

Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties | 1 – 5 December 2025

Programme of Side Events

Monday, 1 December 2025

13:00 - 15:00

Landmine Monitor 2025 Briefing

International Campaign to Ban Landmines

Assembly Hall

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. Contact: elea@icblcmc.org

Building synergies and improving transparency reporting outcomes across conventional arms control instruments

Permanent Mission of Australia, UNIDIR

Concordia 4

Under Article 7 of the APMBC and Convention's Action Plans, States Parties must report on progress in implementing their obligations under the 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. At the same time, common challenges persist in transparency reporting across the APMBC 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. Contact: Daniel.Kluger-Wynne@dfat.gov.au

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

Norway, UNIDIR, The HALO Trust, Colombian Campaign Against Mines Concordia 5

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 gender-based violence and promoting the economic inclusion of women in areas cleared of landmines. Contact: renata.hessmanndalaqua@un.org

Conflict Sensitivity: "no longer a 'luxury' but an operational necessity in Humanitarian Mine Action" Systemic challenges to strengthening Conflict Sensitivity in Humanitarian Mine Action - Opportunities for driving change (Invitation Only Event)

Interpeace, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian DeminingRoom XV

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 real, 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. Contact: waguih@interpeace.org

15:00 - 16:30

Victim Assistance Experts Meeting (Invitation Only Event)

Committee on Victim Assistance

Concordia A239

The Committee on Victim Assistance will convene an informal exchange with victim assistance experts. The objective is to discuss progress and challenges in implementing Actions 30-39 of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan (SRAAP) and priorities in 2026. Contact: f.alizada@apminebanconvention.org

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

13:00 - 15:00

Strengthening National Capacity toward a Mine-Free World - Through Mine Action Platform under the Japan-Cambodia cooperation

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Assembly Hall

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. Contact: hayashi@bose.jpn.org

Individualized Approach - Sudan (Invitation Only Event)

Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance Concordia 4

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

Norwegian People's Aid, Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS)

Concordia 5

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; the incorporation of environmental considerations across the Siem Reap Angkor Action Plan; and the release and rollout of the Green Field 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 and provide an overview of how affected States are advancing implementation; an affected State will share national efforts to align NMAS with IMAS 07:13 and implement the SRAAP; NPA and CEOBS will present lessons learned from the roll out of the GFT in 8 NPA programmes, and HI will present their pilot project from Colombia on integrating climate risks and environmental data. Contact: kristino@npaid.org

Mine Action Review Briefing on 'Clearing the Mines 2025': Progress and Challenges in Article 5 and SRAAP Implementation

Mine Action Review

Room XV

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 (SRAAP). The 45-minute briefing will highlight global progress and remaining challenges in implementing Article 5— one of the core provisions at the heart of the APMBC—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 anti-personnel mines. Contact: lucyp@npaid.org

Wednesday, 3 December 2025

13:00 - 15:00

Strengthening Reporting on Victim Assistance

The Committee on Victim Assistance

Concordia 4

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 as the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons Protocol V as well as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Contact: f.alizada@apminebanconvention.org

Humanitarian Mine Action and Housing, Land and Property (HLP) in Yemen, Syria and South Sudan – Pathways to effective integration, peace and early recovery

Danish Refugee Council, UNDP, UNMAS, HLP Cluster

Concordia 5

Room XII

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 for 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 prioritization, efficiencies and effectiveness. Representatives from the global cluster structure and three organizations will discuss lessons learned from Yemen, Syria, South Sudan and Ethiopia, to underscore the importance of conflict sensitivity, multi-sectoral coordination and localization as crucial tools of programme design and implementation. Community liaison and non-technical survey are gateways for mine action to ensure durable solutions to displacement and ultimately recovery. Contact: lisa.mueller-dormann@drc.ngo

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

Cambodia - Cambodia Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority

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. Contact: marie.dahan@undp.org

Silent Killers: A Podcast on Upholding the Landmine Ban Amid Rising Threats International Campaign to Ban Landmines

Room XV

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. Contact: charles@icblcmc.org

Thursday, 4 December 2025

13:00 - 15:00

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

Mines Action Canada

Assembly Hall

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. Contact: erin@minesactioncanada.org

Regional Perspectives on Innovation and Humanitarian Commitment in Mine Action

Red Cross Red Crescent Movement

Concordia 4

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. Contact: fahmed@circ.org

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

Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, Switzerland

Concordia 5

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. Contact: d.wolsey@gichd.org

Mine Action Support Group (Invitation Only Event)

Room: XV

A Special Screening of Broken Courage

International Campaign to Ban Landmines, Mission of Canada

Room: XIV

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 mine-free 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. Contact: charles@icblcmc.org

Friday, 5 December 2025

13:00 - 15:00

Implementing the Convention in Complex Settings

United Nations Mine Action Service

Concordia 5

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 socio-economic recovery. Contact: loupforest@un.org

Victim Assistance: Comparing best practices from long-term projects in Colombia with recent findings from the crisis context in Ukraine'

Humanity & Inclusion, Germany, Danish Refugee Council

Room XII

The Mine Ban Treaty recognizes victim assistance (VA) as both a core obligation and a humanitarian priority. Colombia has made notable progress in reforming its laws and policies, developing long-term, 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 needs. Emerging evidence from Ukraine highlights both difficulties and innovative responses that may guide future best practices. This side event aims to discuss both challenging and inspiring examples from Ukraine and Colombia with the aim to strengthen Victim Assistance through inclusive, non-discriminatory strategies, fostering coordination, survivor participation, and sustainable, rights-based support.

Contact: e.fischer@hi.org

Exhibitions

Monday, 1 December 2025

13:00 - 15:00

Immersive Stories of Conflict

International Committee of the Red Cross

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

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Upholding the Mine Ban Convention: A shared responsibility to eradicate mines and empower lives

This exhibit is jointly organized by the United Nations and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, 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 antipersonnel mines and to address the dire consequences of their use.