



Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Intersessional Meetings | 19-21 June 2023
World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Geneva

Side Events

Monday, 19 June 2023

Neglected Mine Action Contexts – legacy and new contamination beyond humanitarian crises
Room: B

Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Danish Permanent Mission

This side event will draw attention to the impacts of explosive ordnance from humanitarian crisis and communities to the loss of life, injury, need for rehabilitation and reconstruction of livelihoods/social structures that impact generations. The event will share experiences of international and national mine action operators, highlighting progress made to date and the remaining challenges in several countries, including Afghanistan, Yemen, South Sudan and the Horn of Africa. These countries continue to experience high rates of contamination together with reduced investment. The event will consider the implications of sanctions, global trends and access constraints and share the importance of long-term, consistent engagement and locally driven humanitarian mine action initiatives in order to achieve completion of affected States Article 5 obligations. **Contact:** camilla.roberti@dro.no

Sustainable and inclusive localization: Moving from capacity building to capacity sharing
Room: C1

Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)

This side event will provide an opportunity for an open discussion with representatives of affected states and national organizations to discuss the importance of moving from ‘capacity building’ towards ‘capacity sharing’ and ‘peer-to-peer learning.’ The event aims to challenge traditional and often exclusionary narratives about national capacities in the sector and will propose practical actions to engage relevant stakeholders and enhance a sustainable and inclusive approach to localization. **Contact:** m.hajjaj@gichd.org

Landmine Free South Caucasus by 2030

Room: C2

Links Europe (By invitation only)

This side event will discuss how a regional approach can contribute to achieving a landmine free South Caucasus by 2030. Panelists will assess prospects for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to adhere to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention as a step towards eradicating the problem of landmines in the region. Participants will exchange views on how this objective can best be reached. The event is organized in the framework of the campaign Landmine Free South Caucasus, an initiative started in 2018 involving state agencies and non-governmental organisations, and co-ordinated by LINKS Europe with the support of the European Union. **Contact:** office@links-europe.eu

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Lunch Break & Cross-cutting priorities of the Presidency

Room: Obasi Room (plenary room)

Green Implementation: Integrating Environmental Considerations in the Convention's implementation

Gender and the diverse needs of mine affected communities – lessons learnt and way ahead

Sandwiches and coffee will be provided to participants

Wednesday, 21 June 2023

Optimising emergency health response for casualties of mines and other explosive weapons

Room: B

Hannah Wild, MD; Department of Surgery, University of Washington, Loren Persi, Victim Assistance Specialist

This side event will highlight the challenges and opportunities in the implementation of Action #36 of the Oslo Action Plan. The event will present the life-saving work of key actors covering the provision of emergency care for casualties of explosive ordnance (EO). The event will also show how IMAS 13.10 on Victim Assistance and the 2023 Joint Operational Framework on Health and Protection of the Humanitarian Cluster System can increase partnership building between mine action and emergency health responses. With opening remarks by Uganda, Chair of the Committee on Victim Assistance, panellists will present perspectives from the WHO resolution on integrated emergency, critical, and operative care, and share community-based experiences providing first aid training to local populations affected by explosive ordnance. **Contact:** [hbwild\(at\)uw.edu](mailto:hbwild@uw.edu)

Mine action and the Environment in 2023 – the needs, practical steps, and ambitions

Room: C1

NPA on behalf of the Environmental Issues in Mine Action Working Group

This side event will set out a vision for the positive contribution mine action can make to environmental safeguarding and climate resilience. The event will provide practical examples that can be taken in integrating environment and climate change considerations into mine action and look into opportunities within nature-based solutions. Further examples will describe how land can be used more sustainably following clearance. The side event is aimed at national authorities, implementing partners, and donors.

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Individualised Approach: Senegal's mine action programme: overview of remaining challenges and needs

Room: C2

Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance and the Permanent Mission of Senegal (By Invitation Only)

The Individualised Approach event forms part of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention to, “facilitate the fostering of partnerships between States Parties seeking to receive assistance and those in a position to provide such assistance.” This year Senegal has expressed its interest to pursue such approach on the margins of the Convention's Intersessional Meetings. The event will include an open discussion on the current status of Senegal's national programme with cooperation partners and relevant mine action operators, which will be held at the venue of the Intersessional Meetings. **Contact:** [isu\(at\)apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu@apminebanconvention.org)

Programme of Exhibitions

Monday, 19 June 2023 - Wednesday, 21 June 2023

Mine free world hub

ICBL

The International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) is hosting a networking space—the Mine Free World Hub—where participants will be able to engage with State delegates, share information with mine action partners, get the latest Landmine Monitor facts, and brainstorm on how to strengthen efforts to protect lives and livelihoods from the threat of landmines.