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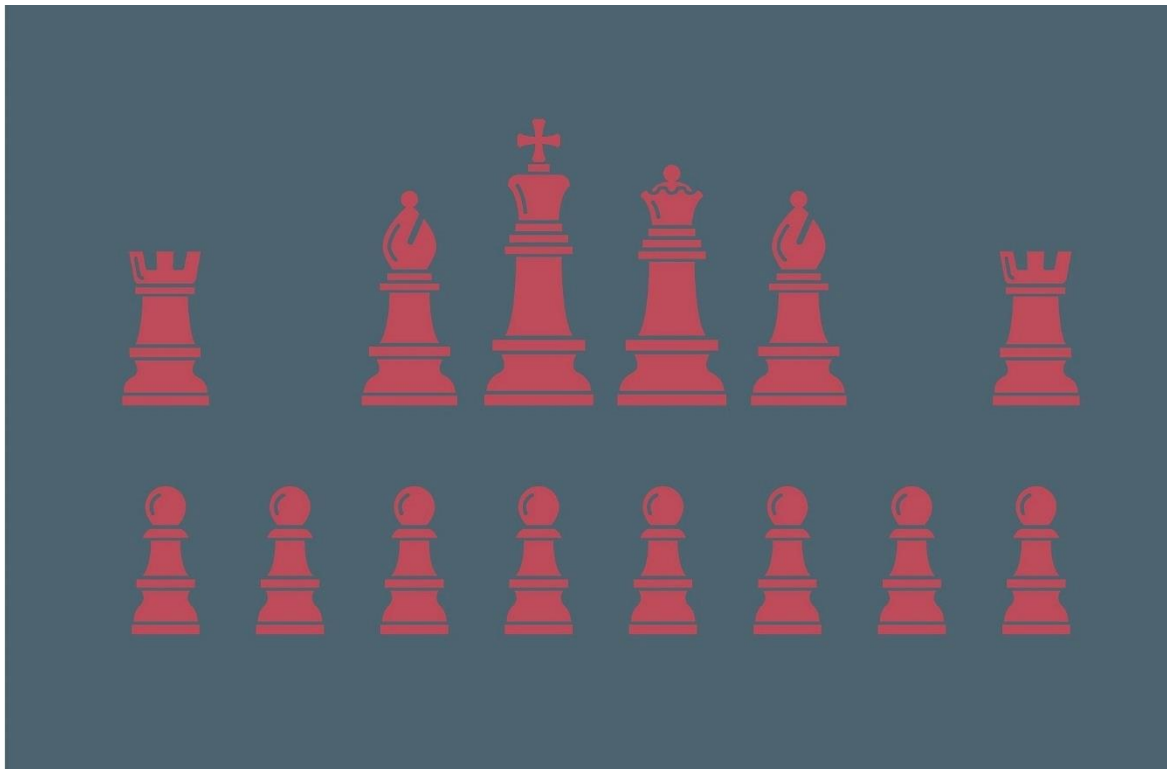
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The Disarmament Mobile Application

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A. Project Description | The Disarmament Mobile Application

Project Background

With support of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), the Security and Law Programme at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) successfully elaborated in 2017-2018 the manuscript “*A Guide on International Disarmament Law*”. This comprehensive guide is co-authored by Professor Stuart Casey-Maslen, Honorary Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria in South Africa and Tobias Vestner, Head of Security and Law Programme at the GCSP. The guide is to be published in spring 2019 by Routledge, the world’s leading academic publisher in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The targeted audience of the book encompasses diplomats, security experts, donors, humanitarian and disarmament practitioners, journalists, lawyers and scholars. Disarmament is integral to the safeguarding and promotion of security, development, and human rights. Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent each year on disarmament operations. Yet, no comprehensive guide exists to explain clearly the international rules governing disarmament and to support the implementation of these rules in practice: This project aims to fill that gap.

In order to bring in a broad range of expertise, the working process included two high-level expert meetings on International Disarmament Law at the GCSP. Aim of these meetings was an experts-review of the comprehensive guide. The participants to the meeting highlighted the need for a comprehensive reference on disarmament which combines international law, policy and practice considerations to be used as term of reference by practitioners and scholars in their daily work. In order to respond efficiently to that need, the Security & Law Programme aims to launch *The Disarmament Mobile Application* – A working tool for practitioners in International Disarmament Law.

Project Objective

-  Gather in an innovative and modern way the key content of the guide through web interface as well as a mobile application
-  Digital tool for executives in the field of disarmament, providing needed information in a timely, accessible and comprehensive manner and giving an overview on treaty elements and their interplay.
-  Disseminate knowledge and insights on disarmament instruments and offer a unique digital instrument for the workflow of practitioners.

The relevance of The Disarmament Mobile Application as a platform is twofold: It disseminates knowledge and insights on disarmament instruments, as well as offers a unique digital instrument for the workflow of practitioners. In disarmament-related diplomatic work and discussions and notably in negotiation processes, fast access to concise and relevant information on existing treaties, related knowledge and analysis is vital for effectivity and effectiveness.

A central element of the platform is the use of graphics, illustrating the relations between existing treaties both historically and thematically, as to provide a clearer overview. The targeted audience are mainly the employees of the Swiss Confederation as well as permanent missions to the United Nations in Geneva and New York. Through the establishment of a digital tool, we aim to further contribute to the adaptation of working processes to the digital age.

Promotion

a) Brown-Bag Lunch in Bern

Brown-Bag lunches offer an informal learning and networking opportunity for policy- and decision makers. At this event in Bern, the published Guide will be presented to subject matter experts and the “Disarmament Law Digital Platform” could be launched. The purpose of the event is to disseminate and discuss the content of the book in Bern, thus creating a Switzerland-wide dissemination of the created knowledge and insights as well as potentially new ideas and approaches for Swiss policy on disarmament.

b) Brown-Bag Lunch in New York at the Swiss Mission to the United Nations

A Brown-Bag Lunch in New York at the Swiss Mission to the United Nations further allows discussing and disseminating the Guide’s knowledge and insights internationally. The New York edition of the event series will also present the published Guide and launch the “Disarmament Law Digital Platform”.

Unique Added-Value

The Guide is a result of world-class expertise, inclusive dialogue and effective collaboration in the field of disarmament. It represents as such an exemplary product of International Geneva. Accordingly, this follow-up project benefits Switzerland and moreover the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in manifold ways: It contributes to showcase International Geneva and Switzerland’s commitment to global disarmament as well as to gain visibility in New York and beyond in light of Switzerland’s campaign for membership in the UN Security Council.

This follow-up project related to the Guide seeks to support disarmament policy- and decision makers in Switzerland and abroad by enhancing knowledge of, and accessibility to relevant insights and analysis. This objective will be reached through the creation of the digital platform and the two Brown-Bag Lunches in Bern and New York respectively.

In sum, this project provides - in a modern, effective and inclusive way - information, knowledge and working tools for a broad range of subject matter experts on the disarmament instruments and the operational, political and technical considerations that govern their implementation.



B. Budget

Geneva Centre for Security Policy

2019 Budget

Disarmament Law – Digital Platform






Figures stated in CHF

	<i>No of persons</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost per item</i>	<i>Total amount</i>
<i>DIRECT COSTS</i>					
<i>Travel</i>					
Flights (International - to New York)	2	1	1	1'200.00	2'400
Flights (within Europe - to Bern)	1	1	1	600.00	600
Local transport - taxis / trains / public transport	2	1	2	50.00	200
<i>Accommodation</i>					
Hotel in New York	2	2	1	200.00	800
<i>Meals</i>					
Brown-Bag Lunch Bern	50	1	1	50.00	2'500
Brown-Bag Lunch New York	50	1	1	50.00	2'500
<i>Personnel</i>					
GCSP Tobias Vestner	1	1	1	7'500.00	7'500
Honorarium Stuart Maslen	1	1	1	7'500.00	7'500
<i>Digital Platform</i>					
Website / Mobile App	1	1	1	5'000.00	5'000
<i>Other project expenses</i>					
Miscellaneous	1	1	1	1'000.00	1'000
<i>TOTAL COSTS</i>					30'000






C. Timeline

Phase 1 – May 2019

-  Competition analysis and horizon scan
-  Evaluate best production tool
-  Consult electro tech engineer and GCSP webmaster on best practice
-  Set up strategy, concept note
-  Create interactive prototype and place content




Phase 2 – June 2019

-  Conceptualize and finalize first draft with developers
-  Refine and content adaptations
-  Soft launch internal

Phase 3 – July 2019

-  Go online - Feedback based adaptation

Phase 4 – November 2019

-  Official launch event in Geneva
-  Brown-Bag Lunch in New-York & Brown-Bag Lunch in Bern
-  Ongoing content management and debugging