



# SDG Goal 16

*Measuring armed violence reduction  
and prevention for peaceful and inclusive societies*



**Friday, 17 April, 13:00–14:30**  
**Auditorium 1, Doha National Conference Center**

The Small Arms Survey and the Secretariat of the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development request the pleasure of your company at the Ancillary Meeting on **SDG Goal 16: Measuring armed violence reduction and prevention for peaceful and inclusive societies**.

### Opening remarks

- **Philippines** Ambassador Reynaldo Catapang, Department of Foreign Affairs

### Panel discussion

- **Anna Alvazzi del Frate**, Research Director, Small Arms Survey
- **Steven Malby**, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK
- **Moderator: Luigi De Martino**, Coordinator, Geneva Declaration Secretariat
- Open discussion

### Closing remarks

- **Switzerland** Tiziano Balmelli, Head of Multilateral Peace Policy, Human Security Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs



**L**inkages between security, violence, and development are now well-established and relevant considerations have informed the formulation of Sustainable Development Goal 16.

Armed violence has an inevitable impact on the development of states, societies, and the well-being of communities. Lethal effects of armed violence are much greater in non-conflict than in conflict settings (nine out of ten violent deaths worldwide occur outside conflicts), and have lasting consequences on societies,

beyond loss of lives and physical injuries. Based on key findings of the *Global Burden of Armed Violence 2015: Every Body Counts*—which will be presented on this occasion in advance of the official launch on 11 May—the meeting will provide an overview of the current debate on how development and security interact.

The participants will discuss how the measurement of violent deaths, including direct conflict deaths, legal interventions and homicides, can be an effective indicator for Goal 16 and for informing national armed violence reduction and prevention policies.

The meeting is jointly organized by Small Arms Survey and the Secretariat of the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, a diplomatic initiative launched by Switzerland and UNDP together with 41 countries in 2006, with the goal of achieving a measurable reduction in the burden of armed violence by 2015 and beyond. To date, the Geneva Declaration counts 113 countries as members.



For more information on the Global Burden of Armed Violence, visit [www.genevadeclaration.org/GBAV](http://www.genevadeclaration.org/GBAV)

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