

Side events



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MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2015

- 12:00 **Opening of the exhibition “Recovering the past”, followed by a cocktail.** Hosted by the Presidency of the 14th Meeting of the States Parties. Location: in front of room XVIII.
- 13:00 **Cambodia's landmine contamination – strategy, completion and international cooperation and assistance.** Hosted by the Cambodia Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) and UNDP Cambodia. Room XXV. Contact: chanrotha@cmaa.gov.kh. His Excellency, Prum Sophakmonkol, Secretary General of the CMAA, will present the current situation and the future plans for the mine action sector in Cambodia as the country moves into the next stage of its mine action programming. The results of the Baseline Survey and Land Release results achieved since 2012 have provided a strong indication on the extent, scope and nature of the remaining landmine and ERW problem. Coordination and communication between international and national operators has assisted the CMAA to develop concrete and evidence-based plans and identify key actions, tools and resources required to achieve mine free status. The presentation will provide information on land release in Cambodia, including the results from the 2015 Land Reclamation Non-Technical Survey and Baseline Survey project funded by Clearing for Results Phase II.
- 13:00 **Landmine Monitor 2015 Briefing.** Hosted by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Room XXIV. Contact: jeff@icblcmc.org. Leading civil society experts will share the major findings of the Landmine Monitor 2015, detailing global and national developments in landmine ban policy, survey and clearance of landmines and explosive remnants of war, support for mine action, casualties and victim assistance.
- 13:00 **Nearing Completion – the Case of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.** Hosted by Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), the Congolese Centre for Mine Action (CCLAM) and UNMAS. Room XXII. Contact: pehrl@npaid.org. The CCLAM, NPA and UNMAS will present the progress made in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and an outlook. The National Landmine Contamination Survey undertaken in 2013 resulted in 130 Suspected Hazardous Areas (SHA) recorded. Now, 18 months later there are only 85 SHA remaining. The deadline for DRC to meet its obligation under Article 5 of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention is 2021. At current rates, DRC should be able to meet these obligations already by 2017 with continued and increased donor support.

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2015

- 13:00 **Technological innovations to help mine action.** Hosted by Belgium (Royal Military Academy). Room XXV. Contact: yvan.baudoin@skynet.be, vinciane.lacroix@rma.ac.be. The European Commission (EC) always supports efforts towards a mine-free world considering landmines and explosive remnants of war within a broader context of humanitarian assistance as well as long-term and sustainable socio-economic development programmes. The EC decided to fund a large project called TIRAMISU including twenty-five European Organizations, NGO, Universities, SME and Industrial Partners. This project (2012-2015) aims

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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. The project led to validated and promising results with the support of experts from the United Nations Services and a continuous cooperation with the Management System for Mine Action developed and maintained by UNMAS and the GICHD. What do you expect from new technologies? You are cordially invited to the presentation of the Final Results of the TIRAMISU Project and interactive discussion answering this question.

- 13:00 **Exceptional Opportunities: Equal Basis 2015 Report Launch.** Hosted by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Room XXIV. Contact: loren@icblcmc.org. An update on progress and challenges in comprehensive rehabilitation, inclusive education and participation of survivors and other persons with disabilities in conflict, post-conflict and challenging environments.

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2015

- 09:00 **Clearing the mines: overcoming challenges in Article 5 implementation.** Hosted by Norwegian People's Aid (NPA). Room: XXIV. Contact: atlek@npaid.org. This event will look at the remaining threat from anti-personnel mine contamination around the world, and assess what progress States have made in addressing the problem and implementing Article 5 of the Convention.
- 13:00 **Lessons learnt from a 'Mine-Free' Mozambique: Article 5 Compliance.** Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations in Geneva. Room XXIV. Contact: hansrisser@gmail.com. In 2015, Mozambique completed demining of the last known minefield and declared its compliance with Article 5 of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. This side event will bring together some of the international and national partners that made this all possible to discuss how compliance was achieved, the impact of Article 5 compliance and the next steps after completion. Moderated by the Head of the Mozambican Delegation to the 14MSP, speakers include representatives of Mozambique, ISU, ICBL, UNDP, APOPO, HALO Trust, Handicap International and NPA.
- 13:00 **Launch of the Child Focused Victim Assistance Guidance.** Hosted by UNICEF and the Government of Costa Rica. Room XXV.

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2015

- 13:00 **Mine clearance in the midst of Colombia's armed conflict: saving lives and building peace./ Desminado en medio del conflicto en Colombia: salvando vidas y construyendo la paz.** Hosted by the Government of Colombia and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Room XXIV. Contact: megan@icblcmc.org. Results of and lessons learned from the Historic Agreement between the Colombian Government and the FARC to clear mined areas in the midst of ongoing conflict. How this pilot clearance project has protected the Colombian people and contributed to the peace process. What comes next for Colombia?
- 13:00 **Enhancing APMBC implementation through regional cooperation.** Hosted by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD). Room XXV. Contact: f.paktian@gichd.org. Timely and effective implantation of the APMBC remains a challenge

especially in light of reduced international funding levels which are likely to continue in the next years. At the same time, through the 2014 Maputo Action Plan, States Parties are committed to an ambitious target to comply with treaty obligations to the fullest extent possible by 2025. New modalities of enhancing treaty implementation might be sought, in particular cooperation among States Parties at regional level is highly important. In fact, national mine action programmes of affected States have acquired substantive expertise over the last years which could make them a useful resource of national expertise from which other States Parties can benefit. In recent years, cooperation among affected States has taken place bilaterally or multilaterally, whereas linguistic platforms have also proven essential in bringing States together to define gaps and identify regional assets to fill them. Although regional cooperation has already provided positive outcomes in the past, it will become even more important and crucial in the future so that States Parties, expressing a need for assistance, will be better equipped to meet their targets and advance their programmes. This session will make participants aware of these platforms, their achievements, activities in the coming years, as well as lessons learnt. The event will be chaired by the Director of Operations of the GICHD, Guy Rhodes and will include speakers from Afghanistan, Cambodia and Croatia.

- 13:00 **Targeting mine risk education in Ukraine.** Hosted by the Danish Demining Group (DDG). Room VIII. Contact: tammy.hall@drc.dk. In April 2015, DDG in partnership with UNICEF conducted a knowledge, attitude and practice (KAP) survey. This exercise was unique in the sense that it was the first KAP survey around mine risk education (MRE) conducted in Ukraine and it addressed internally displaced people, returnees and resident concerns and perceptions of the danger attached to mines/ERW from the recent conflict.

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2015

- 13:00 **Badbaado Plan – A presentation of the Multi-Year Explosive Hazard Management proposal outlined by the Federal Government of Somalia.** Hosted by the Federal Government of Somalia – Somali Explosive Management Authority (SEMA). Room: XXV. Contact: mahmed.shaan@gmail.com, abdirizakom@gmail.com. 2015 has been a year of great progress for Somalia in addressing explosive hazards. So far, the Council of Ministers endorsed the legislative framework, policy and budget of the SEMA acknowledging SEMA as the legal entity responsible for managing and coordinating all explosive hazard management activities in Somalia. This year the mine action community has proven that it is possible to work in areas previously considered too dangerous, clearing remnants of past conflict and paving the way for peace and stability. The Federal Government has ratified the Cluster Munitions Convention as well. It will report on progress towards meeting its treaty obligations, and will outline its strategy to work towards a Somalia free from the threat of explosive hazards.
- 13:00 **Presentation of the results of the evaluation of the Humanitarian Mine Action and Cluster Munitions Programme 2012-2016 of the Netherlands.** Hosted by the Netherlands Disarmament Mission. Room VIII. Contact: mark.versteden@minbuza.nl, dorinda-ten.brinke@minbuza.nl. Ms Irma Alpenidze (MDF) will present the key findings of the external evaluation of the Dutch Mine Action Programme conducted by MDF and APE and there will be ample room for discussion.
- 13:00 **Humanitarian demining in Ukraine: current issues and challenges.** Hosted by Ukraine. Room XXIV. Contact: artem.vorobyov@mfa.gov.ua.