



**THE REGIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY & STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT (PSSM) TRAINING
FOR RECSA FRENCH SPEAKING COUNTRIES & BORDERING STATES
DATES: 18TH MARCH – 4TH APRIL 2026
VENUE: HUMANITARIAN PEACE SUPPORT SCHOOL
EMBAKASI GARISSON- NAIROBI, KENYA**



Dignitaries & Participants during the Opening ceremony of the 1st Regional PSSM Training for RECSA French speaking Member States and Bordering States in October 2025

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

The proliferation of illicit SALW in the RECSA region spans across multiple borders and jurisdictions. One of the major drivers of illicit arms trafficking is insecure stockpiles which have led to terrorism, diversion and unplanned explosions causing loss of life, displacement and instability.

This complex context has led RECSA to undertake its SALW and conventional ammunition control interventions using a cross-border approach requiring holistic lens to develop the capacities of actors in relevant state agencies in the region who are responsible for effective management of SALW, ammunition and explosives and controlling their illicit trafficking.

Stockpile management practices have improved considerably since the adoption and inception of PSSM programs in the RECSA region, whereas formal standards for weapons storage were previously limited or absent in many Member states, most countries in the region have now established procedures and guidelines governing the secure storage and management of government held weapons and ammunition. These measures have contributed to reducing the risk of theft, loss or diversion from official stockpiles.



Dignitaries & Participants during the closing ceremony of the Regional PSSM Training for English speaking RECSA Member states, March 2025

It's against this background that the Regional Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) training was introduced in 2012 in partnership with the Multinational Small Arms Group(MSAG) countries. This initial programme focused on English speaking RECSA member states and some French speaking countries.

The participating countries were; Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan, South Sudan, Rwanda, Somalia, Burundi and Seychelles. This training ended in March 2025 having trained **516** students, **18** PSSM senior instructors and **46** PSSM instructors.

Building upon the success of the above programme, RECSA and Austrian Ministry of Defence signed a partnership agreement covering a five year (2025-2030) PSSM Program that was launched in October 2025 focusing on RECSA French speaking countries and bordering states.

The training is undertaken purely in French language and facilitated by French speaking PSSM instructors who graduated in the previous series of PSSM-ToT Programs.

The 2nd Regional PSSM ToT Course for the French speaking RECSA Member states and Bordering states is scheduled to begin on **18th March 2026** to **4th April 2026** at HPSS in Embakasi, Kenya.



Participants during 1st Regional PSSM ToT Course for RECSA French speaking Member states & Bordering States in October 2025

2.0 COURSE OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the training include;

- To develop the capacity of the participants to plan and execute PSSM interventions through introducing them to the best international standards, based on the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) and the Modular Small Arms Implementation Compendium (MOSAIC) which is a set of 22 voluntary, evidence-based modules designed to guide national authorities on small arms control, initially launched in 2018.
- To equip participants with knowledge and skills on how to apply simple and effective measures to manage and control weapons and ammunition, reducing the risk of diversion, theft and accidental/ unintentional explosions at ammunition sites.

3.0. COURSE PARTICIPANTS

The participants are drawn from the Military and Police from RECSA French speaking countries and bordering states. The countries expected to participate include; Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Rwanda, Cameroon, Comoros and Madagascar.



Participants during the October 2025 Training

In the spirit of promoting full and meaningful participation of women in SALW management, the course organizers encouraged the nomination of women participants. Subsequently member states nominated 5 female participants to take part in the course.

Among the participants will be 3 female instructor candidates who were selected during the 1st course held in October 2025 for the instructor course. They are set to begin their training on 19th March 2026.

The training will be facilitated by 3 senior PSSM instructors from Burundi and international facilitators from the Government of Austria.

4.0 COURSE ORGANIZERS

This course is jointly organized by RECSA, hosted by IPSTC (HPSS) and fully funded by the Ministry of Defence, Government of Austria.