

Intersessional Meetings

17-20 June 2025

Financing mine action: challenges and new opportunities

Thursday, 19 June 2025, 16:00 – 17:00, Room A

Background

At the Fifth Review Conference the States Parties committed to “*do their utmost to commit the necessary national and international resources and explore new mechanisms for fostering cooperation and assistance, including those based on innovative financing, and jointly ensure that no State is left behind in its implementation efforts.*”¹ In this regard, Action 40 of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 commits both mine affected and donor States to collaborate and foster increased cooperation and assistance, including through exploring “*all possible funding sources including conventional and alternative/innovative sources and mechanisms of funding such as front loading models.*”

To provide a platform to further the discussion on implementation of this important Action of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan the panel will explore the current status of global mine action funding and progress made in exploring new opportunities, including innovative financial mechanisms and context specific funding modalities. The panel further seeks to foster a collaborative and insightful discussion and encourage participants to share their experiences and explore new opportunities for cooperation and funding.

Objectives

- To explore the current state of global mine action funding
- To explore innovative financial mechanisms and their potential impact
- To share experiences and best practices from different contexts
- To identify opportunities for further exploration of innovative financing opportunities

Panel Structure

- **Moderator - Sofie Kallehauge**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN in Geneva, Chair of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance
- **Ruth Bottomley**, Lead Researcher on Support to Mine Action, Landmine Monitor

¹ Siem Reap-Angkor Declaration on a Mine-Free World 2024. A Renewed Commitment for a Safer Future, APLC/CONF/2024/WP.22/Rev.2

- **H.E. Ly Panharith**, Secretary General, Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA)
- **Camille Wallen**, Co-Founder & Director, Symbio Impact Ltd,
- **Andrew Griffiths**, Head of Demining Team, Global Mine Action Programme (GMAP), Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, United Kingdom

Guiding Questions

1. Can your delegation share any successful examples of innovative financing mechanisms that have been implemented in your state/region?
2. How can donor states and mine-affected states work together more effectively to explore new funding opportunities?