

Side events

Intersessional Meetings, 19-20 May 2016



THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2016

- 13:00 **Creating understanding and awareness of victim assistance actions in accordance with the Maputo Action Plan at all levels.** Hosted by the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention's Committee on Victim Assistance. Room C1. To date, 29 States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention have indicated that they have significant numbers – hundreds or thousands – of landmine survivors for which they must provide care and rehabilitation, including social and economic reintegration. Over the past 17 years, the Convention has served as a catalyst for drawing attention to the plight of landmine survivors – and hence the challenges of all persons with disabilities – in some of the world's poorest countries. The Maputo Action Plan adopted in 2014 threaded the essence of victim assistance of its predecessor, the Cartagena Action Plan, in bridging assistance to landmine survivors with wider aspects of disability, development and human rights. In view of the States Parties commitment made in Maputo in 2014 to achieve a world in which landmine survivors participate in all spheres of society on an equal basis to others by 2025, this side event aims to draw the *gold standards* on victim assistance and provide an opportunity to exchange good practices based on the experiences of affected States Parties to assist landmine survivors.
- 13:00 **The impact of anti-personnel landmines in Myanmar.** Hosted by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Room C2. Contact: Ms. Megan Burke: megan@icblcmc.org. This side event aims to highlight the ongoing impact of landmines in Myanmar and to encourage the Government of Myanmar to take steps in clearing landmines, assisting victims and joining the Mine Ban Treaty. It will feature a 12-minute version of a longer documentary by Kimberley McCosker, photograph and National Coordinator of SafeGround (formerly the Australian Network to Ban Landmines), followed by a panel discussion.

FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2016

- 13:00 **Stability and sustainability: victim assistance on paths to peace and in fragile situations.** Hosted by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Room C2. Contact: Mr. Loren Persi: loren@icblcmc.org. By 2025, most obligations under the Mine Ban Treaty should be fulfilled, but how can we guarantee that victim assistance will be available and sustainable? Many States Parties with significant numbers of survivors are in fragile situations. Political settlements and negotiated transitional processes seek to restore balance after conflict and may overlap with peace settlements. These can be participatory and include state – civil society interactions. Federations, consociation and complex political sharing arrangements are found in many conflict-affected societies, including both mine-affected states and states that have completed mine clearance, but continue having responsibilities for survivors. Panelists will discuss: How can states in fragile economic and political situations fulfill their rights obligations towards survivors and victims? Where do the obligations to fulfill rights rest with states when the responsibilities of governance are shared? And, what should donors consider in funding activities along the humanitarian – development continuum in these situations?

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