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## SIDE EVENT

# ILLICIT FIREARMS TRAFFICKING AND ITS NUANCES IN LATIN AMERICA



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Latin America is the region in the world with the highest homicide rate caused by firearms. Firearms and ammunition trafficking strengthen and expand illicit markets and boost the power of organized crime groups throughout the region. Mexico, in particular, has seen a sharp increase in gun-related violence in the past years, combined with a surge in the availability and presence of illegal firearms in the country.

Through case studies from research in Latin America, this side event will identify trends in illegal firearms trafficking and their impact on violence and criminality in affected territories. It will discuss how countries can start filling the data and analysis gap to create the basis for improved policy design, highlight the measures and efforts currently taking place at the local and national levels, and ignite collaboration at a regional and multilateral level.

## SPEAKERS

- Opening remarks: **John Brandolino**, *Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC*
- Moderation: **Simonetta Grassi**, *Chief, Firearms Trafficking Section (FTS), UNODC*
- **Mauricio Zapata Zaldívar**, *Director, Prevention of International Crimes, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico*
- **Romain Le Cour Grandmaison**, *Senior Expert, GI-TOC*
- **Natália Pollachi**, *Project Manager, Instituto Sou da Paz*
- **Rosalee Thompson**, *Inspector, National Police Force of Jamaica*
- Closing remarks: **Ambassador Luis Javier Campuzano Piña**, *Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations in Vienna*