

Eighth Meeting of the States Parties – Programme of Events

17-22 November 2007

Saturday, 17 November	Sunday 18 November	Monday 19 November	Tuesday 20 November	Wednesday 21 November	Thursday 22 November
<p>08:00 Field Trip to the Baptism Site. Open to all 8MSP delegates who are interested in observing progress made and challenges that remain in implementing the Convention in Jordan. Contact: I.abunuwar@ncdr.org.jo</p>					
	<p>10:00 – 13:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties – Opening of the meeting. Location: Philadelphia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Opening of the Meeting • Election of the President and Vice-Presidents • Adoption of procedural documents • General exchange of views 	<p>10:00 – 13:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Philadelphia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines 	<p>10:00 – 13:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Philadelphia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Clearing mined areas (continued) 	<p>10:00 – 13:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Philadelphia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Clearing mined areas (continued) ◦ Assisting the victims 	<p>10:00 – 13:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Philadelphia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing and suppressing prohibited acts and facilitating compliance • Implementation support • Consideration of matters arising from / in the context of reports submitted under Article 7. • Consideration of requests submitted under Art. 5. • Consideration of requests submitted under Art. 8.
	<p>13:00-15:00 Heads of Delegation Lunch (per invitation only). Sponsored by UN Resident Coordinator. Location: Grand Ball Room, Movenpick Hotel.</p> <p>14:00 – 15:00 Environmental Impact of landmines and other ERW: the case of arid regions. Sponsored by ICBL / Arab Network for Research on landmines and other ERW. Location: Wadi Rum 1. Contact: icbl@icbl.org</p> <p>13:00 – 14:00 Landmine Monitor Report 2007. Sponsored by ICBL / Landmine Monitor. Location: Mount Nebo 1. Contact: lm@icbl.org</p>	<p>13:00 – 15:00 Real Partnership: the most effective approach towards Article 5 obligations. Sponsored by Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) Jordan. Location: Mout'ah. Contact: admin@npa-jordan.org</p> <p>13:00 – 15:00 "Turning Mines and other ERW into IEDs: a must reason for mine action in MENA". Sponsored by Protection/ICBL. Location: Wadi Rum 1. Contact: icbl@icbl.org</p> <p>13:00 – 15:00 Presentation in Arabic of "Circle of impact: the fatal footprint of cluster Munitions on People and Communities". Sponsored by HI Belgium. Location: Petra 1+2. Contact: stan.brabant@handicap.be</p> <p>13:00 – 15:00 Linking Mine Action and Development Contact Group meeting. Location: Mount Nebo 2. Contact: anne_woodbridge@acdi-cida.gc.ca</p>	<p>13:00 – 15:00 Landmine Survivors Volleyball Game. Sponsored by Landmine Survivors Network (LSN). Location: Sea Floor Terrace. Contact: begley@landminesurvivors.org</p> <p>13:00 -15:00 Resource Mobilisation Contact Group meeting. Location: Mout'ah. Contact: ingunn.vatne@mfa.no</p> <p>13:00 -15:00 Launch of the UN's Mine Action Portfolio. Sponsored by UNMAS. Location: Wadi Rum 1. Contact: glaurie@unog.ch</p> <p>13:00 – 15:00 Victim assistance: developing employment opportunities. Sponsored by Handicap International. Location: Petra 1+2. Contact: wmunoz@handicap-international.org</p> <p>13:00 -15:00 Investment in Mine Action: Jordan a case study. Sponsored by NCDR. Location: Mount Nebo 1. Contact: I.abunuwar@ncdr.org.jo</p> <p>13:00 -15:00 Article 7 Contact Group meeting. Location: Mount Nebo 2. Contact: brigitte.minart@diplobel.fed.be</p>	<p>13:00 -15:00 Land Release. Sponsored by the GICHD. Location: Mout'ah. Contact: d.orlicic@gichd.org</p> <p>13:00 -15:00 Victim Assistance and disability rights. Sponsored by UNMAS and LSN. Location: Wadi Rum 1. Contact: glaurie@unog.ch</p> <p>13:00 -15:00 Landmine Action's Field Programme. Sponsored by Landmine Action. Location: Petra 1+2. Contact: daliff@landmineaction.org mwallinder@landmineaction.org</p> <p>13:00 -15:00 Presentation on the Final Report of the British-Argentine Joint Working Party for the carrying out of a Feasibility Study on the clearance of land mines in the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas). Sponsored by UK and Argentina. Location: Mount Nebo 1. Ann.Herrigan@fco.gov.uk; mariele.fogante@ties.itu.int</p> <p>13:00 -15:00 Universalization Contact Group meeting. Location: Mount Nebo 2. Contact: Carly.Volkes@international.gc.ca</p>	<p>13:00-15:00 Why gender in mine action? A critical assessment with lessons from Cambodia. Sponsored by PRIO. Location: Mout'ah. Contact: hildew@prio.no</p> <p>13:00 -14:00 Towards the Mine Ban Treaty in Nepal. Sponsored by Ban Landmines Campaign Nepal (NCBL). Location: Wadi Rum 1. Contact: icbl@icbl.org</p> <p>13:00 -15:00 Update on the international process to ban cluster munitions. Sponsored by CMC/ ICBL and Austria. Location: Mount Nebo 1. Contact: laura@stopclustermunitions.org</p> <p>13:00 -15:00 Universalization of the Convention in the Middle East: Engaging States and Non-State Actors. Sponsored by Geneva Call. Location: Mount Nebo 2. Contact: ereusse@genevacall.org</p>
<p>16:30 Reception hosted by Jordan's National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation (NCDR). Location: Terrace of the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Centre.</p>	<p>15:00 – 18:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Philadelphia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General exchange of views (continued) • Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Universalizing the Convention 	<p>15:00 – 18:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Philadelphia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Clearing mined areas 	<p>15:00 – 18:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Philadelphia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal discussions on practical ways to overcoming challenges in implementing Article 5. 	<p>15:00 – 18:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties continues. Location: Philadelphia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Assisting the victims (continued) ◦ Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation and assistance • Transparency and exchange of information 	<p>15:00 – 18:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties concludes. Location: Philadelphia Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the final document
<p>18:00 Eighth Meeting of the States Parties - Opening Ceremony. Location: Philadelphia Hall of the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Centre.</p>		<p>18:00 Reception hosted by the GICHD. Location: Fishing Club of the Marriott Dead Sea Hotel.</p>			



Eighth Meeting of the States Parties

Opening Ceremony and Side Events



SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER

08:00

Field Trip to the Baptism Site.

Contact: labunuwar@ncdr.org.jo

All 8MSP delegates are invited to observe progress made and challenges that remain in implementing the Convention in Jordan during a visit to the 'Baptism Site' where Jesus was baptized. This is one of Jordan's most important religious sites, located 15-20 minutes by vehicle from the King Hussein bin Talal Convention Centre and Dead Sea hotels. The site was once a big minefield that was cleared of landmines prior to the visit of His Late Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in 2000. The Royal Engineering Corps and Norwegian People's Aid will provide a demonstration of their demining techniques.

16:30

Reception hosted by Jordan's National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation.

Preceding the opening ceremony, a reception will be hosted by the National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation (NCDR) on the terrace of the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Centre.

18:00

Eighth Meeting of the States Parties - Opening Ceremony.

Location: Philadelphia Hall of the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Centre. The programme for the opening ceremony will include musical entertainment by representatives of mine affected communities in the region, a documentary depicting the success and challenges of Jordan's mine action efforts, and remarks from a landmine survivor and dignitaries. Those attending the reception and opening ceremony will need to have entered the Convention Centre no later than 17:00. Those failing to do so will not be admitted due to security restrictions.

SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER

13:00-15:00

Heads of Delegation Lunch. (per invitation only).

Sponsored by UN Resident Coordinator. Location: *Grand Ball Room, Movenpick Hotel*. A keynote speech will be delivered by the UNDP Deputy Administrator.

14:00 – 15:00

Environmental Impact of landmines and other ERW: the case of arid regions.

Sponsored by ICBL/Arab Network for Research on landmines and ERW. Location: *Wadi Rum 1*. Contact: icbl@icbl.org. This event will feature an introduction to environmental components (terrestrial, marine and atmospheric) followed by case studies and discussion on the impact of landmines and other EWR on soils, water, vegetation and wildlife. Remediation of environmental damage caused by landmines and other ERW.

13:00-14:00

Landmine Monitor Report 2007.

Sponsored by International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) / Landmine Monitor. Location: *Mount Nebo 1*. Contact: lm@icbl.org. A briefing will be provided on the findings of the 2007 Landmine Monitor Report.

MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER

13:00 – 15:00

Real Partnership: the most effective approach towards Article 5 obligations.

Sponsored by Norwegian People's Aid (NPA). Location: *Mou'tah*. Contact: admin@npa-jordan.org. The partnership between the National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation (NCDR) and NPA in the execution of the mine action programme in Jordan and the achievements of the programme during the last two years will be discussed.

13:00-15:00

"Turning Mines and other ERW into IEDs: a must reason for mine action in MENA".

Sponsored by Protection/ICBL. Location: *Wadi Rum 1*. Contact: icbl@icbl.org. This event will feature a

presentation followed by discussion on the relationship between mines and other ERW and war on terrorism, with a focus on the Middle East and North Africa.

13:00-15:00

Presentation in Arabic of Circle of impact: the fatal footprint of cluster Munitions on People and Communities.

Sponsored by Handicap International Belgium. Location: *Petra 1+2*. Contact: stan.brabant@handicap.be. This event will feature the presentation in Arabic of *Circle of Impact*, the first comprehensive study systematically analyzing the impact of cluster munitions on civilian population through casualty data and socio-economic profiles.

13:00 – 15:00

Linking Mine Action and Development Contact Group meeting.

Location: *Mount Nebo 2*. Contact: anne_woodbridge@acdi-cida.gc.ca

18:00

Reception hosted by the GICHD.

Location: *Fishing Club of the Marriott Dead Sea Hotel*.

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

13:00 – 15:00

Landmine Survivors Volleyball Game.

Sponsored by Landmine Survivors Network. Location: *Sea Floor Terrace*. Contact: thegley@landminesurvivors.org. Landmine Survivors Network (LSN) will host a volleyball match in cooperation with the Jordan Sports Federation. The event aims to highlight the right to sport and the right to accessibility, both articulated in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

13:00 – 15:00

Resource Mobilisation Contact Group meeting.

Location: *Mou'tah*. Contact: ingunn.vatne@nfa.no

13:00 – 15:00

Launch of the UN's Mine Action Portfolio.

Sponsored by United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS). Location: *Wadi Rum 1*. Contact: glaurie@unog.ch. The Director of UNMAS and three national mine action program directors will launch the UN's Portfolio of Mine Action. Published yearly, the Portfolio features mine action project proposals from about 30 affected countries and territories and describes the landmine and other ERW situations in these countries.

13:00 – 15:00

Victim assistance: developing employment opportunities.

Sponsored by Handicap International. Location: *Petra 1+2*. Contact: wmunoz@handicap-international.org. This event is intended to raise awareness among States Parties and civil society on the main principles of livelihoods, and to promote improvements in the livelihoods for mine victims. (In Arabic and English).

13:00 – 15:00

Investment in Mine Action: Jordan a case study.

Sponsored by Jordan's National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation (NCDR). Location: *Mount Nebo 1*. Contact: labunuwar@ncdr.org.jo.

13:00 – 15:00

Article 7 Contact Group meeting.

Location: *Mount Nebo 2*. Contact: brigitte.minart@diplomel.fed.be.

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

13:00-15:00

Land Release.

Sponsored by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD). Location: *Mou'tah*. Contact: d.orifici@gichd.org. Mine and other ERW affected countries need to assess the extent of contamination in order to produce cost-effective clearance plans. Often general surveys over-estimate the extent of land actually affected by mines, and clearance efforts are

wasted on areas found not to be mined. A number of countries have now introduced measures to release suspected land using a variety of approaches. The GICHD has undertaken a review of these procedures and at this event will launch a the publication *Land Release - A Practical Guide for Mine and ERW Affected Countries*.

13:00 -15:00

Victim Assistance and disability rights.

Sponsored by UNMAS and LSN. Location: *Wadi Rum 1*. Contact: glaurie@unog.ch. This event will focus on the new Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its relevance to assisting mine survivors in the context of all persons with disabilities. In addition, it will explore how the Convention can help guide and deepen the victim assistance efforts of mine-affected countries as well as the role that UN-managed and supported mine action programmes can play to support these states in the ratification and implementation of the Convention.

13:00 -15:00

Landmine Action's Field Programme.

Sponsored by Landmine Action. Location: *Petra 1+2*. Contact: daliff@landmineaction.org. An overview of Landmine Action's field programmes, achievements to date and the future will be provided.

13:00 -15:00

Presentation on the Final Report of the British-Argentine Joint Working Party for the carrying out of a Feasibility Study on the clearance of land mines in the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas). Sponsored by UK and Argentina. Location: *Mount Nebo 1*. Contact: am.herrigan@fco.gov.uk; maricela.fogante@ties.itu.int. The event will provide information on the results of the joint feasibility study.

13:00 -15:00

Universalization Contact Group meeting.

Location: *Mount Nebo 2*. Contact: Carly.Volkes@international.gc.ca.

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER

13:00-15:00

Why gender in mine action? A critical assessment with lessons from Cambodia. Sponsored by PRIO. Location: *Mou'tah*. Contact: hildew@prio.no. How is gender relevant for mine action? Based on a paper she has produced on gender mainstreaming in mine action with lessons drawn from Cambodia, Hilde Wallacher from the AMAC project at the International Peace Research Institute of Oslo will present findings from the report and policy implications for donors, affected states and mine action NGOs.

13:00 – 14:00

Towards the AP Mine Ban Convention in Nepal.

Sponsored by Ban Landmines Campaign Nepal (NCBL). Location: *Wadi Rum 1*. Contact: icbl@icbl.org. This event will feature a presentation of the developments, changes, challenges and hopes concerning the Convention in Nepal.

13:00 -15:00

Update on the international process to ban cluster munitions.

Sponsored by CMC/ICBL and Austria. Location: *Mount Nebo 1*. Contact: laura@stopclustermunitions.org; markus.reiterer@bmeia.gv.at. A briefing, involving key actors in the Oslo Process, will provide substantive and procedural information to delegates on the various upcoming meetings in the Oslo Process.

13:00 – 15:00

Universalization of the Convention in the Middle East: Engaging States and Non-State Actors.

Sponsored by Geneva Call. Location: *Mount Nebo 2*. Contact: erusse@genevacall.org. This meeting with the contribution of ICBL local campaigners in the Middle East (Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, Syria) will focus on the topic, *universalisation of the Convention: States and Non-States Actors*.