

Get Ready for Small Arms and Weapons 2017 Campaigns

2017, it will be more important than ever for civil society to speak up and take action on the issue. This is because it's a lead-up year to the 2018 Review Conference of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (PoA). Adopted in 2001, this international agreement lays the foundation for action on illicit small arms at the national, regional and global levels. The 2018 Review Conference is a chance to review progress on the agreement, and to propose ways to make it stronger and more effective.

If governments delay in preparing for the 2018 Review Conference, the outcomes of the conference will not be as broad and significant as they could be. Therefore, as civil society, it is important that we focus attention on small arms in 2017, and continue to call for greater action on their misuse and proliferation. For more information about the topic of "the Road to 2018"

visit: <https://www.un.org/disarmament/update/the-road-ahead-for-small-arms-and-light-weapons-the-2018-review-conference/>

To ensure this attention, Journalists for Human Rights through IANSA encourages our partners to participate and support us in the campaigns below throughout 2017.

2017 Campaigns

March 8: International Women's Day

This day, which is traditionally symbolized by purple ribbons, is an important occasion for us to raise awareness of the impact of gun violence on women, of the necessity of including more women in the small arms process, and of achievements by women in regards to gun control.

#Women'sDay #IANSA #IANSAWomen'sNetwork #JHRWomen'sDay

Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence [Dates and theme to be announced soon]

Established in 2003 by IANSA, the Global Week of Action against Gun Violence is an opportunity to raise awareness of and mobilize action on small arms issues. For a report on our 2016 Week of Action,

visit: <http://www.iansa.org/system/files/IANSA%20WOA%20REPORT%202016.pdf>

#WeekOfAction #EndGunViolence #IANSA #JHREndGunViolence

July 9: International Small Arms Destruction Day/Gun Destruction Day

International Small Arms Destruction Day (Gun Destruction Day) was initiated by the United Nations in 2001, and serves to remind the public about the threat posed by the excess, poorly secured, and illegal weapons, to everyday safety and security. This is an occasion to urge your government to do more to destroy stockpiles of illegal weapons, and also to inform communities about amnesty, buy-back and drop-off programs that allow people to turn in unwanted guns to law enforcement officials. It's also a chance to organize programs that help children exchange toy guns for toys that do not

promote violent fantasy role-playing.

#GunDestructionDay #IANSA #JHRGunDestructionDay

September 21: International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace gives people in cities, communities and villages worldwide the chance to highlight the value and importance of peace. Diverse activities have been held on this day, including: a minute of silence at 12 noon (all time zones); peace education events; collaborative intercultural and interfaith dialogues; workshops on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); meditation and prayer; planting peace poles; vigils; concerts and festivals; sports matches in the spirit of peace; marches; public programs with government officials, and engaging youth in peacebuilding activities. We especially encourage a focus on SDG 16.4, which calls for a significant reduction in illicit arms flows by the year 2030.

#SDG16.4 #ReduceArmsFlow #DayOfPeace #IANSA #JHRSDG16.4

November 25-December 10: 16 Days of Action Against Gender-Based Violence

Running for 25 years, this campaign focuses on the elimination of all forms of violence against women. The campaign starts on November 25 (the International Day against Violence, against gender based violence) and runs until December 10 (International Human Rights Day) emphasizing violence against women as a violation of human rights. This is an opportunity for us to raise awareness of armed violence against women. Learn more about the campaign here

<http://16dayscwgj.rutgers.edu/>

#16DAYS #iansawomenagainstgunviolence #JHR16DAYS

