# TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES

Geneva 1-5 December 2025





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## Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties 1 to 5 December 2025, Geneva

The Convention seeks "to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel (AP) mines" through the pursuit of four core aims: global acceptance for the ban; destruction of stockpiled AP mines; clearance of mined areas; and, assistance to the victims. To achieve these aims, it is essential to facilitate compliance, provide cooperation and assistance, foster transparency and the exchange of information, and support the Convention's implementation. This collective work has helped protect mine-affected communities globally by greatly reducing new casualties and strengthening support for mine victims and survivors.

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## 1 Official Opening

The President of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties (22MSP), H.E. ICHIKAWA Tomiko, Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament formally opens the meeting. Ambassador ICHIKAWA was elected President, at the conclusion of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties in November 2023. The Ambassador is the first East Asian woman to lead the work of the States Parties and seventh woman overall since the Convention began formal proceedings in 1999.



## **2** Ceremonial Opening

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan H.E. Motegi Toshimitsu and UN Secretary-General H.E. António Guterres are set to deliver video messages. The Under Secretary General and UN High Representative for Disarmament Izumi Nakamitsu joins the Convention Special Envoys — Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid, Princess of Belgium and His Royal Highness Prince Mired Raad Zeid Al-Hussein of Jordan and the following distinguished guests,



- Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Dr Gilles Carbonnier,
- Chairman and CEO of the Amputee Self-Help Network Uganda a Member Organisation of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) Dr Alex Munyambabazi,
  - President of the Council of Foundation of the **Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) Dr Barbara Haering**.











To close this special segment and as the two newest States Parties, the **Republic of the Marshall Islands** and the **Kingdom of Tonga** are invited to address the plenary.

## 3 Adoption of the Agenda

The 22MSP is set to adopt document #APLC/MSP.22/2025/1, presented at the 2025 Intersessional Meetings.

## 4 Election of the Vice-Presidents and Other Officers

The 22MSP is asked to elect the eight outgoing members of the Committees: **Burkina Faso, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Peru, Thailand, Türkiye, and United Kingdom**, as Vice-Presidents of the Meeting.

## 5 Confirmation of the Secretary-General

The 22MSP is to confirm the Permanent Representative of **Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament H.E. Julien Thöni** as its Secretary-General. Ambassador Thöni is set to address the plenary in representation of the host country.



## 6 Organisation of Work

The 22MSP is set to adopt its programme contained in document #APLC/MSP.22/2025/2, presented at the 17-20 June 2025 Intersessional Meetings.

## 11:30 - 13:00 | Plenary

## 7 General Exchange of Views

Delegations are invited to deliver brief general statements (no longer than three minutes). States Parties and Observers are encouraged to refrain from making general statements and rather provide updates on thematic matters indicated in agenda item 9. Interested delegations should contact the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) to be inscribed in the speakers' list: isu(at)apminebanconvention.org. Alternatively, written statements can be submitted to be made available on the Convention's website.

## 13:00 - 15:00 | Side Events\*

From Clearance to Community: Advancing Women, Peace and Security through Mine Action

Room: Concordia 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Hosts: Norway, UNIDIR, HALO Trust, Colombian

Campaign to Ban Landmines (CCCM)

This event will explore the synergies between the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda and mine action, showcasing projects that bring together these policy areas in various parts of the world. Panellists will share lessons learned from integrating gender perspectives into mine action, examine progress made in promoting women's leadership across the sector, and highlight initiatives that prevent gender-based violence (GBV) and foster women's empowerment in communities freed from landmines. Key topics for discussion include: Lessons learned from 25 years of the WPS agenda and the links with mine action; Enabling environments for women's participation and leadership in demining; Preventing genderbased violence and promoting the economic inclusion of women in areas cleared of landmines.

Building Synergies and Improving Transparency Reporting Outcomes Across Conventional Arms Control Instruments

Room: Concordia 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Hosts: Permanent Mission of Australia and UNIDIR

Under Article 7 of the Convention and its Action Plans, States Parties must report on progress in implementing their obligations under Convention. Transparent and timely reporting serves as a vital indicator of the Convention's overall health, and provides a benchmark for measuring the collective and individual progress of States Parties in achieving their goals. Challenges persist in transparency reporting across the Convention and other conventional arms control instruments. This side event brings together UNIDIR and Member States to share ideas and experiences to identify ways to improve reporting outcomes. The event will also present Australia's working paper on synergies in reporting across arms control instruments.

Sustaining Article 5 Progress in a Global Funding Crisis: Challenges and Implications for South Sudan

Room: XII (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Hosts: Sudan's National Mine Action Authority

(NMAA), UNMAS

The side event will examine how the global humanitarian and UN funding crisis is undermining South Sudan's ability to meet its Article 5 obligations under the Convention. South Sudan's four-year extension request to July 2030, submitted in May and revised in August 2025, reflects remaining contamination and slowed progress driven by major funding shortfalls. Liquidity constraints have reduced clearance capacity from 19 to 5 teams, with no mechanical assets. Despite strong national commitment, the 2030 target is unlikely to be achieved without substantial, predictable donor support. The event will outline these challenges, their global implications, and the need for sustained financing.

**Landmine Monitor 2025 Briefing** 

Room: Assembly Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Host: ICBL

Landmine Monitor editorial team members will present key findings on mine ban policy, use, production, trade, and stockpiling; progress and remaining challenges in assessing and addressing the impact of mine contamination and casualties through clearance, risk education, and victim assistance; and global trends in mine action funding.

Conflict Sensitivity "No Longer A 'Luxury' But An Operational Necessity In Humanitarian Mine Action". Systemic Challenges To Strengthening Conflict Sensitivity

Room: XV (by invitation) Hosts: Interpeace, GICHD

How can we move beyond a narrow technical view of Conflict Sensitivity in mine action? What practical, institutional, and political changes are needed to embed it meaningfully—and what role can donors and sector leaders play in enabling transformative change? This roundtable, hosted by Interpeace and GICHD, aims to move the conversation beyond treating conflict sensitivity as a checklist or training exercise. Instead, it explores it as a reflective process that considers how mine action interacts with conflict and peace dynamics. Drawing on recent literature and key informant interviews, the discussion will share insights, highlight good practices, and examine the systemic barriers and opportunities for building more peace-responsive mine action.

#### **EXHIBITS**

### **Immersive Stories of Conflict**

Room: Salle des Pas Perdus (outside the Assembly Hall) Only on 1 December

Host: ICRC | This collection of VR and 3D experiences produced by ICRC places you at the heart of real humanitarian challenges, offering first-hand insight into the impact of mine/ERW and the journeys of those striving to survive and recover.

#### Upholding the Mine Ban Convention: A Shared Responsibility To Eradicate Mines and Empower Lives

Room: Salle des Pas Perdus (outside the Assembly Hall) from 1 to 3 December

Hosts: United Nations and ICBL with contributions from ICBL members Humanity and Inclusion and Norwegian People's Aid. | Through photos from Syria, Ukraine, and the ICBL archive, survivors' stories on rehabilitation, and a mine-clearance demonstration, the exhibition serves as a reminder of the shared responsibility to rid the world of anti-personnel mines and to address the dire consequences of their use.

## 8 Informal Presentation of Requests Submitted Under Article 5 and of their Analyses

States Parties that have submitted requests in 2025 – Angola, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Sudan, Tajikistan, Türkiye, and Zimbabwe – are invited to present the salient points of their requests up to seven minutes.

Following each presentation, the Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation presents the analysis of the request. The floor then opens for other States and Organisations wishing to remark on the requests for <u>no longer than three minutes</u>. Decisions on the requests under agenda item 12 are taken on Friday 5 December.

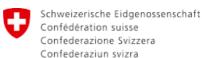
## Victim Assistance Experts Meeting (VAEM) | 15:00 – 16:30

Room: Concordia A239, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, access through door A15 / By invitation only

The Committee on Victim Assistance (VA) is convening an informal exchange with VA experts, centring on progress and challenges found in the first year of implementing Actions 30-39 of the SRAAP.

The expert discussion is to focus on priority setting for 2026. The session is conducted primarily in English, with interpretation into additional languages to be confirmed. All VA experts are warmly welcome to join this important conversation. For more information, please contact the ISU.

## 18:15 - 19:45 Opening Reception



Swiss Confederation



DELEGATION OF JAPAN
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT



Delegates are kindly invited to a cocktail reception hosted by the President of the 22MSP, the Swiss Confederation, the Canton of Geneva, and City of Geneva. The opening reception takes place at the Delegates' Restaurant, 8th Floor, Building A, Palais des Nations.





- 8 Informal Presentation of Requests Submitted Under Article 5 and of their Analysis (continued)
- 9 Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention

## f) Universalizing the Convention

The President is to present an overview of the status of universalization and activities carried out to promote the Convention and address challenges facing it. Delegations are invited to take the floor for no more than five minutes as follows,

- States that have decided to join the Convention.
- States not party wishing to share views on the Convention or provide updates on steps taken to accede to the Convention.
- States Parties that have deposited their instruments of withdrawal.

Other delegations are invited to take the floor for no more than three minutes to,

- Provide updates on efforts to encourage universal acceptance of the Convention.
- Share views on universalization in accordance with Actions 11 through 12 of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan (SRAAP).



Over 700 delegates representing 100 States —including 11 not-party— and more than 30 international and non-governmental organisations joined in Cambodia in November 2024 for the,

## Siem Reap-Angkor Summit on a Mine-Free World

The Summit, or Fifth Review Conference, concluded with the adoption of a new five-year action plan, the SRAAP. The 2025-2029 plan aims to guide the effective implementation of the Convention to reduce or eliminate new casualties and fulfil remaining obligations including by fostering the full and equal participation of survivors in soci

Download the publication containing the Convention Text, the Siem Reap-Angkor Political Declaration, the SRAAP, and the work of the President and Committees in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish.





## 13:00 - 15:00 | Side Events\*

## Clearing the Mines 2025: Progress and Challenges in Article 5 and SRAAP Implementation

Room: XV, (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Host: Mine Action Review

Join Mine Action Review for an overview of the latest findings and analysis from this year's 'Clearing the Mines 2025' report and monitoring of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan. The 45minute briefing will highlight global progress and remaining challenges in implementing Article 5 one of the core provisions at the heart of the Convention—in a year in which a record 13 clearance deadline extension requests are under consideration. Discover which affected States are on track to meet their obligations, which are facing setbacks, and the factors behind both. This briefing offers valuable insights for affected States, donors, and implementing partners committed to completion and to putting an end to the suffering and casualties caused by antipersonnel mines.

## Strengthening National Capacity toward a Mine-Free World Through a Mine Action Platform, the Japan-Cambodia Cooperation

Room: XII (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Host: Japan International Cooperation Agency

(JICA)

This side event, organized by JICA under Japan's presidency of the 22MSP, will highlight how the long-term partnership between Japan and Cambodia has strengthened national capacity for mine action and inspired broader International Cooperation with other mine-affected countries. Building on more than three decades of collaboration, the event will feature concrete experiences from Cambodia's cooperation with Colombia, South Sudan, and Lao PDR, illustrating how an affected country can evolve from being a recipient of aid to becoming a technical provider. Through case studies and dialogue, participants will examine how knowledge-sharing, regional cooperation, and national leadership contribute to faster, safer, and more sustainable mine action. The session will also explore pathways to expand these cooperation models toward achieving a world free from the threat of landmines.

## From Policy to Practice: Embedding Environmental Responsibility in Mine Action Programmes

Room: Concordia 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Hosts: NPA & Conflict and Environment

Observatory (CEOBS)

Important progress has been made to integrate climate and environmental considerations into mine action. Recent milestones include the revision of the IMAS 07.13 and its accompanying technical note: incorporation of environmental considerations across the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan; and the release and rollout of the Green Tool (GFT). The challenge now is to translate these frameworks into concrete action. Affected States Parties must take active steps to embed sound environmental practices within their mine action programmes. This side event will take stock of progress to date. There will be an overview of how affected States are advancing implementation; an affected State will share national efforts to align NMAS IMAS 07:13 and implement the SRAAP; and NPA and CEOBS will present lessons learned from the roll out of the GFT in 8 NPA programmes.

#### **Individualised Approach: Sudan**

Host: Committee on the Enhancement of

Cooperation and Assistance (by invitation)

Room: Concordia 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)





- 9 Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention (continued)
  - f) Universalizing the Convention (continued)
  - a) Assisting the Victims: Conclusions and Recommendations Related to the Mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance (VA)

The Committee Chair is set to present the Committee's conclusions and recommendations. States Parties implementing VA activities¹ are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil their commitments in accordance with Actions 30 through 39 of the SRAAP and to comment on the conclusions of the Committee for <u>no more than five minutes</u>. Other delegations may share their remarks on these updates and share their views on victim assistance – <u>three minutes or less</u> –.

The Convention was the first disarmament instrument to take into account the rights of persons affected by the weapon being prohibited. With this, the concept of *victim assistance* was born, serving as reference for subsequent treaties and evolving over time to a rights-based approach that should be integrated into broader national policies and programmes.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The following 39 States Parties have reported carrying out victim assistance activities: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Jordan, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine (State of), Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, Yemen, and Zimbabwe.

## 9 Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention (continued)

- a) Assisting the Victims: Conclusions and Recommendations (continued)
- b) Destruction of Anti-Personnel Mines in Mined Areas
  - i) Clearing Mined Areas: Conclusions and Recommendations

The session begins with the Chair of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation presenting the Committee's conclusions and recommendations. States Parties which have recently completed or are still in the process of clearing mined areas, to the exception of the 14 States Parties that have submitted extension requests, are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil their Article 5 obligations and their commitments in accordance with Actions 17 through 25 of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan and to comment on the conclusions of the Committee in intervention not lasting more than five minutes. Other delegations may remark on these updates and share their views not exceeding three minutes.

Of the 65 States Parties that have reported mined areas, **31 have declared completion of their obligation** in compliance with Article 5. This includes Oman which announced such completion at the 2025 Intersessional Meetings.

1999 Bulgaria | 2002 Costa Rica | 2004 Djibouti, Honduras | 2005 Guatemala, Suriname | 2006 North Macedonia 2007 Eswatini | 2008 France, Malawi | 2009 Albania, Greece, Rwanda, Tunisia, Zambia | 2010 Nicaragua 2012 Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Gambia, Jordan, Uganda | 2013 Bhutan, Germany, Hungary, Venezuela 2014 Burundi | 2015 Mozambique | 2017 Algeria | 2020 Chile, United Kingdom\* 2025 Oman



Photo above features the Omani delegation being congratulated by the Convention President and the 2025 Chair of the Committee on Article 5, Thailand.

<sup>\*</sup> See APLC/MSP.18/2020/MISC.4

#### ii) Mine Risk Education and Risk Reduction

Mine-affected States Parties are invited to present on their progress and challenges in implementing mine risk education and risk reduction programmes and to provide updates in five minutes or less, on their efforts on Actions 26 through 28. Other delegations may remark on these updates and share their views in three minutes or less. The incoming Committee Chair is set to present the Committee's 2026 priorities for implementation.

### iii) Report on the Voluntary Trust Fund Feasibility Study

Action 44 of the SRAAP indicated, "States Parties in a position to provide assistance will strengthen efforts to effectively coordinate their support for the effective implementation of Convention obligations by affected States Parties, (...). As part of this effort, States Parties will explore the feasibility of establishing a voluntary trust fund to support affected States Parties struggling to secure international assistance for their legal and time-bound commitments under Article 5 of the Convention, with a view to reporting on the progress made to the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties and to taking a decision thereon by no later than the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties." The Fifth Review Conference mandated the President of the 22MSP to "establish a working group to support the implementation" of this Action. On this, the President is set to provide an update on Action 44. The Chair of the Working Group is set to present on their activities and progress. Delegations may remark on these updates and share their view in three minutes or less.

Article 5 Deadlines <sup>3</sup>						
STATE PARTY	DEADLINE	STATE PARTY	DEADLINE			
Afghanistan	I March 2030	Mauritania	31 January 2026			
Angola	31 December 2025	Niger	31 December 2029			
Argentina	I March 2026	Nigeria	31 December 2025			
Bosnia and Herzegovina	I March 2027	Palestine, State of	I June 2028			
Burkina Faso	(TBD by the 22MSP)	Peru	31 December 2029			
Cambodia	31 December 2025	Senegal	I March 2026			
Chad	l January 2030	Serbia	31 December 2026			
Colombia	31 December 2025	Somalia	I October 2027			
Croatia	I March 2026	South Sudan	9 July 2026			
Cyprus	I July 2028	Sri Lanka	I June 2028			
DR Congo	31 December 2025	Sudan	I April 2027			
Ecuador	31 December 2025	Tajikistan	31 December 2025			
Eritrea	31 December 2027	Thailand	31 December 2026			
Ethiopia	31 December 2025	Türkiye	31 December 2025			
Guinea-Bissau	31 December 2027	Ukraine	I December 2033			
Iraq	l February 2028	Yemen	I March 2028			
Mali	(TBD)	Zimbabwe	31 December 2025			

Countries in grey-shaded boxes have requested extensions of their deadlines for 22MSP consideration.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Guinea-Bissau declared completion in 2012 but has since identified previously unknown mined areas under its jurisdiction or control. Nigeria declared completion in 2011 but has since identified newly mined areas under its jurisdiction or control. Mauritania declared completion in 2018 but has since identified new areas under its jurisdiction or control.

## 13:00 - 15:00 | Side Events\*

## **Strengthening Reporting on Victim Assistance**

Room: Concordia 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Host: Committee on Victim Assistance

The objective of the side event is to assist the States Parties to enhance the quality and consistency of their reporting on victim assistance, with a particular focus on the implementation of Actions 30-39 of the SRAAP. The event will highlight the importance of establishing baseline data in 2025 and ensuring that Article 7 reports reflect both achievements and obstacles encountered. Also, the Committee will present practical guidance developed to assist with aligning victim assistance reporting with "sister"-Conventions such Convention on Cluster Munitions, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons Protocol V as well as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

## **Humanitarian Mine Action and Housing, Land** and Property (HLP) in Yemen, Syria and South Sudan - Pathways to Effective Integration, **Peace and Early Recovery**

Room: Concordia 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Hosts: Danish Refugee Council, UNDP, UNMAS,

**HLP Cluster** 

Protracted conflicts, asymmetric warfare and constrained resources - today's operating environment for mine action is increasingly complex. Land release processes thus must adapt to not cause harm and maximize impacts return, economic reconstruction and recovery. This side event will discuss how DRC, UNDP & UNMAS have approached these realties through integrating HLP in mine action to strengthen prioritisation, efficiencies effectiveness. Reps from the global cluster structure and three organisations will discuss lessons learned from Yemen, Syria, South Sudan and Ethiopia, to underscore the importance of conflict sensitivity, multi-sectoral coordination and localisation as crucial tools of programme design and implementation. Community liaison and non-technical survey are gateways for mine action to ensure durable solutions displacement and ultimately recovery.

#### Strengthening International Cooperation through Capacity Development for a Mine-Free

Room: XII (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Host: Cambodia's Mine Action and Victim

Assistance Authority (CMAA)

The Ottawa Convention provides the foundation for a mine-free world, but achieving this vision requires sustained international cooperation and capacity development. Many affected States Parties continue to face operational, technical, and institutional challenges in fulfilling their Article 5 obligations. Cambodia, among the most mine-affected countries, has built strong institutional capacity and actively shares its expertise with other affected States, supported by long-standing partnerships with international organizations, NGOs, donors, and development partners. Across the global mine action community, such cooperation accelerates clearance, enhances coordination, and ensures long-term sustainability. This side event will offer a platform to exchange concrete experiences, showcase capacity-development initiatives, and explore ways to strengthen cooperation globally.

## Silent Killers: A Podcast on Upholding the **Landmine Ban Amid Rising Threats**

Room: XV (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Host: ICBL

Join us for the recording of the final episode of the Silent Killers podcast series, a 10-part set of conversations that have explored lessons from the Mine Ban Treaty movement amid today's unprecedented challenges. This dynamic conversation will bring together key champions of the mine ban community under the moderation of a renowned filmmaker and activist podcaster. Together, they will reflect on the treaty's remarkable legacy, examine the serious threats to its integrity, and offer unique perspectives on why the international community must stand firm in defending and upholding the ban amid mounting threats.

## 9 Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention (continued)

- b) Destruction of Anti-Personnel Mines in Mined Areas (continued)
- c) Cooperation and Assistance: Conclusions and Recommendations Related to the Mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

The Committee Chair is set to present the Committee's conclusions and recommendations.

Delegations wishing to provide brief updates on their efforts and/or challenges in accordance with SRAAP Actions 40 through 45 are invited to do so as follows:

- States Parties implementing key provisions of the Convention and those in a position to provide assistance are invited to deliver statements no more than five minutes;
- Other delegations may remark on these updates and share their views on related matters in three minutes or less.

The incoming Chair is set to deliver the Committee's priorities for implementation for 2026.

## **Programme Day 4 | Thursday 4 December 2025**

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## 10:00 – 13:00 | Plenary

- 9 Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention (continued)
  - c) Cooperation and Assistance: Conclusions and Recommendations (continued)
  - d) Preventing and Suppressing Prohibited Activities and Facilitating Compliance: Conclusions and Recommendations Related to the Mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance

The Chair of the Committee is set to present the Committee's conclusions and recommendations.

Delegations are invited to take the floor as follows,

- States Parties mentioned in the conclusions of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance<sup>4</sup> are invited to provide an update on ongoing investigations or activities undertaken to ensure compliance in accordance with Actions 46 through 48 of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan in up to five minutes.
- Other delegations may remark on these updates and share their views on these matters in <u>three</u> minutes or less.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sudan, Ukraine, and Yemen.

## 13:00 - 15:00 | Side Events\*

# Strengthening Community Resilience through EORE and VA Localised Approaches in Northeast Nigeria

Room: Concordia 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Host: Nigeria Borno state / Centre for Social Cohesion Peace and Empowerment (CENSCOPE)

CENSCOPE has advanced Mine Action (MA) programming across Northeast Nigeria in EORE, VA and Advocacy. CENSCOPE has directly reached 194,010 beneficiaries with EORE messages using face-to-face approaches, 500,000 at-risk population extending awareness to remote and hard-to-reach areas through radio programming, identified and documented 52 explosive ordnance hazardous (EOHAs), areas provided comprehensive VA services to 350 explosive ordnance survivors through the provision of diverse services.

## Implementing Women, Peace, and Security in Mine Action: From Policy to Practice

Room: Concordia 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) Hosts: Switzerland and GICHD

Marking the 25th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, this side event will bring together affected States to exchange practical approaches for integrating the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda across mine action. Guided by the four WPS pillars—protection, participation, prevention, and relief and recovery—panellists from affected states will share experiences and lessons learned. The GICHD will also launch its new Recommendation Brief for National Mine Action Authorities and Mine Action Centres on Strengthening Mine Action through WPS, offering actionable guidance for NMAAs/NMACs to advance the WPS Agenda through practical steps.

## **Mine Action Support Group**

Room: XV (2nd floor) Host: MASG (by invitation)



## Regional Perspectives on Innovation and Special Film Screening: *Broken Courage*

Room: XIV (1st floor)

Hosts: Permanent Mission of Canada and ICBL

Join us for a special screening of the award-winning documentary Broken Courage, which invites us into the lived experience of a Cambodian landmine survivor, Suon Rottana, rebuilding life, identity, and community after conflict. Following the film, a conversation with director David Peck and other key campaign partners will explore empathy, healing, and the shared responsibility of working toward a minefree world. Together, we'll reflect on resilience, trauma recovery, and the urgent call for radical hope as we raise awareness around landmines, disarmament, and the ongoing impact of unexploded ordnance worldwide

#### **Humanitarian Commitment in Mine Action**

Room: XII (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Host: Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

As global mine action adapts to financial constraints and rapid technological change, this side event explores how innovation can strengthen humanitarian mine action while sustaining the spirit of cooperation that underpins the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. Informed by perspectives from Africa, Europe, and the Americas, the discussion will consider regional experiences that illustrate both the resilience of the Convention's norms and the challenges they face in an evolving global context.

## The Future of the Mine Ban Treaty: Youth Leadership Across the Mine Action Pillars

Room: Assembly Hall Host: Mines Action Canada

Join Mines Action Canada and the Mine Action Fellows for an interactive discussion highlighting the contributions of youth to the future of the Mine Ban Treaty. Learn how youth are currently supporting cross-cutting implementation of the Treaty and hear how States Parties can tap into their leadership as we address the challenges facing the treaty.

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## 9 Consideration of the General Status and Operation of the Convention (continued)

### e) Destroying Stockpiled Anti-Personnel Mines

After the President's conclusions and recommendations on stockpile destruction, delegations are invited to provide updates on matters related to stockpile destruction and / or mines retained for permitted purposes as follows and in <u>no more than five minutes</u>,

- States Parties having missed their Article 4 deadline<sup>5</sup>;
- States Parties having discovered previously unknown stockpiled anti-personnel mines;
- States Parties that retain anti-personnel mines for training and other permitted purposes under Article 3 are invited to provide information in accordance with Action 16 of the SRAAP;

Other delegations may remark on these updates or share their views in under three minutes.

## g) Transparency and the Exchange of Information

The President is set to provide an overview of the status of transparency. Delegations are invited to provide updates or share their views in <u>three minutes or less.</u>

### h) Implementation Support

## i. Report on The Activities, Functioning and Finances of the ISU and Presentation of a Work Plan and a Budget for the 2026 Activities of the ISU

Further to the "Directive from the States Parties to the ISU" adopted by the 10MSP and further to decisions of the 14MSP on strengthening financial governance and transparency, the ISU is to propose and present every year to the Coordinating Committee for endorsement, and subsequently to the Meeting of the States Parties for approval, a detailed yearly budget and work plan for the ensuing year within the range and limits of the applicable multi-year work plan, both in terms of expenditures related to core support and expenditures related to enhanced support contained therein.

The Director of the ISU is to present on these activities, ISU functioning and finances, the 2025 interim report, 2024 audited report, and work plan and budget for 2026. Delegations wishing to provide comments and/or share their views on the ISU work plan and budget 2026, the 2024 audit report, or the 2025 preliminary financial report are welcome to do so in three minutes or less.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Greece and Ukraine

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- ISU 2025 interim report APLC/MSP.22/2025/6
- ISU 2024 audited report APLC/ MSP.22/2025/5
- ISU work plan and budget for 2026 APLC/ MSP.22/2025/4

#### ii. Selection Process for a New ISU Director

The President is set to provide an update regarding the selection process for the new ISU Director, including the selection panel and vacancy announcement.

The 22MSP is asked to approve the "Draft Decision on the Selection Procedure for the Recruitment of a New ISU Director" and the "Vacancy Announcement".

### iii. Other Matters Concerning Implementation Support

The 22MSP President consulted with States Parties to identify nominees to serve as new Committee members. On the basis of interest expressed, the President developed a list and proposes the following eight new States Parties to start their two-year membership term at the end of the 22MSP:

- Committee on Victim Assistance: El Salvador and Mozambique (to join Austria and Sri Lanka)
- Committee on Article 5 Implementation: Bulgaria and Burkina Faso (to join Algeria and Norway)
- Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance: Slovenia and Thailand (to join Cameroon and Switzerland)
- Committee on Cooperative Compliance: Mexico and United Kingdom (to join Belgium and Cambodia)

The 22MSP is asked to agree on the following proposed date,

#### Intersessional Meetings from 15 to 18 June 2026

The Sponsorship Programme Coordinator is to provide an update on the status of the Programme.





## 10. Thematic Panel: Sustainable Capacity Building

Since the adoption of the Convention, States Parties have consistently recognised that capacity building is central to its successful implementation. Article 6 of the Convention underscores the importance of sustained international cooperation to support mine-affected States in developing the technical, financial, and institutional capabilities needed to meet their obligations.

Although each State Party faces unique circumstances, lessons from mine-affected countries reveal common principles that underpin effective capacity-building efforts. The 2025-2029 SRAAP reaffirms the commitment of States Parties to:

- Establish sustainable national capacities able to coordinate, regulate, and manage the national mine action programme including on survey, clearance, mine risk education, and victim assistance (Action 2); and
- Ensure the establishment of a sustainable national capacity to implement the Convention and address previously unknown mined areas and/or newly mined areas, discovered following completion (Action 21).

This thematic panel seeks to explore the critical role of capacity building and of ensuring that sustainable capacity is in place beyond completion of Article 5. The discussion also seeks to identify opportunities for enhanced cooperation among governments, civil society, and international partners, and offer an opportunity for delegations to share their experience in implementing these SRAAP Actions.

## 11:00 – 13:00 | Plenary

## 7 General Exchange of Views (continued)

If necessary, this agenda item is reopened to give the opportunity to those delegations which could not deliver general statements on Monday to do so, for a duration of maximum three minutes.

## 11 Status of Assessed Contributions Received Pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention

Presentation of the status of assessed contributions; delegations may provide comments and views on the matter keeping statements to a maximum of three minutes.





If you said seven, you are right! A true testament to the Convention community. The following presidencies coincided at the 2024 Intersessional Meeting. From left to right,

Switzerland (9MSP, 2008), Norway (Oslo Review Conference, 2019), Japan (23MSP, 2025), Cambodia (Siem Reap-Angkor Summit, 2024), Zambia (24MSP, 2026), Germany (21MSP, 2023), and Albania (10MSP, 2010).

## 13:00 - 15:00 | Side Events\*

Implementing the Convention in Complex Settings

Room: Concordia 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Host: UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS)

This event will focus on countries that have requested extensions and initiatives to implement the Siem Reap Angkor Action Plan in low-resource or/and conflict settings (Afghanistan, CAR, Ethiopia, Iraq, Nigeria, OPT, Sudan, Syria, Yemen). The challenges faced include funding cuts, access issues, bureaucratic impediments, lack of capacity, ongoing fighting, attacks by non-state armed groups, and use of victim activated IEDs.



Speakers will present various approaches to manage complex risks, protect civilians, and enable socioeconomic recovery.

Victim Assistance: Comparing Best Practices From Long-Term Projects in Colombia with Recent Findings From the Crisis Context In Ukraine

Room: XII (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Humanity & Inclusion in cooperation with Germany and Danish Refugee Council

The Mine Ban Treaty recognizes victim assistance as both a core obligation and a humanitarian priority. Colombia has made notable progress in reforming its laws and policies, developing longterm, inclusive, and community-based VA approaches shaped by its experience with internal conflict. In contrast, Ukraine faces a rapidly evolving challenge as ongoing hostilities create new contamination and victim assistance Emerging evidence from Ukraine needs. highlights both difficulties and innovative responses that may guide future best practices. This side event aims to strengthen VA in Ukraine through inclusive, non-discriminatory strategies inspired by Colombia's experience, fostering participation, coordination, survivor sustainable, rights-based support.

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## 15:00 - 18:00 | Plenary

## 12 Consideration of Requests Submitted Under Article 5

Decisions to be adopted on the requests for extended mine clearance deadlines submitted by,

Angola, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Sudan, Tajikistan, Türkiye and Zimbabwe.

13 Consideration of Matters Arising from/in the Context of Reports Submitted Under Article 7

14 Consideration of Requests Submitted Under Article 8



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## 15 Election of the President of the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the States Parties

The 22MSP is being asked to elect H.E. Christophe PAYOT, Permanent representative of Belgium to the UN Office and other International Organisations in Geneva as President of the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the States Parties (24MSP) to take place in 2027.

If the Meeting agrees, this will be the third time that Belgium presides over the work of the States Parties, having done so previously in 2002 (4MSP) and 2015 (14MSP).



## 16 Duration and Matters Pertaining to the Preparations for the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties and the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the States Parties

The Meeting is being asked to agree that the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties (23MSP) take place in Geneva from 30 November to 4 December 2026.

At the conclusion of the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties in 2023, **Her Excellency Eunice M. Tembo Luambia**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Zambia to the UN in Geneva, was elected as 23MSP President. The Ambassador is the first African woman to preside over a Meeting of the States Parties and the eight woman overall, since the Convention began its formal proceedings in 1999. Zambia's presidency begins upon the conclusion of the 22MSP.



The Meeting is being asked to adopt the costs estimates of the 24MSP as contained in document #APLC/MSP.22/2025/24.

#### **17 Any Other Business**

Delegations may take the floor on matters that have not been covered otherwise by the Meeting.

### 18 Consideration and Adoption of the Final Document

The Meeting is asked to consider and adopt its final report.

## 19 Closure of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties

The President of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties, H.E. ICHIKAWA Tomiko, Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament formally closes the meeting.





Although not a State Party, Lebanon has participated in most formal meetings of the Convention as an Observer. We recognise the former Director of the Lebanese Mine Action Centre (LMAC), Brig. Gen. Jihad Al Bechelany, for his longstanding engagement with the Convention. He is pictured here with ISU Director Juan Carlos Ruan and Special Envoy HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium during a 2019 universalization visit to Lebanon.



1 March Twenty-Seventh Anniversary of the Convention's entry into force

Feb/Mar (tbd) Eleventh International Pledging Conference | Geneva

March 31 Deadline to submit Article 5 extension requests, if necessary

April 4 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

April 30 Deadline to submit Article 7 transparency reports for calendar year 2025

June 15-18 Intersessional Meetings (subject to 22MSP approval) | Geneva

September 18 Twenty-Ninth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Convention in Oslo

November 30 to
December 4 23MSP (subject to 22MSP approval) | Geneva

December 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 3-4 Twenty-Ninth Anniversary of the Signing of the Convention in Ottawa

We say *goodbye* and extend a *heartfelt thanks* to various *friends of the Convention* who for years - if not decades - helped advance treaty implementation through dedicated work with States Parties or relevant organisations.



(L) ICRC VA Expert Marc Zlot is pictured here at the Second Global Conference on VA in Jordan sharing his vast knowledge on rehabilitation. (R) Louis Maresca former Deputy Head of the Weapons Contamination Unit at ICRC. Lou as he is often called, was also a key figure of the mine ban movement in the 1990s.



(L-R) Major General Muhabbat Ibrohimzoda led the Tajikistan Mine Action Centre (TMAC) until his retirement this summer. He is pictured with VA Expert Dr Reykhan Muminova who supported survivors and affected families including through summer rehabilitation camps with activities such as art expression and dance.



Brigadier General M.B. Ncube, longserving Director of the Zimbabwe Mine Action Centre (ZIMAC), retired after a decade of distinguished leadership that strengthened Zimbabwe's mine-action efforts, inspired a proud, dedicated team and left an enduring legacy.



Slađana Košutić, Senior Advisor on mine action supported the Serbia Mine Action Centre (SMAC) for over a decade.



Raed Jabbar, former Head of Cooperation, Directorate for Mine Action (DMA) Iraq, was instrumental during the numerous national and regional dialogues.

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- Providing advice and technical support on implementation and universalization;
- Providing substantive and other support to the Convention's office holders;
- Communicating on behalf of the President and States Parties and providing information about the Convention;
- Keeping records of formal and informal meetings; and,
- Liaising and coordinating with relevant international and non-governmental organisations that participate in the work of the Convention

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