



Thematic Session: Mobilizing Resources towards a Mine Free World

Thursday, 24 June, 10:00 -12:00 CEST

**Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance
(Colombia (Chair), Germany, Japan and Sudan)**

Background

Cooperation and Assistance under Article 6 of the Convention is a critical element of implementation. The Oslo Action Plan (OAS) adopted by the States Parties at the 2019 Fourth Review Conference, reaffirmed that while each State Party is responsible for implementing the provisions of the Convention in areas under its jurisdiction or control, cooperation and assistance can support implementation of Convention obligations as soon as possible. In this regard, the OAP includes actions to be carried out by States Parties in need of assistance and States Parties in a position to provide such assistance to ensure the effective mobilization of resource for implementation. Furthermore, the States Parties, in adopting the Oslo Declaration committed to “strengthen partnerships and to sustain and, where necessary, increase resources, assistance, national and international funding” and “explore options for new and alternative sources of funding with a view to increasing the resources available to realise the Convention’s aims.”

In reporting on implementation efforts under the Convention, many mine affected States Parties have indicated time and time again that a lack of financial resources is one of the main challenges they face. As States Parties strive to meet the ambitions of “implementing their timebound commitments, to the furthest extent possible, by 2025” it is important to gain a better understanding of how to successfully implement the relevant cooperation and assistance actions of the OAP. This is particularly pertinent today as States throughout the world grapple with their own challenges concerning the response to the global pandemic caused by COVID-19.

To support the implementation of the Cooperation and Assistance measures of the Oslo Action Plan, the Committee will lead a thematic session to look at challenges in progress in ensuring implementation of the Cooperation and Assistance actions of the Oslo Action Plan.

Objectives

The objective of the panel discussion is to explore the relevant cooperation and assistance actions of the OAP to reflect on how they interact with each other to provide guidance to States Parties in mobilizing resources to fulfil their commitments as soon as possible. The Panel will also look at the results of discussions between the Committee and stakeholders to explore how to integrate best practices to ensure that States Parties successfully achieve their 2025 ambition.

Following the opening discussion, delegations will be invited to provide updates on their efforts to implement their Cooperation and Assistance commitments under the OAP.

Format

The thematic discussion will be held in an interactive format, beginning with introductory remarks by the presenters. The floor will then be open for brief (3-5 minutes) interventions from delegations concerning cooperation and assistance.

Discussion

Moderator: **Diana Esperanza Castillo Castro**, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations and Chair of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

- **Jun Yamada**, Military Advisor, Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament, Colonel, Japan Air Self Defense Force, Member of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance
- **Khalid Adam**, Director, Sudan National Mine Action Centre
- **Wolfgang Bindseil**, Implementation of Humanitarian Assistance, Humanitarian Mine Clearance, Regional Programmes, Regional Policy on Humanitarian Assistance and Chair of the Mine Action Support Group
- **Angela Hoyos Iborra**, External Relations and Policy Advisor, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
- **Steinar Essén**, Global mine action and development advisor, Recovery Solutions and Human Mobility Team, UNDP Crisis Bureau
- **Simon Cleobury**, Deputy Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament UK Mission to the UN, Geneva

Background documents

- [The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, the Oslo Declaration, and the Oslo Action Plan](#)
- [Achieving the Aims of the Oslo Action Plan: Draft Progress Report 2019-2020](#)
- [Oslo Action Plan: Status of Implementation](#)