



The Siem Reap - Angkor Summit On A Mine-Free World  
🇰🇲 **CAMBODIA** 🇰🇲 25 to 29 November 2024

## Programme of Side Events

### Monday, 25 November 2024

**12:00 – 14:00**

#### **The Third Disability Summit 2025**

**The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (HCD), Federal Republic of Germany, the International Disability Alliance, and the Global Disability Summit Secretariat**

*Malis Room*

This side event offers participants a unique opportunity to contribute to real, transformative change in the lead-up to the Third Global Disability Summit (GDS) in 2025. Established in 2017, the GDS brings together global, regional, and national leaders to strengthen commitments and action towards disability-inclusive sustainable development and humanitarian efforts. Co-versed and co-organised by Germany, Jordan, and the International Disability Alliance (IDA), GDS 2025 aspires to expand global efforts to promote equality and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities, translating international obligations into bold, practical policies. At the Siem Reap-Angkor Summit on a Mine-Free World, the hosts will reaffirm the principles of national ownership and international cooperation, as outlined in the Convention, to further encourage the meaningful action needed for lasting change.

*Interpretation: Khmer, International Sign Language*

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#### **Landmine Monitor Briefing 2024**

**International Campaign to Ban Landmines**

*Romchong Room*

Members of the Landmine Monitor editorial team will present key findings on global mine ban policies, including the use, production, trade, and stockpiling of landmines. The event will also cover progress and remaining challenges in addressing the impact of mine contamination and casualties, focusing on clearance, risk education, and victim assistance efforts. Additionally, the team will discuss global trends in mine action funding, offering insights into the current status of national and international support for mine action.

## **Strengthening National Capacity for Sustainable Mine Action: Through Africa & Asia Partnership**

**Japan International Cooperation Agency, Cambodian Mine Action Centre, and the United Nations Mine Action Service**

*Nakry Room*

This side event will highlight the collaborative efforts between Cambodia, Japan, and the United Nations to build national capacities of African countries in mine action. Cambodia, as President of the Convention in 2025 is a recognised global leader in mine action. In leveraging national expertise gained over the past three decades Cambodia has provided invaluable support in strengthening the national capacities of other States Parties. This collaborative approach, strongly backed by JICA and UNMAS ensures that Cambodia's experience and knowledge are effectively transferred to African nations, such as Nigeria and South Sudan, facing similar challenges. The event will feature panellists from UNMAS, JICA, CMAC, and African representatives, providing insights into ongoing efforts to strengthen mine action and enhance capacities across continents.

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## **Strengthening Compliance with Humanitarian Norms: Lessons and Experiences from the Anti-Personnel Land Mine Convention's implementation**

**Norway, Philippines, and Norwegian People's Aid**

*Kravan Room*

In times of rising global tensions, building trust and ensuring adherence to commonly agreed norms and rules is more urgent than ever. Strengthening and protecting the humanitarian disarmament conventions, including the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, is an essential part of these efforts. The humanitarian imperatives that led to the creation of conventions such as the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention are just as pressing today as before. Protecting civilians is still at the core of our collective commitments. The side event will highlight the continued relevance and success of the Convention and demonstrate how States, operators and civil society alike are working together to promote the norm and strengthen compliance, 25 years after its inception. The side event will showcase national and regional efforts to implement the full range of the Convention by drawing on experiences from Southeast Asian states and other regions. The speakers will present ideas for future actions and strategies to ensure continued commitment to and universal endorsement of humanitarian disarmament conventions, both globally and in Southeast Asia.

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## **Monday Evening**

**17:00 – 18:30**

## **Mine Action in Emergency Humanitarian Relief, Peacebuilding and Recovery efforts: Global Lessons from Sudan and Other Emergency Contexts**

**National Mine Action Centre of Sudan, United Nations Mine Action Service**

*Malis Room*

This side event will address the increasing impact of explosive hazards in emergency and conflict settings, with a focus on Sudan. Ongoing conflicts in regions like oPt, West Bank, Myanmar, Lebanon, Ukraine, and Syria have left populated areas littered with explosive remnants, causing widespread civilian casualties and severely disrupting essential infrastructure. These remnants continue to pose immediate threats to communities, hinder humanitarian access, delay reconstruction, and prevent the return of displaced

populations. The discussion will highlight the role of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in supporting immediate humanitarian response, promoting peacebuilding, and enabling early recovery. Through the lens of Sudan's conflict and other overlooked crises, participants will explore how humanitarian mine action actors, including national authorities, work within these complex environments to protect affected populations and pave the way for post-conflict recovery.

*Interpretation:* عربي, English

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### **Sharing/Learning for Mine Survivors Organisations: Promoting a Victim-Centred Approach** **Amputee Self-help Network Uganda (ASNU) and the United Nations Development Programme** *Romchong Room*

Share experience among mine survivor organisations. Discuss how to promote peer support and victim-led advocacy, this be based on examples for 4 VA organisations including UNICEF. This panel will allow VA organisations to showcase how they promote a victim centred approach, including lessons learnt. The panel will share experiences and ideas from victims and their representing organisations on how they are engaged victims in their own countries. This is in order to promote victim-led advocacy and peer-counselling approaches.

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### **The Middle East and North Africa Mine Action, the Past, Future, and Improvised Explosive Devices** **Protection Against Armaments and Consequences** *Nakry Room*

This side event will explore the implementation of mine action in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region over the past five years, with a special focus on the growing issue of improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The discussion will address both current challenges and future approaches to integrating IEDs into broader mine action strategies in the region.

**Tuesday, 26 November 2024**

**12:00 – 14:00**

**Sharing Good Practice in Strengthening Rehabilitation and Disability Inclusion in Cambodia  
Australia (Embassy of Australia in Cambodia) in collaboration with the Australia-Cambodia  
Cooperation for Equitable Sustainable Services (ACCESS 2) program**

*Malis Room*

In Cambodia physical rehabilitation services for mine/ERW survivors began in the 1980s. While services continue to improve, a key challenge for States Parties is ensuring the funding and sustainability of victim assistance after States, like Cambodia, meet their Article 5 mine clearance obligations. In support of this goal, the draft Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan emphasizes integrating victim assistance into broader national policies and legal frameworks to ensure long-term effectiveness. The Australian Government's ACCESS 2 program has worked with Cambodian stakeholders to strengthen rehabilitation services in the country's health system and promote social and economic inclusion for people with disabilities, including mine/ERW survivors. The side event will feature experts from government, service providers, and mine/ERW survivors, sharing insights from ACCESS 2 and best practices for integrating victim assistance into national frameworks.

*Interpretation: Khmer, English, Español*

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**The Sustainable Impact of National Ownership and Strategic Planning – Sharing Best Practices  
from Angola and Iraq**

**The HALO Trust, Humanity & Inclusion, Germany and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining**

*Romchong Room*

In reviewing the progress made since the 2019 Review Conference, this side event will highlight the lasting, sustainable impact of national ownership in mine-affected countries, with particular focus on developing and implementing evidence-based national mine action strategies. Representatives from the Angolan and Iraqi national authorities will share their approaches to national ownership, including successes in diversifying funding and partnership opportunities; raising international awareness on the extent of landmine contamination (including legacy contamination); and strengthening national capacity and national strategies. Attendees will gain insights into how the Angolan and Iraqi governments have successfully aligned their mine action strategies with broader national priorities, humanitarian impact, and community needs, such as sustainable development, post-conflict reconstruction, and environmental security. It is hoped that lessons and best practices demonstrated by these case studies can be applied to ongoing humanitarian mine action efforts in other contexts. Furthermore, these case studies will highlight the type of support that is needed from the international community to strengthen national ownership, supported by inclusive national strategies and frameworks. The panel will include the GICHD and the GFFO (as co-moderators), one representative from the Angolan and the two Iraqi national mine action authorities, and a representative from in-country operators/implementing partners in Angola and Iraq (The HALO Trust and Humanity & Inclusion, respectively).

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## **From Oslo to Siem Reap: Taking Stock of Gender and Diversity in the Implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention**

**Gender & Diversity Working Group, Germany, Norway, and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research**

*Nakry Room*

Five years after gender and diversity considerations were first included in the Oslo Action Plan, this side event will assess the progress that has been made since 2019 and identify the gaps that remain. This discussion brings together Gender Focal Points, representatives from mine-affected states, key donors, the Gender and Diversity Working Group (GDWG) and partners. Moderated by UNIDIR, the session will explore advancements, insights from field operations, and highlight ongoing challenges and opportunities to take gender and diversity considerations seriously in the implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. The goal is to ensure meaningful and sustained engagement with gender and diversity considerations in the implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Key themes will include:

- Best practices for gender and diversity in mine action;
- Integrating the Women, Peace, and Security agenda;
- Feminist Foreign Policy in the context of humanitarian disarmament.

During this side event, Convention Gender Focal Points will present their Working Paper, and the formal evaluation of the Gender and Diversity Working Group, funded by Norway, will be launched offering a comprehensive review of achievements and lessons learned.

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## **From Receiving to Contributing: Cambodia**

**Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority, and the United Nations Development Programme Cambodia**

*Kravan Room*

Humanitarian mine action began in Cambodia in 1992, since this time Cambodia has cleared over 3,000 square kilometres of land and destroyed more than four million anti-personnel mines and other explosive remnants of war. In addition to this remarkable success, Cambodia has shared its technical expertise on mine clearance and capacity development with countries worldwide. This side event will highlight Cambodia's transformation from a recipient to a contributor in global mine action. The session will bring together implementing partners currently working in Cambodia to share their experiences and insights followed by an interactive audience discussion with the key objective to enhance global mine action practices by sharing the valuable lessons learned in Cambodia. The UN and UNDP have been supporting mine action in Cambodia since 1991, including the establishment of the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) in mid-1992. This support encompasses managing the UN Trust Funds for demining and providing technical and advisory services to CMAC management. Following the creation of the CMAA in 2000, UNDP expanded its support to include developing CMAA capacity and the subnational structure for mine action.

## Tuesday Evening

17:00 – 18:30

### **Investing in Action – A Conversation with Survivors and other Advocates about Empowering their Work for Local and Global Change**

**Austria, International Campaign to Ban Landmines, and Humanity & Inclusion**

*Malis Room*

This informal, conversation-style event will highlight how localization of advocacy can empower survivors and other campaigners to advance the goals of the Mine Ban Treaty in their country. The event will bring to light how support for local organizations enable survivors' groups and others working on behalf of mine-affected communities to achieve powerful and sustainable impact. In addition to a short panel, participants will be encouraged to share their experiences, lessons learned, and ideas for having even greater impact in the future.

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### **Introduction of Japanese Innovative Technologies on Land Mine Action**

**NEC Corporation (Japan) and NEC Laboratories Europe GmbH, ALISys Co., Ltd, IOS. Inc, Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC), and the Government of Japan**

*Romchong Room*

This side event will showcase cutting-edge Japanese technologies that are revolutionising landmine detection and clearance, offering new solutions for humanitarian demining efforts. A range of AI-driven technologies, advanced detection technologies and innovative methods for minefield excavation will be presented as well as how they have successfully been used in mine-affected countries, including Cambodia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia and Ukraine. Together these technologies can play a role in enhancing safety, efficiency, and overall effectiveness in mine-affected areas.

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### **What is possible in Afghanistan? Prospects for Mine Action and the Opportunities for an Integrated Approach**

**The HALO Trust, United Kingdom, and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining**

*Nakry Room*

This side event will discuss the realities of operating in Afghanistan in 2024, the opportunities for progress and the prospects for integrated approaches to mine action. Afghanistan remains one of the most acute humanitarian crises globally, exhibiting some of the highest contamination levels and civilian accident rates resulting from decades of consecutive conflict and minelaying. Despite a challenging political backdrop, the cessation of conflict has created a window of opportunity for mine action operators to expand their operations to save lives and livelihoods. The HALO Trust will offer perspectives from the mine action sector in the country on key challenges and opportunities. Co-hosted by Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the event will include a discussion between donors and implementing partners from across the humanitarian space to discuss the enabling role of mine action, the need to encourage broader integration, and what donors and operators can do to break down the funding silos which limit the possibilities for this type of work on a larger scale.

## Wednesday, 27 November 2024

12:00 – 14:00

### **The Road to Article 5 Completion in the Americas**

**The Organization of American States, and Colombia**

*Malis Room*

This dialogue aims to foster collaboration, exchange of knowledge and experiences, and efforts to clear landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW) across affected areas around the world by showcasing the efforts of American countries that have achieved article 5 completion, and by the American countries that are working towards completion. Many countries in the Americas have faced significant challenges in their efforts toward achieving the clearance of all known landmines. It is crucial that these experiences are shared in a dedicated space, highlighting the importance of over 20 years of effort and lessons learnt. This dialogue emphasized the resilience and commitment of these countries in overcoming obstacles through innovation and community engagement. A mine free hemisphere has been a regional goal supported with the integration of mine action into national agendas. The event underscored the need for ongoing international support, regional cooperation, and continued investment to achieve clearance obligations completion and ensure the safer communities across the region.

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### **Pioneering Change: How Innovation is Shaping the Future of Mine Action**

**United Nations Office for Project Services, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, The HALO Trust**

*Romchong Room*

Join UNOPS, HALO, and GICHD to explore how innovation is transforming humanitarian mine action. As the landscape of conflict continues to evolve, exacerbated by challenges like climate change, innovation is more critical than ever. This session will focus on three key themes: governance and standards, advanced technologies in AI and remote sensing, and practical technologies for clearance. Innovation is multi-faceted—it can take the form of policy, methodology, technology, or other products and processes. Panellists will discuss how such innovations can benefit the mine action sector, with real-world examples from conflict-affected countries such as Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and beyond. Learn how AI, satellite imagery, machine learning, and other advanced tools are enhancing planning, prioritization, and clearance operations, making them faster, safer, and more cost-effective. The session will highlight best practices, new technologies, and future investment areas aimed at addressing global challenges and improving operational efficiency. Through expert insights and compelling case studies, you'll see how innovation is driving tangible improvements in safety and speed. This is your opportunity to engage with leading experts, collaborate on solutions, and shape the future of mine action to help save lives and reduce risks for vulnerable communities worldwide. We stand on the brink of a technological revolution in mine action—be part of it! Join us in shaping the future of mine action and fostering collaboration.

### **Innovative Finance in Mine Action: Progress to Date & New Initiatives**

**United Kingdom, APOPO, and Symbio Impact**

*Nakry Room*

Despite the generous support of governments and philanthropic donors, the mine action sector continues to face a multi-billion-dollar shortfall. At the Fourth Review Conference in 2019, States Parties agreed to “Do their utmost to commit the resources needed to meet Convention obligations as soon as possible and

explore all possible alternative and/or innovative sources of funding.” Innovative finance creates opportunities to address funding deficits to enable development, respond to new emergencies, and support States Parties with time-bound Convention obligations. Mechanisms include Development Impact Bonds (DIBs), which link mine action to post-clearance development and encourage additional development funding, as well as a global frontloading mechanism and numerous financial products involving the private sector. This event will bring together mine action stakeholders to discuss progress to date, including the successful implementation of APOPO’s development impact bond in Cambodia (Minefields to Rice fields), advances in a global frontloading mechanism and emerging initiatives in Ukraine. It will focus on next steps to scale up and accelerate new and successful initiatives. It will include states, international organisations, NGOs and the private sector and consider the paths ahead for innovative finance.

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## **Do no harm? Addressing Environmental Issues in Humanitarian Mine Action**

**United Kingdom (FCDO), Norwegian People’s Aid and the Conflict, Environment Observatory, and the Environmental Issues and Mine Action Working Group (EIMA)**

*Kravan Room*

If not properly managed, mine action can result in adverse environmental effects. Climate change and extreme weather can also negatively impact both programmes and the communities where we work. Notably, the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan is set to incorporate environmental and climate change considerations throughout. Progress has included recent updates to the IMAS 07.13 on environmental management, increased awareness, and the development of specific tools to help manage environmental risks. There’s a growing number of practical initiatives, and it’s important to share and learn from across the sector. At this event, members of the EIMA Working Group will deliver ‘lightening presentations’, showcasing examples of diverse work undertaken, and the ambitions and opportunities available. It will cover:

- The new IMAS 07.13 and what’s changed
  - Mine Action Review’s latest publication on policy development and good practice
  - NPA’s Green Field Tool, which will be made available to all
  - Using Open-Source Data to better understand risks
  - Showcase examples from operators, including the Colombian Campaign Against Landmines (CCCM), FSD and The HALO Trust
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- Recording success and using reporting indicators. We encourage all to join us to learn more on this important topic for the sector.



**Thursday, 28 November 2024**

**12:00 – 14:00**

**European Union Project: Impact Report**

**Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in Geneva, and the European External Affairs Service**

*Malis Room*

Over 700 participants in activities including from remote / mine-affected areas, assistance to three victim assistance and disability plans provided, three national and regional stakeholder dialogues on mine clearance carried out, and over 15 universalization missions and bilateral meetings organised. As the European Union-funded project seeking to support implementation of the Convention and its Oslo Action Plan concludes, panellist are to reflect on whether a coordinated multi-stakeholder effort to advance the Convention's goals was effective. The discussion aims to explore how a future EU-backed project could support implementation of the upcoming Siem Reap–Angkor Action Plan. A number of beneficiary States and civil society representatives are set to join the Convention Presidency, Special Envoy, and ISU Director for this interactive briefing.

Interpretation: عربي, English, Español, Français

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**Mine Action as an Enabler of Nexus - Towards Sustainable Development and Improved Lives**

**Danish Refugee Council, United Nations Development Programme, and the United Nations Mine Action Service**

*Romchong Room*

Aiming to unpack how humanitarian mine action (HMA) efforts can facilitate nexus and sustainable development, this side event will showcase lessons learned from UN- as well as the Danish Refugee's Council (DRC) country programmes. While it is often assumed that clearance of explosive ordnance will enable communities to use land more effectively, this causal relationship is often not as straight-forward. In fact, knowledge gaps remain when it comes to planning, implementing, measuring, documenting and sequencing successful integration. Conducting mine action activities in 11 countries, UNDP has extensive experience on how projects have met development objectives, moving beyond original outputs. DRC implements multi-sectoral programming in 25 countries and has conducted research via different tools in Iraq, South Sudan and Afghanistan on how to improve beneficiary livelihoods following HMA with funding from FCDO. Moreover, the side event will also feature the perspective of one-two national authorities, their role, ownership and challenges in designing prioritization and coordination of HMA efforts. Finally and based on the examples presented, the side event will also provide recommendations for donor states and implementing organizations (including the UN and NGOs) on how to incentivize and monitor integrated mine action efforts.

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**Reflections on Promoting and Enhancing National Ownership of Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)**

**Colombia, Humanity & Inclusion, the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining and the EORE Advisory Group**

*Nakry Room*

Over the past decade, significant steps have been taken towards advancing EORE, yet questions persist about the degree to which these advancements have fostered genuine national ownership. This side event will explore and reflect on global efforts to strengthen national ownership of EORE. Emphasizing

the value of developing national capacities and leveraging on the findings of the 2024 EORE Sector Mapping, the side event will reflect on the global efforts made regarding national ownership related to EORE and review best practices in efforts to strengthen national mine action capacities across the triple nexus.

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## **Pathways to Completion: A Sustainable Approach to Treaty Implementation for All Mine-Affected States**

**Mines Advisory Group, and the HALO Trust**

With both completion and the challenge of new contamination high on the agenda for the Fifth Review Conference, this event will host a discussion involving a number of States Parties at different phases on their own pathway towards completion. Ranging from States Parties close to the finish line to States Parties that suspect or find new contamination, there is a wealth of experience to draw on from national mine action programmes and international operators, which should not only inform planning for States Parties approaching completion but can also provide lessons learnt and best practice for States Parties addressing new contamination – including those establishing mine action structures, systems and processes for the first time. Whilst there can be multiple pathways, it is essential that sustainability, national ownership, and international cooperation underpin every step of Convention implementation. The event will reflect on key strands of the pathway to completion, including effective survey and information management, international cooperation, sustainable national capacities, national ownership, operational and strategic planning in the context of Article 5 implementation, scale-down and demobilization, and sustainable engagement with other articles of the Convention. The discussion will highlight how these pathways are relevant to mine-affected contexts of all kinds, and why they matter for implementation of the Siem-Reap Angkor Action Plan.

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## **Thursday Evening**

**17:00 – 18:30**

### **Innovation in Humanitarian Mine Action – The View from Ukraine**

**United Nations Development Programme Ukraine, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, and APOPO**

*Malis Room*

Co-hosted by UNDP Ukraine, the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, and APOPO, this side event will explore innovative technologies in humanitarian mine action (HMA), highlighting their impact in Ukraine and other mine-affected regions worldwide. The panel will discuss the expanding technological “toolbox” in HMA, emphasizing both opportunities and challenges in balancing innovation with safety. Panellists will share insights on promising technologies ready for adoption in demining and address key implementation barriers. Focusing on recent advancements, the event will showcase technologies like UAV-based electro-optical imaging and their role in empowering affected communities. A featured participant will be a graduate from a pilot program training explosive ordnance survivors in imagery analysis for HMA, underscoring the broader social benefits of such initiatives. APOPO will highlight animal detection systems (ADS), presenting global advancements in ADS technology and its integration into land release processes. They will also discuss Cambodia’s role in developing ADS techniques, now being scaled to Ukraine and other regions. Links to recent validation reports, studies, and related resources will be shared. The session will conclude with an interactive Q&A, inviting participants to discuss the opportunities and challenges of integrating advanced technology into HMA efforts.

*Interpretation: Ukraine, English*

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## Youth Implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty

### Mines Action Canada

*Romchong Room*

Join youth campaigners from around the globe to discover how young people are actively implementing the Mine Ban Treaty and what States Parties must do to achieve a mine-free world within their lifetimes. Youth campaigners will bring on-the-ground experience in demining, risk education, and providing victim assistance, as well as advocating for the Convention. Youth leaders will share their insights and expertise with States Parties in an interactive format, highlighting the critical role of youth engagement in advancing mine action efforts.

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**Friday 29 November 2024**

**12:00 – 14:00**

**Mine Action and Restorative Justice: A Path to Peace  
Norway, Colombia, and the Colombian Campaign to Ban Landmines**

*Malis Room*

This side event will highlight the integration of Mine Action into public policy through restorative justice, particularly in the context of transitional justice, as a blueprint for peacebuilding and reconciliation. Following the signing of Colombia's Final Peace Agreement in 2016, a restorative justice mechanism was adopted to repair victims' rights and foster peace. This approach is exemplified by TOARs ("Works and Activities with Restorative-Repairing Content"), conducted by former FARC-EP members and public force personnel to address the damages caused by armed conflict. The event will present the first Mine Action TOAR project and the policy processes behind it, featuring testimonies from implementing operators, restorative justice delegates, former combatants, Colombian government representatives, and conflict victims. This session is ideal for those interested in how Mine Action can facilitate reconciliation through civil society and state collaboration, offering valuable insights into achieving lasting and inclusive peace in post-conflict regions.

*Interpretation: Spanish and English*

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**Steps to a Safer Future: Successes and Challenges in Landmine Clearance (2019-2024)**

**Mine Action Review, and Advisory Board members; The HALO Trust, Mines Advisory Group, and Norwegian People's Aid**

*Romchong Room*

The Mine Action Review will share the latest insights from its global research and analysis on efforts to address anti-personnel mines, based on findings from the Clearing the Mines Report (2024). While record-breaking annual clearance achievements indicate significant progress, many States Parties face stalled efforts, particularly in areas affected by legacy issues or border contamination. Additionally, the rising threat of improvised mines deployed by non-state armed groups, coupled with complex operating environments, presents ongoing challenges to effective mine action. This side event will offer a frank assessment of the current status of Article 5 implementation and outline what is necessary for sustained progress across affected States Parties. International clearance operators HALO, MAG, and NPA will leverage their operational expertise and geographic reach, presenting examples of impactful developments and innovative approaches since the Oslo Review Conference that have helped overcome obstacles to progress.

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**Addressing Border Contamination: Challenges and Opportunities for a Mine-Free World**

**Switzerland, the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, and the International Committee of the Red Cross**

*Nakry Room*

Explosive ordnance contamination in border areas presents a significant challenge to fulfilling mine clearance obligations. This side event will explore the obstacles, best practices, and opportunities for mine action at both strategic and operational levels. We will share findings from recent research, including an initial mapping of explosive ordnance contamination in these regions, which highlights the importance of borders for state security, sustainable development, humanitarian aid, peacebuilding, and environmental

protection. Insights and good practices from affected states will stimulate reflection and call for further action to enhance mine action efforts in border areas. We will showcase successful partnerships that demonstrate how coordinated efforts and joint operations can foster confidence-building and collaboration between neighbouring states. Addressing border contamination requires a unified commitment from affected states and donors to leverage resources effectively. This discussion aims to provide key considerations for the Conference outcomes and the next five years of implementation.

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## **Whole of Society Approach to Addressing the Threats of Improvised Mines and Delivering Emergency Care in Fragile Settings**

**United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action and Small Arms Survey**

*Kravan Room*

Anti-personnel mines of an improvised nature are reported in conflict areas across the globe and are widely used by non-State armed groups. They cause numerous casualties and devastating injuries, jeopardize security, impede humanitarian operations, and challenge States Parties' ability to implement Article 5 of the Convention on clearance. Addressing this threat in a comprehensive and gender responsive manner requires the engagement of expertise from various communities of practice. The side event will explore the benefits of using a whole-of-society approach to prevent the use of these devices and mitigate their impact on lives and livelihood. It will outline the key components of the whole of society approach, the main actors, and how they can contribute effectively, in line with their respective priorities and expertise. Victim assistance is a critical part of the whole-of-society approach to addressing these threats, nevertheless challenges arise particularly in relation to emergency care in low resource settings. Panellists will explore strategies that have been effective in reducing preventable death and disability in other contexts and consider how these can be adapted and successfully implemented in such settings. This dialogue will aim to lay the groundwork for strengthened cooperation between mine action actors and health stakeholders involved in trauma care capacity-building to improve survivor outcomes.

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