



**Official Launch of the revised United Nations Integrated
Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards**

Journey for Peace and Development

Concept Note

The UN Inter-Agency Working Group on DDR (IAWG) will formally launch the revised Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS) on 19 November with simultaneous high-level events in New York and in Geneva, entitled “Journey for Peace and Development”. The UN Secretary General has been invited to open the launch which will include a common segment via video conference and separate programmes for the remainder of the event.

High-level attendance is expected by Member States, IAWG Principals, as well as regional organizations and external partners. Sweden and Germany, as key donors of the IDDRS review process, have been invited at the ministerial level. High-level representatives from Egypt and Cote d’Ivoire, as co-chairs of the Group of Friends of DDR, have also been invited to attend.

First published in 2006, the new set of IDDRS have undergone a comprehensive review process in consultation with key DDR stakeholders. This launch seeks to present the updated UN policy and guidance for the design and implementation of DDR processes, and to outline the interlinkages with other frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) initiative. The objectives of the launch are to:

Introduce the UN’s revised approach to DDR

The revised IDDRS expand the concept of DDR from DDR programmes in post-conflict settings, to incorporate a range of DDR responses which can be implemented with UN support across the peace continuum in line with the Secretary-General’s UN Reforms.

Encourage decision-makers and DDR practitioners to consult the revised IDDRS

The IDDRS is a repository of lessons, good practices and strategic guidance drawing on the experiences of actors from across the UN system as well as Member States that are engaged in DDR processes. A comprehensive UN approach provides experts with evidence-based guidance for context-specific DDR support in mission and non-mission settings.

Celebrate, showcase and strengthen IAWG-DDR strategic partnerships

The launch will highlight the partnerships approach that has enabled the IDDRS review process, featuring key strategic partners such as the African Union. The recently established UN Group of Friends of DDR, which brings together 14 Member States as “DDR champions”, will also play an important role in the launch.