



Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Intersessional Meetings | 22 -24 June 2021
Programme of Side Events

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Tuesday, 22 June 2021

12:00 – 13:00 (CEST)

How can a Landmine Free 2025 contribute to country and community priorities, including health, the environment, social inclusion and international relations?

Host: Landmine Free 2025

Discussing the opportunities that a Landmine Free 2025 presents for improvements in health, the environment, inclusion and international relations - drawing on real-life examples and expertise from around the world.

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Disability Inclusion: How are we doing as a sector?

Host: International Committee of the Red Cross

This side event aims to take stock of the mine action sector's practices regarding disability inclusion. It will look at some of the issues and challenges in this area, including the identification of possible gaps in mine action programming, disability-inclusive human resource practices, and promising practices and opportunities. The organization of the event is inspired by an internal paper produced by the Weapon Contamination Unit of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which seeks to enhance the Unit's engagement with mine and ERW survivors as employees and ambassadors for its work. The ICRC will present an external version of the paper and its recommendations. Speakers will include the ICRC, Humanity & Inclusion and the United Nations Mine Action Service.

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15:00 – 16:00 (CEST)

La Red Latinoamericana de Asociaciones de Sobrevivientes de Minas Antipersonal, Restos explosivos de Guerra y otras Personas con Discapacidad: Análisis y retos regionales en la asistencia integral a las víctimas

Host: (RED-LAT)

Objetivo del evento: presentar la red y los análisis y reflexiones desde los estudios sobre buenas prácticas en asistencia a víctimas y la reducción de la violencia armada en la región de América Latina.

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Best Practice in Survey: People, Partners and process

Host: Mines Advisory Group (MAG)

This side event will consider innovations in non-technical survey, with a focus on qualitative improvements and better use of data in complex environments. It will explore remote contamination baseline survey and partnerships with local organisations as ways to facilitate safe and effective data collection in hard to reach areas. The integration of housing, land and property rights (HLP) in NTS through partnerships with organisations outside the mine action sector will also be covered.

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Wednesday, 23 June 2021

12:00 – 13:00 (CEST)

Innovation in Mine Risk Education

Host: Government of the Netherlands

This side event will explore how innovative technologies and solutions can be used to overcome emerging challenges for the delivery of Mine Risk Education, including the COVID-19 pandemic, new types of explosive devices and new settings in which they are used. In response, emerging technologies will be presented that can enhance the delivery and impact of Mine Risk Education.

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Multi-country evaluation of the Impact of clearance

Host: The HALO Trust and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

As part of a multi-annual grant provided to HALO by The Netherlands this side event will present an external evaluation on the impact of mine action for the period, 2016-2020. In addition, highlights from an assessment on the clearance of Abandoned Improvised Mines and Anti-Vehicle Mines conducted in Afghanistan will also be shared. Both the evaluation report and assessment will provide insight on the impact of mine action as well as useful lessons for the sector.

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15:00 – 16:00 (CEST)

Increasing our impact: a theory of change for the mine action sector

Host: The Governments of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands

The Governments of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands have worked with partners across the sector to develop a theory of change to describe, measure and enhance the impact of mine action. This event will introduce a theory of change and outline the ways it could improve mine action outcomes and enhance the collective strategic value of the sector. The event forms part of a sector-wide consultation and participants are invited to provide feedback on ways to strengthen the theory of change.

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Thursday, 24 June 2021

12:00 – 13:00 (CEST)

Innovative Finance for Mine Action: Feasibility Study Outcomes

Host: The HALO Trust

The HALO Trust, in partnership with Social Finance and with support from the United Kingdom has conducted a feasibility study on innovative finance for mine action. This event will present the study's outcomes and recommendations, including how States Parties can implement their commitment to pursue innovative finance made at the Convention's Fourth Review Conference.

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Gender and Diversity and the Oslo Action Plan: Implementation Status and Considerations

Host: The Gender and Diversity Working Group

This side event will be hosted by the Gender and Diversity Working Group (GDWG) and chaired by Juan Manglano Aboín, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain and Gender Focal Point for the Committee on Cooperative Compliance of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

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15:00 – 16:00 (CEST)

Completion in 2025? 2030? In our lifetime?

Host: International Campaign to Ban Landmines

The event will present key findings and concerns in regard to current trends in implementation of Article 5. It will offer a set of recommendations on a more rigorous process for extending deadlines and the implementation of key commitments of the Oslo Action Plan. The organizers hope to launch a debate on this matter among States Parties and the mine ban community that can lead to reinvigorated action on the implementation of Article 5 in keeping with States Parties 2025 completion goal and the Oslo Action Plan.

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Digital Innovation: Promoting Improvement, Sustainability and Ownership through databasing National Mine Action Standards – launching the Afghanistan mineaction.net application

Host: United Nations Mine Action Service

This event will demonstrate the first application of the mineaction.net database tool to a set of National Mine Action Standards (NMAS) in Afghanistan. Panelists will discuss the opportunities of digitally linking the Afghan Mine Action Standards (AMAS) to the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) and will discuss the opportunities in supporting standards compliance and improved operational processes. The event will also illustrate the use of a semi-automated ‘smart’ updating system to help the AMAS to stay up to date with IMAS, directly supporting the efforts of States Parties to address Action #5 of the Oslo and Action #6 of the Lausanne Action Plans. The integrated system supports continual adoption of best practices, will promote ownership by national authorities and exit strategies for capacity development partners.

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