



## **National Stakeholder Dialogue in Colombia: Strengthening Participation and Inclusion of Victims of Mines and Unexploded Ordnance**

### **Background**

Assistance to victims of anti-personnel mines (victim assistance) in Colombia is coordinated by the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace (OACP), through the Comprehensive Mine Action Group (Descontamina), a specialized body created in 2011 to assist victims and strengthen coordination. The National Dialogue which will take place from 22 to 24 February 2021 contributes to the process launched in 2015 to strengthen the administrative capacities of the Associations of Victims of Anti-Personnel Mines.

Colombia is a State Party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on Their Destruction (also known as the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention or Ottawa Convention), and one of 30 State Parties to have declared a significant number of mine survivors. As of 31 January 2021, Colombia has registered 11,994 victims of anti-personnel, of which 165 accidents occurred in 2020.

The primary objective of this National Dialogue is to strengthen the 11-member National Network of Mine Survivors Associations and to do so within the framework of the rights of persons with disabilities. By strengthening the Network, the Dialogue also contributes to the implementation of victim assistance measures set forth in the Convention and Actions laid out in the Oslo Action Plan (OAP, 2020-2024).

The National Dialogue is organized by the Government of Colombia, led by the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace (OACP), and is financially supported by the European Union (EU). The EU Council adopted in 2017 a Decision to support States Parties to the Convention who, like Colombia, are working to meet their national and international objectives. The Dialogue has the technical support from the Convention Secretariat, (the Implementation Support Unit, ISU).

The National Dialogue will be carried out through in a hybrid modality that will combine face-to-face participation of representatives of the associations at the national level with the virtual presence of the interested parties.

### **Specific objectives**

1. Increase the capacity of leaders, including women leaders of survivor associations, contributing to improved peer support (Action 38 OAP).
2. Support the national referral mechanism to facilitate access to services (Action 37 OAP).
3. Identify challenges, including those along the comprehensive path to healthcare from the perspective of survivors and other persons with disabilities (Action 35 OAP).
4. Promote adoption of an inclusive approach to disability as understood by the Oslo Action Plan (Action 33 OAP).

5. Enrich reports presented to the Convention thanks to data collected through (during and after) the Dialogue (Action 8 OAP).
6. Advance in the approach to provide victim assistance within a broader rights-based framework, through coordination of national systems and public policies related to victims, and the social inclusion of persons with disabilities.
7. To update the Comprehensive Path of Health Care and Functional Rehabilitation for mine and UXO victims with input from the survivor associations.

### **The National Network of Associations**

The National Network is made up of 11 survivor associations, all of which are represented in person during the three days. With the aim of expanding the national coverage of the network and given the interest in becoming part of the Network, three associations - Cesar, Montes de María (Bolívar) and Santander - will link remotely. The representative of the National Board of Victims, of the Victims Law, will also participate in the Dialogue.

The survivor associations which will participate are the following:

#	DEPARTMENT	ASSOCIATION
1	Antioquia	Mine Victim Association of San Carlos (ASOVIMASC)
2	Arauca	Association of Landmine Survivors Demanding Dignity and Peace (ASODIGPAZ)
3	Bogotá	ASDISMAP
4	Bolívar	ASOVISPAZ
5	Caquetá	Association of Survivors of Anti-personnel Mines, Unexploded Ordnance and Explosive Traps of Caquetá
6	Cauca	Departmental Association of Survivors of Landmine and Unexploded Ordnance of Cauca (ASODESAM)
7	Córdoba	Association of Survivors, Victims of Anti-Personnel Mines of Córdoba (AVIMAC)
8	Chocó	Mine Survivor Association of the Choco Cimarrón collective
9	Huila	Association of Survivors of AP Mines, UXO, and other improvised munitions of Huila (AHVIMPEX)
10	Meta	Walking Together Meta
11	Nariño	Regional Association of Survivors of Mine, Explosive Traps and UXO (ASOVIC – ABADES) (UNITED FOR LIFE)
12	North Santander	Association of Survivors, Victims of Landmines and Unexploded Ordnance (ASOVIVIR)
13	Putumayo	Mines Survivors Association of Putumayo

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**First Day, Monday 22 February 2021 | 09:00-12:00 (GMT-5 Colombia) | 15:00-18:00 (GMT+1 Switzerland)**

**09:00 – 09:30 | 15:00 – 15:30 | Inauguration Panel**

**Moderator:** Juan Carlos Ruan, Director of the Secretariat (ISU), of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

- [Colombia's High Commissioner for Peace](#) Miguel Antonio Ceballos Arévalo
- [Head of European Union Delegation to Colombia](#) H.E. Patricia Llombart Cussac, Ambassador
- [Presidential Advisor for the Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Colombia](#) Jairo Clopatofsky
- [Deputy Director, Unit for Comprehensive Assistance and Reparation to Victims in Colombia](#) Lorena Mesa
- [President of the National Network of MAP and UXO Survivors of Colombia](#) Adelmo Uni Jiménez

**09:30 – 9:40 | 15:30 – 15:40 | Presentation of the Agenda and Methodology**

[Coordinator of the Group for Comprehensive Mine Action \(AICMA Descontamina\)](#), of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace (OACP) Martha Hurtado Granada

**09:40 – 10:40 | 15:40 – 16:40 | Status of Victim Assistance in Colombia**

**Moderator:** Martha Hurtado Granada

- [Situation of the Victims of Antipersonnel Mines in Colombia](#)  
Founder of the Mine Survivors Association of Huila (AHVIMPES), Holmes Fabián Ordoñez
- [Assistance to Victims in Colombia from the International Perspective](#)  
Head of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Colombia, Lorenzo Caraffi
- [Victim Assistance and the Right to Health](#)  
Head of the Social Protection Office of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Alejandro Cepeda
- [Victim Assistance as it Relates to Members of the Public Force](#)  
Director of the Inclusive Rehabilitation Centre (CRI), Diana Gutiérrez de Piñeres

15 minutes

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**10:55 – 11:00 | Participation and Inclusion: The Experience of Natalia Uribe - Apartadó (Antioquia)**

**11:00 – 11:45 | 17:00 – 17:45 | VA in the Framework of the AP Mine Ban Convention and the Oslo Action Plan**

- [Victim Assistance Commitments under the Convention](#)  
Implementation Support Officer of the AP Mine Ban Convention, Firoz Alizada (Moderator)
- [Consideration of Gender in Victim Assistance](#)  
Humanity and Inclusion Belgium, Camilla Roberti

**11:45 – 12:00 | 17:45 – 18:00 | Closing of the Virtual Portion of the First Day; Second Day Preview**

The program continues for representatives of the National Network of MAP and UXO Survivor Associations

**13:00 – 17:30 | 19:00 – 23:30 | Comprehensive Road Map for Assisting Victims of Antipersonnel Mines and UXO**

(In-person workshop with representatives of: ADESOVI (Antioquia), AHVIMPES (Huila), ASDISMAP (Bogotá), ASOCHOCO (Chocó), ASODICOARCO, ASODIGPAZ (Arauca), ASOVABADES Nariño, ASOVIVIR (North Santander), AVIMAC (Córdoba), Caminemos (Meta), Colombian Campaign to Ban Landmines, Inclusive Rehabilitation Center, Regulatory Center for Urgent Care and Emergencies (CRUE) Nariño chapter, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Zorobabelia Paralympic Foundation, National Victims Board, Emiro Quintero Hospital, Colombian Institute of Family Welfare, Ministry of Labour, Social Pastoral, Tumaco city representative, United for Life (Caquetá), and SENA. Remote participants interested in attending please contact us: [isu@apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu@apminebanconvention.org).

- [Barriers to Accessing Care Routes](#)
  - Table 1: Prehospital Evacuation and Rescue Services - Action 36 Oslo Action Plan (OAP)
  - Table 2: Hospital and Surgical Care
  - Table 3: Rehabilitation - Action 38 Oslo Action Plan
  - Table 4: Continuous Attention
  - Table 5: Socioeconomic Inclusion - Action 39 Oslo Action Plan

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**Second Day, Monday 23 February 2021 | 09:00-12:00 (GMT-5 Colombia) | 15:00-18:00 (GMT+1 Switzerland)**

**9:00 – 10:20 | 15:00 – 16:20 | Experience Related to the Work and Associativity of International Survivor Networks**

Moderator: Convention's Secretariat Implementation Support Officer Firoz Alizada

- **Overview of Peer Support Activities in Uganda**  
Founder of the Amputee Self-Help Network in Uganda, Alex Munyambabazi
- **Successful Experience of the Creation of the Survivors Network in El Salvador; Gender Approach; and, Empowerment of Network Leaders**  
Executive Director of the El Salvador Survivors Network, Amilcar Durán
- **Experience of the National Survivors Network in Colombia**  
President of the National Network of AP Mine and UXO Survivors, Adelmo Uni Jiménez
- **Strengthening Peer Support, Lessons Learnt**  
Humanity and Inclusion's Operational Coordinator Johana Huertas

15 minutes

Pause

**10:35 – 10:40 Participation and Inclusion: The Experience of Jesús Arley Perea - Tado (Chocó)**

**10:40 – 11:50 | 16:40 – 17:50 | Initiatives to Strengthen the Associations of the National Survivors Network**

Moderator: OACP's AICMA Group Coordinator, Martha Hurtado Granada

- **Strengthening Peer Support**  
Operational Coordinator of Humanity and Inclusion, Johana Huertas
- **Strengthening Business Development**  
Director of Business Solutions of the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce, Martha Sofía Gómez
- **Associative Entrepreneurship**  
National Coordinator of the "Emprender" Fund of the National Learning Service (SENA), Carlos Gamba
- **Ministry of Labour**  
Adriana Jannett Albarracín Pérez

**11:50 – 12:00 | 17:50 – 18:00 | Close of the Second Virtual Day; Third Day Preview**

The program continues for representatives of the National Network of MAP and UXO Survivor Associations

**14:00 – 17:30 | 20:00 – 23:30 | Comprehensive Road Map for Assisting Victims of Antipersonnel Mines and UXO**

(Workshop led by the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce with representatives of: ADESOVI (Antioquia), AHVIMPES (Huila), ASDISMAP (Bogotá), ASOCHOCO (Chocó), ASODICOARCO, ASODIGPAZ (Arauca), ASOVABADES Nariño, ASOVIVIR (North Santander), AVIMAC (Córdoba), Let's Walk Together (Meta), Colombian Campaign to Ban Landmines, Inclusive Rehabilitation Centre, Regulatory Centre for Urgent Care and Emergencies (CRUE) Nariño chapter, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Zorobabelia Paralympic Foundation, National Victims Board, Emiro Quintero Hospital, Colombian Institute of Family Welfare, Ministry of Labour, Social Pastoral, Tumaco city representative, United for Life (Caquetá), and SENA. Remote participants interested in attending please contact us: [isu@apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu@apminebanconvention.org).

- **Strengthening of the Associations**
  - Good Practices
  - Successful Experiences
  - Promotion of Entrepreneurship

*(program continues)*

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**Third Day, Wednesday 24 February 2021 | 09:00-12:00 (GMT-5 Colombia) | 15:00-18:00 (GMT+1 Switzerland)**

**9:00 – 10:00 | 15:00 – 16:00 | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**

**Moderator:** Presidential Council for the Participation of Persons with Disabilities Myriam Céspedes Castillo

- **Presidential Agency for International Cooperation of Colombia (APC)**  
Director General, Ángela Ospina de Nicholls
- **Association of Survivors of UXO and Improvised Explosive Devices (ASOVABADES)**  
Cristian Melo
- **Colombian Campaign to Ban Landmines (CCBL)**  
Luz Estela Navas
- **Polus Center Colombia**  
National Coordinator, Hanns Rothschild

**10:00 – 10:40 | 16:00 – 16:40 | Cooperation and Assistance from a Donor Perspective**

**Moderators:** Martha Hurtado Granada (OACP) and Juan Carlos Ruan (Convention ISU)

- Invitation to co-operators and partners to take the floor

15 minutes

Pause

**10:55 – 11:00 | Participation and Inclusion: The Experience of Carlos Mario Cadavia – Medellín (Antioquia)**

**11:00 – 11:40 | 17:00 – 17:40 | Recognition of Representatives of Associations; Next Steps**

**Moderator:** OACP's AICMA Group Coordinator, Martha Hurtado Granada

**11:40 – 12:15 | 17:40 – 18:15 | Closing of the Event**

**Moderator:** Juan Carlos Ruan, Director of the Secretariat (ISU) of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

- **Colombia's High Commissioner for Peace** Miguel Antonio Ceballos Arévalo
- **Head of the Political Section of the Delegation of the European Union in Colombia S.E.** Lars Bredal
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia**
- **International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL),** Loren Persi
- **National Board of Victims** Mileiny Ramírez