026. The third part offers an overview of the sponsorship applications received and approved by the ATT Sponsorship Programme.

BACKGROUND

4. The Fourth Conference of States Parties (CSP4) decided to entrust the ATT Secretariat with the administration of the ATT Sponsorship Programme starting from CSP4 (see paragraph 34 of the Final Report of CSP4 held from 20-24 August 2018 (ATT/CSP4/2018/SEC/369/Conf.FinRep.Rev1)). CSP4 also

‘directed the Secretariat and the Management Committee to elaborate the necessary protocols governing the administration of the ATT sponsorship programme by the ATT Secretariat, in consultation with States Parties and Signatory States, including a protocol to guide the selection process of the ATT sponsorship programme in order to ensure transparency, efficiency and impartiality in the work of the programme’ (paragraph 34 of the Final Report).c

5. In accordance with this directive, the ATT Secretariat and the Management Committee elaborated *Draft Administrative Guidelines for the ATT Sponsorship Programme* that included a description of the purpose of the ATT Sponsorship Programme and its operations, as well as Annexes setting out the general principles for the selection of applicants and financial protocols governing the use of funds. CSP5 considered and adopted the Draft Administrative Guidelines for the ATT Sponsorship Programme.
6. Following discussions within the Management Committee (MC), the ATT Secretariat and the Management Committee agreed to revise the Administrative Guidelines for the ATT

Sponsorship Programme to ensure that they better reflect the Programme's current operational practices and improve clarity. The revised Guidelines were presented during the ATT Informal Preparatory Meeting in May, with a view to their subsequent endorsement at CSP12.

STATUS OF SPONSORSHIP FUNDING

7. The ATT Secretariat opened a bank account dedicated to the ATT Sponsorship Programme in October 2018 and issued annual calls for contributions to the ATT Sponsorship Programme from 18 October 2018 - 17 November 2025 in an effort to raise funds for the Sponsorship Programme.

8. As of 24 July 2026, the ATT Secretariat had received voluntary contributions from ten (10) donor states, namely Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Sweden and Switzerland. To date, a total of **USD 1'731'095.36** in sponsorship funds has been received into the sponsorship fund (see Annex A).

9. The ATT Sponsorship Programme sponsored 17 delegates¹ to attend the ATT Working Group meetings held from 16 – 19 March 2026. The total cost of sponsoring the 17 sponsored was USD 68'908.00.² The average cost of sponsoring each delegate was USD 4'053.00.

10. The ATT Sponsorship programme was not implemented for the CSP12 informal preparatory meeting in May 2026.

11. As of 24 July 2026, the ATT Sponsorship Programme had approved 22 delegates to attend CSP12, taking place from 24 – 28 August 2026. The total cost of sponsoring the 22 delegates to attend CSP12 will not be known until after the Conference; however, it is estimated that it will be approximately USD 89'175.00².

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THE CSP12 CYCLE

12. The ATT Secretariat issued its first call for applications to the Sponsorship Programme for the ATT Working Group meetings on 01 December 2025. The call was issued to States, who were invited to apply for the ATT Working Group meetings taking place in March 2026 by 05 January 2026. The ATT Secretariat issued its second and final call for applications to the sponsorship programme on 28 May 2026, with a deadline of 26 June 2026.

13. As part of the application process, States were asked to nominate only one delegate for sponsorship and were required to submit a completed application form, a *note verbale* confirming the nomination, and a copy of the passport of the nominated delegate.

14. By the deadline of the first call for applications, the ATT Secretariat had received a total of 32 applications to attend the ATT Working Group meetings (taking place from 16 – 19 March 2026). The ATT Secretariat also received 41 applications to attend CSP12 (taking place from 24 – 28 August 2026).

¹ Four States from Asia were selected to receive sponsorship to attend the CSP12 Working Group Meetings. However, due to the conflict in the Middle East, which was ongoing in March 2026, the sponsorships of three delegates had to be cancelled as they were unable to travel to Geneva to participate in the meetings.

² Excluding administration costs.

15. The same process for selecting applicants for sponsorship was applied in each round. The selection process involved the following steps: first, the ATT Secretariat prepared a shortlist of eligible applicants. Second, the ATT Secretariat submitted the shortlist of eligible applicants to the donors for review and consideration in order to ensure the list of delegates was consistent with donors' conditionalities. The ATT Secretariat then communicated the outcomes of the selection process to all applicants and began logistical preparations for their attendance at the respective meetings.

SUPPORT TO SPONSORED DELEGATES

16. In addition to arranging flights, accommodation and *per diems*, as contemplated in the financial protocols associated with the Administrative Guidelines, the ATT Secretariat also held an online briefing session for sponsored delegates on 05 March 2026. The briefing offered an opportunity for delegates to meet and greet the ATT Secretariat members remotely in advance of the meetings; provided an overview of the Sponsorship Programme and delegates' entitlements; presented the Treaty and the work ahead for the upcoming meeting; explained the Voluntary Trust Fund and its application process; provided understanding of the roles and mandates of the President of the Conference and other ATT office holders.

OVERVIEW OF SPONSORED DELEGATES

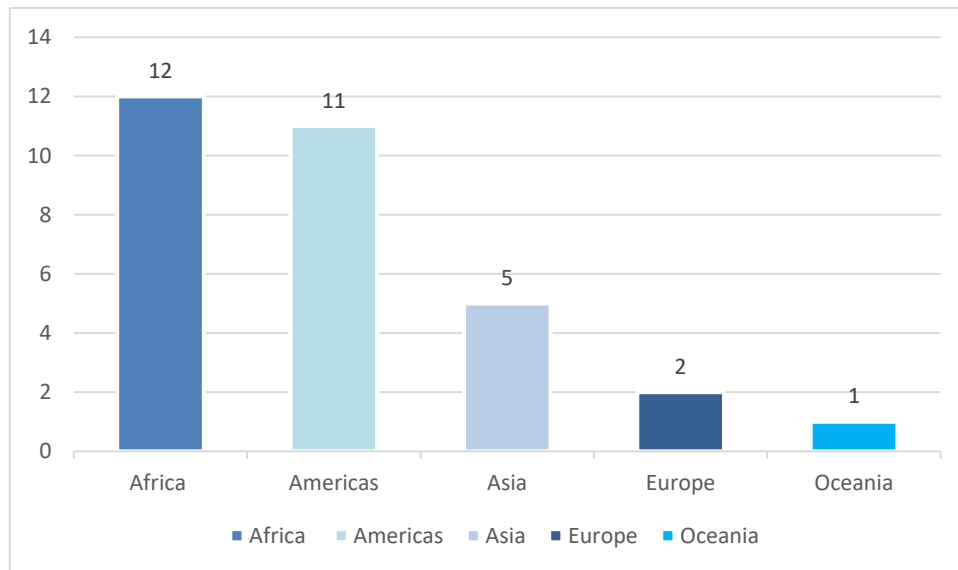
17. The criteria applied in the selection of applicants for sponsorship included consideration of OECD-DAC status; equitable regional representation; gender equality; ATT status; and the applicant's expertise and role, including whether the applicant State is a member or officeholder of any committee or subsidiary body. An analysis of these considerations is provided below, along with an overview comparing the number of applicants within each category compared to the number of sponsored delegates within each category is provided in Annex C.

OECD-DAC analysis

18. Most of the States that received sponsorship to attend meetings during the CSP12 cycle appear on the DAC List of ODA Recipients for 2025-2026. Seven (7) of the 31 States that received sponsorship) are LDCs (22%); eight (8) are LMIC&T (26%); thirteen (13) are UMIC&T (42%); and the remaining three (3) are not on the DAC list (10%).

Regional overview

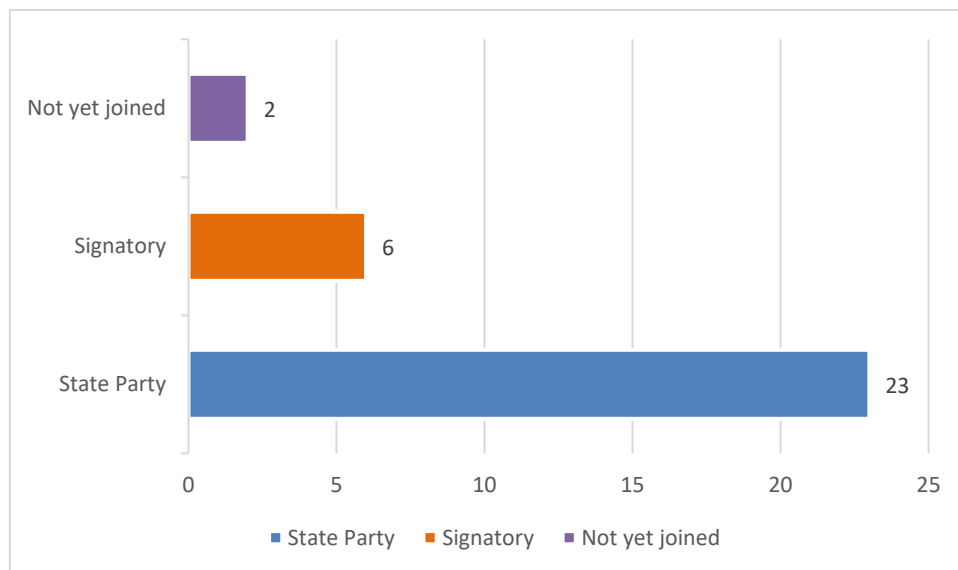
Chart 1. States that Received Sponsorship: by Region



19. Chart 1 provides an overview of all delegates that were sponsored to attend meetings during the CSP12 cycle according to region. **A total of 39 delegates from 31 States³ received sponsorship from the ATT Sponsorship Programme in the CSP12 cycle.** As illustrated by Chart 1, twelve (12) (39%) of those States are from Africa; eleven (11) (36%) are from the Americas; five (5) (16%) are from Asia; two (2) (6%) are from Europe; and one (1) (3%) is from Oceania.

ATT status

Chart 2. States that Received Sponsorship: by ATT Status



³ Some States were sponsored to attend more than one meeting in the CSP12 cycle.

20. Chart 2 shows that of the 31 States that received sponsorship to attend meetings during the CSP12 cycle, twenty-three (23) are ATT States Parties (75%), six (6) are Signatories (19%), and two have not yet joined the treaty (6%).

Gender considerations

21. Of the 39 representatives that received sponsorship during the CSP12 cycle, twenty are men (51%) and nineteen are women (49%).

Role of applicant

22. Three of the delegates sponsored to attend the Twelfth Conference of States Parties (CSP12) will hold key roles during the Conference. Dr. Adam Adamu Alhassan BONAA is the Chairperson of the Diversion Exchange Forum (DIEF) for CSP12, Ms. Milagros Elizabeth WINKELRIED SALAZAR is the Chairperson of the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting for CSP12, and Ms. Malessinani Rita AKAOLO is one of the Gender Focal Points.

CONCLUSION

23. In summary, since the ATT Secretariat began administering the ATT Sponsorship Programme in September 2018, the Programme has received a total of **USD 1'731'095.36** in voluntary contributions. Of this amount, USD 200'786 was used for the CSP5 cycle, USD 73'884 for the CSP6 cycle, USD 11'846 for the CSP7 cycle, USD 306'034 for the CSP8 cycle, USD 393'751 for the CSP9 cycle, USD 311'115 for the CSP10 cycle, USD 165'536.00 for the CSP11 Cycle and an estimated amount of USD 170'730.00 ⁴ will be used to support delegates in the CSP12 cycle, subject to financial reconciliation after the Conference. The ATT Secretariat plans to allocate the remaining funds to the Sponsorship Programme for the CSP13 cycle.

⁴ This figure includes administration costs and is subject to final reconciliation after CSP12.

ANNEX A. FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME – FUNDS RECEIVED⁵

Contributions to ATT Sponsorship Programme			
1	Australia	USD	66'738.79
2	Canada	USD	302'252.29
3	Germany	USD	455'012.65
4	Ireland	USD	28'442.00
5	Netherlands	USD	170'455.00
6	Philippines	USD	10'000.00
7	Portugal	USD	56'460.76
8	Republic of Korea	USD	160'000.00
9	Sweden	USD	39'145.66
10	Switzerland	USD	442'588.21
Total Contributions		USD	1'731'095.36

⁵ The table includes contributions made to the ATT Sponsorship Programme since CSP4 entrusted the ATT Secretariat with the administration of the ATT Sponsorship Programme (i.e. from 25 August 2018).

ANNEX B. ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME – FINANCIAL POSITION

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
INCOME		
Contributions received in 2019	USD	320'563.60
Contributions received in 2020	USD	459'708.57
Contributions received in 2021	USD	144'619.75
Contributions received in 2022	USD	192'636.38
Contributions received in 2023	USD	216'965.66
Contributions received in 2024	USD	98'621.60
Contributions received in 2025	USD	213'991.80
Contributions received in 2026	USD	83'988.00
Other income	USD	95.80
Total Income	USD	1'731'191.16
EXPENDITURE		
Total Expenditure CSP5 Cycle (2019)	USD	200'786.00
Total Expenditure CSP6 Cycle (2020)	USD	73'884.00
Total Expenditure CSP7 Cycle (2021)	USD	11'846.00
Total Expenditure CSP8 Cycle (2022)	USD	306'034.00
Total Expenditure CSP9 Cycle (2023)	USD	393'751.00
Total Expenditure CSP10 Cycle (2024)	USD	311'115.00
Total Expenditure CSP11 Cycle (2025)	USD	165'536.00
Estimated Total Expenditure CSP12 Cycle (2026)	USD	170'730.000
Total Expenditure	USD	1'633'682.00
NET SURPLUS (Available Funds)	USD	97'509.16

ANNEX C. ATT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME – COMPARISON OF APPLICANTS AND SPONSORED DELEGATES AGAINST THE SELECTION CRITERIA

Meeting →		Working Group meetings		CSP12		TOTAL	
Selection Criteria ↓		Applicants	Sponsored delegates	Applicants	Sponsored delegates	Applicants	Sponsored delegates
DAC Status	LDC	6	3	18	7	24	10
	Other Low Income Countries	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lower Middle Income	8	4	6	5	14	9
	Upper Middle Income	14	7	16	10	30	17
	Not on DAC list	4	3	1	0	5	3
	Sub Total	32	17	41	22	73	39
Region	Africa	14	7	22	9	36	16
	Americas	9	7	9	6	18	13
	Asia	6	1 ⁶	8	5	14	6
	Europe	1	1	2	2	3	3
	Oceania	2	1	0	0	2	1
	Sub Total	32	17	41	22	73	39
ATT Status	State Party	24	12	31	17	55	29
	Signatory	7	4	8	4	15	8
	Not yet joined	1	1	2	1	3	2
	Sub Total	32	17	41	22	73	39
Gender	Male	21	9	26	11	47	20
	Female	11	8	15	11	26	19
	Sub Total	32	17	41	22	73	39

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