



## **BRIDGES BETWEEN WORLDS**

### **GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ASSISTING LANDMINE AND OTHER EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS IN THE CONTEXT OF DISABILITY RIGHTS AND OTHER DOMAINS**

**MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA  
3-4 APRIL 2014**

**THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2014**

#### **09:00 – 09:45 OPENING SESSION**

- Tanya Van Gool, European Union
- Todd Howland, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Margaret Arach Orch, Ambassador, International Campaign to Ban Landmines
- Ximena Serpa, International Disability Alliance
- Sergio Fajardo, Governor of Antioquia
- Angelino Garzón, Vice-President of Colombia

#### **09:45 – 10:15 OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME**

Kerry Brinkert, the Director of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit, and Facundo Chávez Penillas of the United Nations Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will guide participants through the two-day programme, explaining how each session will unfold and what it is hoped will be achieved by the conference.

#### **10:15 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK**

#### **10:45 – 12:30 MODERATED DISCUSSION #1: ENHANCING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**

The parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Protocol V to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, and the Convention on Cluster Munitions recognise that assistance to landmine and other explosive remnants of war victims is a human rights issue. They also understand that efforts to assist the victims should be undertaken in accordance with applicable human rights law. Furthermore, they appreciate that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with

Disabilities (CRPD) provides guidance in meeting responsibilities to persons with disabilities, including mine survivors, and their families and that the CRPD can provide the States Parties with a more systematic, sustainable, gender sensitive and human rights based approach by bringing victim assistance into the broader context of policy and planning for persons with disabilities more generally.

The purpose of this moderated discussion is to increase understanding of, and appreciation for, the linkage between instruments of international humanitarian law that concern themselves with assistance to victims of mines and other explosive remnants of war and the CRPD and other relevant human rights instruments. Panellists and participants are asked to consider the following questions:

- What does it mean in practice that efforts to assist the victims should be undertaken in accordance with applicable human rights law?
- What is a rights-based approach to disability and how does this relate to a State's obligation to assist victims and survivors of mines and other explosive remnants of war?
- What are the linkages between relevant instruments of international humanitarian law and human rights law?
- How can collaboration on the implementation of relevant instruments of international humanitarian law and human rights law be strengthened?

*Moderator:* David Atwood, Senior Advisor, Small Arms Survey

*Panellists:*

- H.E. Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations (Geneva) and Vice-President and Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council
- His Royal Highness Prince Mired Bin Raad Al-Hussein of Jordan, Chairperson of Jordan's National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation and Vice-President of Jordan's Higher Council for Persons with Disabilities
- Facundo Chávez Penillas, Human Rights & Disability Advisor, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Steve Estey, former Chairperson, Mines Action Canada
- Trine-Cecilie Riis-Hansen, International Disability and Development Consortium
- Loren Persi-Vicentic, International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munitions Coalition

This session will include live video interaction with the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes) and the former Chair of the Committee (Professor Ron McCallum).

**12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH BREAK**

**13:30 – 15:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS: WAYS AND MEANS TO GUARANTEE RIGHTS**

Participants may choose to participate in one of three concurrent sessions that are intended to explore, in more detail, ways and means to guarantee rights.

## **WAYS AND MEANS TO ASSIST AND GUARANTEE RIGHTS #1: REMOVING BARRIERS**

Survivors and other persons with disabilities should have the opportunity to live independently, participate fully, and exercise their autonomy in all aspects of life. They should have equal access to the physical environment, services, communications and information, by identifying and eliminating obstacles and barriers. When barriers persist, rights cannot be exercised. What can be done to remove barriers, particularly given the level of development of and breadth of challenges faced by many States with a responsibility for significant numbers of landmine and other explosive remnants of war survivors and victims?

Moderator: Ken Rutherford, Center for International Stabilisation and Recovery

Panellists:

- Gilles Delecourt, Handicap International
- Ricardo Becerra, Advisor on Universal Design for the Bogota Disability Technical Secretary and the Bogota Social Integration Secretary
- Megan Burke, International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munition Coalition
- Steve Estey, former Chairperson, Mines Action Canada
- Candria Ark Azuma Goffin, Uganda National Action of Physical Disability

## **WAYS AND MEANS TO ASSIST AND GUARANTEE RIGHTS #2: DISABILITY POLICIES AND ACTION PLANS**

Many States with a responsibility for significant numbers of landmine and other explosive remnants of war survivors and victims have national disability policies and action plans. How effective are these policies and plans? Have they been developed and are they being implemented in an inclusive manner? Are any particular needs of landmine and other explosive remnants of war survivors being taken into account? How can national disability policy-making and planning be enhanced?

Moderator: Claude Tardif, Head of Physical Rehabilitation, International Committee of the Red Cross

Panellists:

- Julio Wilfredo Guzmán, President, CONADIS, Peru
- Beatrice Kaggya, Commissioner of Disability and Elderly at Uganda's Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development
- Sheree Bailey, Advisor, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit
- Reykhan Muminova, Disability Support Unit, Tajikistan Mine Action Centre

## **WAYS AND MEANS TO ASSIST AND GUARANTEE RIGHTS #3: GENDER, AGE AND DIVERSITY**

Due to their gender specific roles and responsibilities, women and men are affected differently by landmines and other explosive remnants of war and therefore need to be assisted in different ways. The States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Convention on Cluster Munitions are resolved to provide gender-sensitive assistance to mine and cluster munition victims, and the text of the

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities throughout emphasises gender sensitivity. In addition, girls and boys, and young women and young men, have particular needs that should be identified and responded to. As well, there undoubtedly are other manifestations of diversity that must be taken into account in addressing the needs and guaranteeing the rights of mine and other explosive remnants of war victims.

The purposes of this moderated discussion are to raise awareness of good practice regarding how diversity needs to be taken into account in the provision of assistance and to better understand how to dismantle barriers that specifically impede inclusion on the part of women, children and other groups.

*Moderator:* Judy Grayson, Senior Advisor, Armed Violence and Weapons Child Protection, UNICEF

*Panellists:*

- Oscar Iván Ortiz, Victim Assistance Component, PAICMA, Colombia
- Arianna Calza Bini, Gender and Mine Action Programme
- Rebecca Peters, Surviving Gun Violence Project
- Sandra Darce, International Disability Alliance / RIADIS

#### **15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK**

#### **16:00 – 17:30 MODERATED DISCUSSION #2: DISABILITY INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT**

In the *world* of landmines and other explosive remnants of war and within the framework of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, it has been agreed that development efforts should be inclusive of, and accessible to, persons with disabilities, including mine and other explosive remnants of war survivors. This means integrating disability into development programmes, supporting disability-specific programmes to address targeted needs, and promoting and enabling the active participation and contributions by persons with disabilities in these efforts. How can disability inclusive development be made real and how can it contribute to results on the ground, including results that will benefit victims of mines and other explosive remnants of war? How can we make a difference including through advances and initiatives at the international level as well as on the part of development assistance agencies, affected States, and non-governmental organisations?

*Moderator:* Rosangela Berman Bieler, Senior Advisor on Children with Disabilities, Gender, Rights and Civic Engagement, UNICEF

*Panellists:*

- H.E. Dorothea Auer, Austrian Ambassador to Chile
- Facundo Chávez Penillas, Human Rights and Disability Advisor, United Nations Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Ximena Serpa, RIADIS
- Trine-Cecilie Riis-Hansen, the Atlas Alliance
- Vladimir Cuk, International Disability Alliance
- Sheree Bailey, Advisor, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit

**17:30 CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**

**18:00 EVENING EVENT**

## **FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2014**

**08:00 – 08:45 LEND-YOUR-LEG EVENT TO MARK THE UNITED NATIONS' DAY FOR MINE ACTION AND ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS**

All registered delegates are invited to the plenary room to observe International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action and to participate in the “Remangate” or “Lend-your-Leg” campaign. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the damage landmines still cause around the world today and to show solidarity with all survivors of landmines and other explosive remnants of war through a simple yet symbolic gesture of rolling up a pant leg or sleeve. This “Lend-your-Leg” event will involve the participation of Angelino Garzón, Vice-President of Colombia, José Miguel Insulza, General Secretary, Organization of American States, along with other prominent actors in the “Remangate” campaign.

**08:45 – 10:30 MODERATED DISCUSSION #3: ENHANCING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN MINE / ERW VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND APPROACHES TO HEALTH CARE AND PSYCHO-SOCIAL SUPPORT**

In the *world* of landmines and other explosive remnants of war, it has been agreed that victim assistance should be integrated into broader frameworks related to health care. As well, it is understood that physical and functional rehabilitation is important to enable survivors to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life. In the broader disability *world*, it is recognised that persons with disabilities have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health without discrimination. It is also well understood that psycho-social support, including peer support, can assist in overcoming trauma and promoting psychological well-being, self-reliance and independence.

The purpose of this moderated discussion is to explore best practice, good examples, ongoing challenging circumstances and new initiatives in the delivery of health care, physical rehabilitation services and psycho-social support.

- How can the needs of landmine and other explosive remnants of war victims best be met through broader approaches to comprehensive rehabilitation?
- What are the main challenges impeding the delivery of comprehensive rehabilitation services and how might these be overcome?
- What can we learn from the implementation of peer support programmes and the establishment of survivors' networks?
- What is the logical bridge between the *world* of landmines and other explosive remnants of war and initiatives such as the World Health Organization's *Guidelines on Rehabilitation* and its *Global disability action plan 2014–2021: Better health for all people with disabilities*?

Moderator: Elke Hottentot, Handicap International

*Panellists:*

- Gina Watson, World Health Organization
- Claude Tardif, Head of the Physical Rehabilitation Programme, International Committee of the Red Cross
- Firoz Alizada, Campaign Manager, International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munitions Coalition
- Ken Rutherford, Director, Center for International Stabilisation and Recovery
- Dr Prachaksvich Lebnak, Deputy Secretary General of Thailand's Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

**10:30 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45 – 12:00 MODERATED DISCUSSION #4: ENHANCING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN MINE / ERW VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND APPROACHES TO EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

In the *world* of landmines and other explosive remnants of war, it has been agreed that victim assistance should be integrated into broader frameworks related to education and employment and that there is a need to identify the barriers to education and economic inclusion and to take immediate action to remove these barriers. In the broader disability *world*, it is recognised that persons with disabilities have the right to education and to work, on an equal basis with others.

The purpose of this moderated discussion is to examine how advances related to education and employment may assist States in fulfilling their promise to the victims of landmines and other explosive remnants of war. In particular, how have initiatives such as the International Labour Organization's *INCLUDE Project* and United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' study on *the Right to Education for Persons with Disabilities* supported this effort?

*Moderator:* Hervé Bernard, Handicap International

*Panellists:*

- Rosangela Berman Bieler, Senior Advisor on Children with Disabilities, Gender, Rights and Civic Engagement, UNICEF
- Ignacio Velo, International Projects and Programs Manager, ONCE Foundation
- Susana Stiglich Watson, President of Peruvian Foundation for the Deaf
- Jesus Martinez, Foundation for Survivors and Persons with Disabilities
- Stefan Tromel, Senior Disability Specialist, International Labour Organization
- Facundo Chávez Penillas, Human Rights & Disability Advisor, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

**12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH BREAK**

**13:00 – 14:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS: WAYS AND MEANS TO ASSIST**

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**WAYS AND MEANS TO ASSIST AND GUARANTEE RIGHTS #1: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE**

Transitional justice refers to judicial and non-judicial measures that are taken by countries in order to redress the legacies of massive human rights abuses. These measures may include reparations, through which governments recognise and take material and symbolic steps to address the harms suffered. How do various transitional justice efforts help address the harms suffered by landmine and other explosive remnants of war survivors and victims?

Moderator: Nerina Cevra, Victims' Rights Coordinator, Action on Armed Violence

Panellists:

- Paula Gaviria Betancur, Victims Unit, Colombia
- Marlon Mendoza Fonseca, Fund for the Protection of Persons Wounded and Disabled due to Armed Conflict, El Salvador
- Loren Persi, International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munitions Coalition
- Ruben Carranza, Reparative Justice Programme, International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)

#### **WAYS AND MEANS TO ASSIST AND GUARANTEE RIGHTS #2: SURVIVOR NETWORKS AND REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The world's leading non-governmental coalitions concerned with disability and with landmines and other explosive remnants of war, along with disabled persons organisations and landmine / explosive remnants of war survivor network representatives will share experiences, successes and challenges in inclusion in matters that concern them, at local, national and international levels. What do these organisations have in common and what about them is distinct? How might these organisations build connections and pave the way for closer collaboration?

Moderator: David Atwood, Senior Advisor, Small Arms Survey

Panellists:

- Margaret Arach Oreh, Uganda Landmine Survivors Association
- Alex Galvez, Transitions Foundation Guatemala
- Sandra Darce, International Disability Alliance / RIADIS
- Candria Ark Azuma Goffin, Uganda National Action on Physical Disability
- Reinel Barbosa, Colombia Victims' Network Representative
- Megan Burke, International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munitions Coalition

#### **WAYS AND MEANS TO ASSIST AND GUARANTEE RIGHTS #3: REGIONAL APPROACHES**

In the *world* of landmines and other explosive remnants of war, States are committed to develop and promote regional and bilateral cooperation in addressing the rights and needs of mine victims and other persons with disabilities. In the broader *disability* world, the importance of international cooperation has been accepted; including that appropriate and effective measures will be undertaken in partnership with relevant international and regional organisations. A number of regional initiatives related to disability and health care exist. How might the bridge

between these initiatives and the *world* of landmines and other explosive remnants of war be bridged?

Moderator: Sheree Bailey, Advisor, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit

Panellists:

- Ariam Gebremariam, Secretariat of the African Decade of Persons with Disabilities
- Olga Rebolledo, Director of Rehabilitation Department, International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
- Rebecca Peters, Surviving Gun Violence Project
- Sadiq Mohibi, Coordinator of the Afghanistan Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Network and Executive Committee Member of Asia Pacific CBR Network

#### **14:15 – 14:30 COFFEE BREAK**

#### **14:30 – 16:15 MODERATED DISCUSSION #5: BUILDING STRONGER BRIDGES**

How will the international community move to the next level – strengthening the relationship between the disarmament community and broader contexts of disability, inclusion, health, human rights, education, employment and development?

Moderator: David Atwood, Senior Advisor, Small Arms Survey

Panellists:

- Kerry Brinkert, Director, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
- Facundo Penillas, Human Rights & Disability Advisor, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Judy Grayson, Senior Advisor, Armed Violence and Weapons Child Protection, UNICEF
- Cate Buchanan, Surviving Gun Violence Project
- Ximena Serpa, RIADIS
- Vladimir Cuk, International Disability Alliance
- Firoz Alizada, Campaign Manager, International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munitions Coalition
- Stefan Tromel, Senior Disability Specialist, International Labour Organization
- Gina Watson, World Health Organization

#### **16:15 – 17:00 CLOSING REMARKS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- Carlos Cordero Madrigal of Costa Rica, President-Designate of the Fifth Meeting of the States Parties of the Convention on Cluster Munitions
- Elias Zimba of Mozambique, President-Designate of the Third Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
- Fabrizio Hochschild, United Nations Representative in Colombia
- José Miguel Insulza, General Secretary, Organization of American States
- Angelino Garzón, Vice-President of Colombia

#### **17:00 CONFERENCE ENDS**