

Side events



Thirteenth Meeting of the States Parties

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MONDAY 2 DECEMBER

- 13:00 **Landmine Monitor 2013 Briefing.** Hosted by the Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor. Room XXIV. Contact: jeff@icblcmc.org. Leading civil society experts will share the major findings of *Landmine Monitor 2013*, a report detailing global and national developments in landmine use and ban policy, survey and clearance of landmines and other explosive remnants of war, casualties and victim assistance, and funding support in 2012 and the first part of 2013.
- 13:00 **Meeting of the Universalization Contact Group.** Room XXV. Hosted by Belgium. Contact: pierre.gillon@diplobel.fed.be
- 13:00 **Victim Assistance: Policies and Programming for Children and Families.** Room XXVII. Hosted by UNICEF, Colombia and Austria. Contact: heidi.botero@cancilleria.gov.co. In many mine affected countries, landmines and UXO have evolved from being considered as one of the primary causes of disability to one of many causes, requiring shifts in programmatic and policy focus. At the same time the proportion of child mine victims has increased to its current rate where approximately half of all civilian victims are children. This session will provide an update on recent and on-going work both in international level advocacy and in addressing policies and programmes on the ground, with select case studies, and to discuss sustainable capacity for surveillance or monitoring of mine, UXO, IED and other injuries in future.
- 18:00 **13MSP Opening Reception.** Hosted by Algeria and Switzerland. Restaurant des Délégués. Contact: laurent.masmejean@eda.admin.ch

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER

- 09:00 **TIRAMISU (Toolbox Implementation for Removal of Anti-personnel mines, Submunitions and UXO): a global and comprehensive toolbox for mine action activities.** Hosted by the Royal Military Academy of Belgium. Room XXV. Contact: Pierre.Gillon@diplobel.fed.be. The European Commission always supports efforts towards a mine-free world within a broader context of humanitarian assistance as well as long-term and sustainable socio-economic development programs. The EC recently decided to fund two large projects including about 50 European organizations, NGOs, universities, small and medium sized enterprises and industrial partners. The Royal Military Academy of Belgium coordinates one these projects, TIRAMISU, which aims at providing the foundation for a global and comprehensive toolbox that will cover the main mine action activities, from the survey of large areas to the actual disposal of explosive hazards, including mine risk education, training and management tools.
- 13:00 **Progress and Challenges of Sudan's Mine Action Programme.** Hosted by Sudan. Room XXIV. Contact: mortadas@su-mac.org. While progress towards meeting Sudan's mine clearance obligations has been significant, a number of obstacles have prevented Sudan from meeting

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its deadline within ten years after entry into force. Given these obstacles, Sudan has requested an extension of its deadline to be considered at the 13MSP. This event will provide an opportunity for delegations to learn about the plan contained in the request and Sudan's vision of continued implementation of its Article 5.

- 13:00 **Update on the EU's Council Decision in support of the Convention.** Hosted by the EU and the ISU. Room XXV. Contact: isu@apminebanconvention.org. Through a EU Council Decision adopted in December 2012 in support of the implementation of the Cartagena Action Plan 2010-2014, the EU seeks to promote the universalisation of the Convention and its norms, support efforts to implement the victim assistance and mine clearance aspects of the Cartagena Action Plan, and demonstrate the on-going commitment of the EU to the Convention. This event will update delegations on the implementation of the Council Decision.
- 13:00 **Launch of the Ammunition Safety Management Toolset.** Hosted by the GICHD. Room XXVII. Contact: p.rapillard@gichd.org. The GICHD will introduce and launch the new ASM Tool, which is designed to enable safer management of ammunition, whether stockpiles or left over after conflict or military activities, in a cheaper, more cost effective way. It is a risk based tool and therefore designed to concentrate efforts where the hazard is at its worst and the actions carried out can be most effective.
- 13:00 **Exhibition launch: "The difference between lightning and a lightning bug."** Hosted by the CCD and the ICBL-CMC. Building E, first floor. Contact: elsa@icblcmc.org. 3 December marks the 5th anniversary of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the 16th anniversary of the signing of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and International Day of Persons with Disabilities. In honour of survivors and other persons with disabilities of these horrific weapons in Afghanistan and worldwide, the ICBL- CMC is pleased to co-host this event with the Afghan NGO Community Center for Disabled (Afghanistan) featuring the photographs by Giovanni Diffidenti. The photo exhibition depicts the situation of persons with disabilities, including landmine and other ERW survivors, in Afghanistan. Effective activities have been undertaken in support of survivors, but more can and must be done and adequate funding needs to be channeled to this support. This photo exhibition provides a chance to see the effectiveness of disability support translated into enhanced abilities.
- 18:00 **Special event to commemorate the International Day for Persons with Disabilities.** Hosted by the UN Inter-Agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Room XXIV. Contact: glaurie@unog.ch.

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

- 13:00 **National Capacities and Management of Residual Contamination.** Hosted by the GICHD. Room XXIV. Contact: p.rapillard@gichd.org. Donors, national authorities and operators are focused on survey and clearance of known and suspected areas of contamination but the complexity of conflict and the nature of contamination in many countries requires appropriate capacity and response mechanisms to address new discoveries of mines/ERW over the longer term. There is a requirement to establish appropriate national capacities to manage residual contamination with realistic approaches that are sustainable. This event aims to provide insights into potential solutions to deal with residual contamination.
- 13:00 **Victim assistance and sustainability.** Hosted by Australia and the ISU. Room XXV. Contact: isu@apminebanconvention.org. For the past two years, Australia has supported the ISU in carrying out research initiatives, the outcomes of which should be of benefit to the States

Parties in considering the sustainability of efforts to fulfil their promise to landmine survivors. This event will share research findings, including on matters such as good practice on the part of mine action programmes in building bridges between victim assistance and broader frameworks.

- 13:00 **Meeting of the Article 7 Contact Group meeting.** Hosted by Belgium. Room XXVII. Contact: Lode.Dewaegheneire@mil.be.
- 18:30 **Reception to bid farewell to the Director of the GICHD and to welcome the new Director.** Hosted by the GICHD. Restaurant L'Attique, Floor A, WMO Building. Contact: p.rapillard@gichd.org.

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

- 13:00 **Frameworks and Approaches to Victim Assistance: Launch of Monitor Research Publication.** Hosted by the ICBL. Contact: amelie@icblcmc.org. Room XXIV. What are the various frameworks used for providing assistance to victims? How have these frameworks succeeded so far in meeting the obligations and commitments undertaken by States Parties? Victim assistance is more than the sum of its parts, but although these activities are often synergistic they may also vary significantly in approaches and outcomes. A new research publication by the Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor sheds light on these questions.
- 13:00 **Gender mainstreaming in mine action projects: the role of donors.** Hosted by the Netherlands and the Gender and Mine Action Programme (GMAP). Room XXV. Contact: a.calza-bini@gmap.ch. The role of donors in supporting efforts to mainstream gender in mine action programmes including inputs from donor agencies, NGOs and the UN. GMAP will also provide practical guidance based on experience from working with a range of stakeholders.
- 13:00 **The DRC on the way to complete Article 5 obligations.** Hosted by UNMAS. Room XXVII. Contact: jknittel@unog.ch. The Government of the DRC and UNMAS will discuss recent developments in mine action. Led by the Minister of Interior, speakers will highlight findings from the recent national survey, present the preparations for the submission of the DRC's Article 5 extension request, and assess the impact of UN Security Council resolution 2098 (2013) on MONUSCO and the mine action community.
- 13:00 **How to improve access for mine action in situations of armed conflict.** Hosted by the Geneva Call. Room VIII. Contact: kkramer@genevacall.org. Ensuring that humanitarian agencies have access to areas controlled by armed non-State actors is critical for conducting effective mine action programmes. Unfortunately, access is often difficult, either because the security of the humanitarian workers is at risk or because access is denied or restricted by parties to armed conflicts and other actors. The panel discussion will focus on ways to overcome the particular challenge of restriction of access and how to bring impartial humanitarian relief to populations in need.
- 14:00 **U.S. Landmine Policy Review Outcomes.** Hosted by the US Campaign to Ban Landmines. Contact: zhudson@handicap-international.us. Room VIII. This event will feature a discussion regarding the outcomes of the US landmine policy review and next steps.

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

- 13:00 **Launch of the Outcome Monitoring Initiative.** Hosted by MAG, NPA, DDG and DCA. Room XXIV. Contact: Ben.Mccabe@maginternational.org. Several practitioner NGOs will present a set a common indicators and principles to guide the measurement of outcomes in mine action. The "Statement on Outcome Monitoring in Mine Action" represents a shared commitment to achieving the greatest possible contribution to humanitarian and socio-economic outcomes. This document bears relevance to both operations and policy. Delegations are welcome to discuss the implications of this paper.
- 13:00 **Mozambique: Handicap International's work to advance the provision of victim assistance.** Hosted by Handicap International. Room XXV. Contact: ehottentot@handicap-international.org. This event will present the outcome of the nine-month survivor assessment, *Shattered Dreams*, conducted by Handicap International and which explored the living conditions, needs and capacities of mine and other explosive remnants of war survivors and their families in the two of the most affected provinces in the country. During this event, subsequent steps in the process of operationalizing a response to this assessment will also be discussed.
- 13:00 **Project D-Box.** Hosted by ASTRIUM. Room XXVII. Contact: FRANCO.CURATELLA@astrium.eads.net. The EU FP7 Founded Project D-Box is working to improve the process of planning and executing demining programmes. Innovative solutions are being sought and will be integrated in a comprehensive interactive Toolbox in order to secure the most efficient, safe and easy to use tools, methods and procedures for demining operations. Cultural, legal and ethical guidance will be also produced for decision-makers, politicians, local authorities, local people, civilian organisations and end users.

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