



Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional meetings | 15- 18 June 2026

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Programme

Monday, 15 June 2026

10:00 1. Opening of the intersessional meetings

H.E. Eunice M. Tembo Luambia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations in Geneva, President of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties (23MSP), H.E. Julien Thöni, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament, H.E. Tobias Privitelli, Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, and a representative of mine affected communities, will deliver opening remarks.

2. Matters related to the mandate of the President: Universalization

2a. Thematic Panel: Standing up for International Humanitarian Law: Global Frameworks and the Place of the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention

In recent years, several global frameworks and initiatives have been launched to strengthen implementation of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). While the Convention's norms enjoy broad adherence, including by many States not party, withdrawals from the Convention and the continued and increased use of anti-personnel mines and their severe humanitarian consequences remain a grave concern. The Siem Reap–Angkor Action Plan 2025–2029 (SRAAP) reaffirms that States Parties remain committed to the Convention's principles, purpose, and objectives and underscores the urgency of strengthening collective and coordinated efforts to universalize the Convention and reinforce its norms.

In particular, the SRAAP places renewed emphasis on:

- Promoting ratification or accession by States not party;
- Promoting universal observance of the Convention's norms and objectives;
- Condemning violations of these norms and taking appropriate steps to end the use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of anti-personnel mines by any actor, including armed non-state actors.

This session will include a panel discussion on global initiatives to strengthen IHL and the place of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in these initiatives.

2b. Universalization

Following the panel discussion, the President will invite delegations to provide updates on matters related to universalization of the Convention and its norms and implementation of Actions 11 and 12 of the SRAAP. Interventions should place particular emphasis on the annexed guiding questions for States not party and States Parties (5 minutes).

Other delegations that wish to take the floor following the interventions from States are asked to limit their interventions to 3 minutes.

13:00 Lunch break and side events

15:00 **3. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance**

3a. Thematic Panel: Cooperation and Assistance: Advancing our Shared Commitments Through Strengthened Partnerships, National Mine Action Platforms and Coordinated Donor Engagement

Cooperation and assistance remain a cornerstone of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and a critical enabler for achieving the ambitions of the Siem Reap–Angkor Action Plan 2025–2029 (SRAAP). As affected States Parties work to meet their survey, clearance, risk education, victim assistance, and capacity-strengthening commitments, sustained and well-coordinated support from donor States and partners is essential. In this regard, both affected and donor States have a shared responsibility to ensure that cooperation and assistance thrive and drive implementation forward.

In particular, the SRAAP places renewed emphasis on:

- Strengthening national ownership;
- Enhancing transparency and dialogue between affected and donor States;
- Coordinating support for implementation;
- Promoting predictable, needs-driven, evidence-based assistance;
- Sharing good practices and lessons learned to accelerate progress.

This session will include a panel discussion, which will explore how these commitments can be fully realised, what progress has been achieved, what challenges remain, and how the establishment of national mine action platform can contribute.

3b. Cooperation and assistance

Following the panel discussion, delegations will be invited to take the floor on matters related to cooperation and assistance in line with SRAAP Actions 40 to 45. Interventions should place particular emphasis on the annexed guiding questions for **mine affected States Parties and States Parties in a position to provide assistance (5 minutes).**

Other delegations that wish to take the floor following the interventions from States are asked to limit their interventions to 3 minutes.

18:00 End of the first day

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10:00 **4. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation: informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and updated workplans based on previously granted extension requests.**

During this agenda item, the Committee will present an update on the progress and status of the Article 5 extension request process and will invite States Parties that have submitted requests for extension of their Article 5 deadlines for consideration by the 23MSP (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, and Thailand) to offer informal presentations of their requests. Interventions should place particular emphasis on the annexed guiding questions for States Parties seeking requests for extension.

Following each presentation by **States Parties (7-8 minutes)**, delegations will be invited to take the floor on matters related to the presented extension requests (3 minutes).

States Parties submitting updated work plans in light of decisions on previously granted extension requests will also be invited to present their work plans. Interventions should place particular emphasis on the annexed guiding questions for States Parties submitting updated work plans.

Following presentation by **States Parties (5 minutes)**, other delegations that wish to take the floor following the interventions are asked to limit their interventions to **3 minutes**.

13:00 Lunch break and side events

15:00 **5. Matters related to the Committee on Victim Assistance**

5a. Thematic Panel: Sustaining Assistance Through Stronger National Systems and Inclusive Policies

Ensuring that mine victims can access their rights on an equal basis with others remains a core commitment of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. The Siem Reap–Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 (SRAAP) underscores that, to ensure sustainability, victim assistance must be fully integrated into national policies, plans, budgets, and legal frameworks related to disability rights, rehabilitation, health, mental health, education, employment, development, and poverty reduction.

The SRAAP places renewed emphasis on, amongst other:

- Ensuring that a relevant government entity in affected States Parties is assigned as focal point to a) coordinate victim assistance; b) oversee and enhance the integration of victim assistance into broader national policies, plans, budgets, and legal frameworks; and c) work with relevant national entities, survivors, and their representative organisations to develop an inclusive national timebound disability action plan;
- Integration of victim assistance with national mechanisms established for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
- Carrying out inter-ministerial and multi-sectoral efforts to ensure that the needs and rights of victims of mines and other explosive ordnance are effectively addressed through relevant national policy and legal frameworks and budgets.

While many States Parties have made significant progress in embedding victim assistance into broader national frameworks, challenges remain.

This session will include a panel discussion, which will explore how these commitments can be fully realised, what progress has been achieved, and how to address remaining challenges.

5b. Victim assistance

Following the panel discussion, delegations will be invited to take the floor on matters related to victim assistance in line with SRAAP Actions 30 and 39. Interventions should place particular emphasis on the annexed guiding questions for **States implementing Victim Assistance commitments (5 minutes)**.

Other delegations that wish to take the floor following the interventions are asked to limit their interventions to **3 minutes**.

18:00 End of the second day

Wednesday, 17 June 2026

10:00 **6. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation**

6a. Thematic Panel: Strengthening Sustainable Capacities for Safer Communities

The Siem Reap–Angkor Action Plan 2025–2029 (SRAAP) highlights a core best practice: ensuring the establishment of sustainable national capacities able to coordinate, regulate, and manage the national mine action programme including survey, clearance, mine risk education, and victim assistance and undertake post completion activities in the event that previously unknown mined areas including newly mined areas are discovered. Action 21 of the SRAAP reinforces this imperative, calling for resilient national systems that can maintain mine action oversight and react effectively to any post-completion discoveries. This commitment draws from the guidance adopted at the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties in a document presented by the Committee on Article 5 Implementation entitled *Proposed rational response to States Parties discovering previously unknown mined areas after deadlines have passed*.

As more States Parties approach completion, the need for nationally anchored, context-specific capacities for survey, clearance, and long-term mine risk education becomes even more pressing. Lessons from States Parties in the process of implementing Article 5 and those that have completed their obligations offer valuable models for designing institutional frameworks that can manage residual contamination.

This session will include a panel discussion, which will explore how States Parties currently in the process of implementing Article 5 and those that have completed implementation are addressing/planning to address residual contamination following implementation of their Article 5 obligations.

6b. Article 5

Following the panel discussion, delegations will be invited to take the floor on matters related to their efforts to establish sustainable national capacities to ensure implementation of Article 5. Interventions should place particular emphasis on the annexed guiding questions for **States**

implementing Article 5 and States Parties that have completed implementation of Article 5 (5 minutes).

Other delegations that wish to take the floor following the interventions are asked to limit their interventions to 3 minutes.

13:00 Extended Lunch break and side events/meetings with the Committees

16:30 **7. Consultations on the feasibility of the establishment of a Voluntary Trust Fund**

Action 44 of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 (SRAAP) calls on States Parties to explore the feasibility of establishing a Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) 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 (22MSP) and to taking a decision thereon by no later than the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties (23MSP).

At the 22MSP, the Working Group established to explore the feasibility of establishing a VTF presented a report on their efforts to develop a feasibility study. Since the 22MSP the working group has continued to explore the feasibility of establishing a VTF.

During this session, the Working Group will present their progress, findings and suggestions going forward towards the 23MSP. Following the presentation by the Working Group, delegations will be invited to take the floor on matters related to the establishment of a VTF.

18:00 End of the third day

Thursday, 18 June 2026

10:00 **8. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance**

During this agenda item, the Committee will present its preliminary observations concerning the implementation of its mandate and reflections on the implementation by States Parties of their compliance commitments under the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 (Actions 46 to 48).

Following the presentation by the Committee, delegations will be invited to take the floor on matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance as follows:

- States Parties with alleged or known non-compliance with the general obligations under Article 1 to provide an update on their efforts to address these matters; and
- States Parties with outstanding Article 9 commitments to offer an update on the implementation of Action 48 of the SRAAP.

Other delegations that wish to take the floor following the interventions from States are asked to limit their interventions to (3 minutes).

9. Matters related to the mandate of the President: Stockpile Destruction (Article 4) and Retained mines (Article 3)

9a. Stockpile destruction

During this session, the President will present her activities on matters related to stockpile destruction under Article 4.

Following the presentation by the President, the floor will be granted to States Parties that have missed their Article 4 deadlines (Greece and Ukraine) to offer updated information on the implementation of their stockpile destruction commitments in accordance with the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 (Action 15);

Other delegations that wish to take the floor following the interventions are asked to limit their interventions to **(3 minutes)**.

9b. Mines retained under Article 3

During this session, the President will present her activities on matters related to anti-personnel mines retained under Article 3. This session will include a panel discussion, which will explore the use of alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines for permitted purposes.

Following the presentation, States Parties that retain anti-personnel mines for training and permitted purposes will be invited to provide information on their annual review of the number of anti-personnel mines retained for permitted purposes, their use and planned use, their destruction, and efforts to explore alternatives in accordance with the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 (Actions 16).

Other delegations that wish to take the floor following the interventions are asked to limit their interventions to **(3 minutes)**.

13:00 Extended lunch break and side events/meetings with the Committees

16:00 10. Preparations for the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties (23MSP)

- Presentation of a draft programme of work for the 23MSP (President)
- Update on preparations for the 23MSP (23MSP Secretary-General Designate)
- Presentation on 23MSP financial and organisational matters (UNODA)
- Update on the Sponsorship Programme (Sponsorship Programme Coordinator)
- Proposed dates for the Convention's 2027 meetings (President)
- Update on efforts to propose a set of office holders to be elected at the 23MSP (President)
- Discussion (interested delegations)

11. Implementation Support Unit

- The 2026 Pledging Conference
- Activities and finances of the ISU
- Delegations' updates

12. Closing remarks

H.E. Eunice M. Tembo Luambia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations in Geneva, President of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties will deliver closing remarks.

18:00 Closure of the 2026 Intersessional Meetings

Annex I – Guiding questions for preparations

The 2026 Intersessional Meetings' programme is divided into thematic matters. Delegations are encouraged to prepare presentations on these thematic matters using the questions provided in this document and place an emphasis on providing only new information since the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties (22MSP).

Given the volume of work that must be dealt with during this year's Intersessional Meetings, unless otherwise indicated **delegations providing updates on progress in implementation of their commitments under the Convention will be asked to limit their interventions to 5 minutes. Other States Parties and organisations that wish to take the floor following the interventions from these States Parties are asked to limit their interventions to 3 minutes.**

Delegations are requested to transmit additional information that cannot be covered within the time allocated for presentations in a lengthier document that will be made available to all participants through the Convention's website by the Convention's Implementation Support Unit.

Finally, in preparing presentations, delegations are **encouraged to reflect on gender and diversity matters and, where possible, include age- and sex-disaggregated data.**

Please indicate in advance to the ISU, during which items of the programme your delegation intends to intervene by no later than **4 June 2026** in order to ensure your delegation is included in the list of speakers.

Monday, 15 June 2026

Agenda Item 2: Standing up for International Humanitarian Law: global frameworks and the place of the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention

I. Questions for consideration by States not party (5 minutes)

1. What steps has your State taken to align its national policies with the Convention, such as formalised commitments not to use, produce or transfer anti-personnel, or to destroy stockpiles?
2. What is your position on acceding to the Convention in the near term, in the medium term and in the long term?
3. What is the primary challenge faced by your State to accede to the Convention?
4. What support would your State need to move closer towards accession to the Convention?

II. Questions for consideration by all States Parties (5 minutes)

1. What actions has your State taken to promote formal adherence to the Convention by States not party?
2. What actions has your State taken to strengthen the norm of the Convention since the 22MSP?
3. What actions has your State taken to condemn violation of the Convention's norms?

Agenda Item 3: Cooperation and Assistance: Advancing our shared commitments through strengthened partnerships, national platforms and coordinated donor engagement.

I. Questions for mine affected States Parties (5 minutes)

1. What recent steps has your State taken to strengthen national ownership and prioritisation of mine action, including through the integration of mine action into broader framework and including mine action in your State's national budget?
2. What specific cooperation or assistance needs remain unmet, and how can partners better support your State?
3. Does your States have a national mine action platform in place or similar coordination mechanisms to support regular dialogue with national and international stakeholders?
4. How are these coordination mechanisms contributing to coordination, planning, and transparency?

II. Questions for States Parties in a position to provide assistance (5 minutes)

1. Since the 22MSP, has your State provided assistance to affected States Parties in the implementation of their obligations under the Convention?
2. How has your State effectively used all possible avenues to support States Parties seeking assistance to fulfil their obligations under the Convention ?
3. What efforts has your State carried out to coordinate its efforts with other States in a position to provide assistance?
4. Has your State engaged in international, regional, and bilateral cooperation including between affected States Parties or triangular cooperation for the voluntary sharing of national experiences and good practices?

Tuesday, 16 June 2026

Agenda item 4: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation: informal presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and updated workplans based on previously granted extension requests.

I. Questions to consider by States Parties that have requested or have indicated that they will request extensions of their Article 5 deadlines (5-8 minutes)

1. What are the circumstances that impede your State's ability to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control?
2. What work remains in order for your State to fulfil its obligation to have destroyed or ensured the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control?
3. What is the amount of time requested and rationale for this request?
4. What is your State's plan to destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control during the extension period?
5. What, if any, are the main challenges faced and what are the priorities for external assistance in the fulfilment of your State's Article 5 obligations during the requested extension period?

II. Questions for consideration in the presentations by States Parties submitting updated work plans (5 minutes)

1. What progress has your State made in the implementation of its national demining programme since the last update provided to the States Parties at the Fifth Review Conference?
2. What work remains in order for your State to be in compliance with its Article 5 obligations?
3. What is your State plan for implementation of Article 5?
4. Is your State on track to fulfilling its mine clearance obligations under Article 5 by its deadline?
5. What, if any, are the main challenges faced and what are your priorities for external assistance to support your State's fulfilment of its Article 5 obligations?

Agenda item 5: Sustaining assistance through stronger national systems and inclusive policies

I. Questions for States Parties implementing victim assistance commitments under the Convention (5 minutes)

1. What efforts have been made by your state to ensure the sustainability of victim assistance (VA) including designating relevant government entity as focal point to coordinate VA and oversee and enhance its integration into broader national policies, plans, budgets, and legal frameworks to ensure its sustainability, including upon Article 5 completion?

2. What institutional arrangements have proven most effective in ensuring that victim assistance is embedded within national health, rehabilitation, social protection, education, or employment systems?
3. What interministerial and multi-sectoral coordination mechanisms are in place to support implementation of your State's victim assistance commitments?
4. How can national systems better incorporate survivor participation, including in planning, monitoring, and evaluation? What approaches have helped ensure that survivors in rural and remote areas can access services on an equal basis with others?

Wednesday, 17 June 2026

Agenda item 6: Strengthening sustainable capacities for safer communities

I. Questions for consideration in the presentations by States Parties in the process of implementing Article 5 (5 minutes)

1. What progress and challenges has your State encountered in establishing/maintaining sustainable national capacities able to coordinate, regulate, and manage your State's national mine action programme?
2. What is your State's plan to maintain, long-term national capacities—technical, institutional, and human—to respond effectively to previously unknown or newly discovered mined areas in line with Action 21 of the SRAAP?

II. Questions for States Parties that have completed implementation of Article 5 (5 minutes)

1. What has been your State's experience concerning residual contamination following completion of your State's Article 5 obligations?
2. What national measures/frameworks or procedures has your State adopted to respond effectively to previously unknown or newly discovered mined areas following completion in line with Action 21 of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan?
3. What challenges and lessons have been learned by your State in managing residual contamination over the long term (e.g. institutional arrangements)?

Thursday, 18 June 2026

Agenda item 8: Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance

I. Questions for consideration by States Parties in which allegations of use of anti-personnel mines have been reported

1. Can your State provide updated information on measures taken to address the allegations of use or confirmed use of anti-personnel mines in your State?
2. If it has not yet done so, what progress has your State made to take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to prevent and suppress any activity that is prohibited under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control?

II. Questions for consideration by all States Parties (5 minutes)

If it has not yet done so, what progress has your State made to take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to prevent and suppress any activity that is prohibited under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control?

Agenda item 9: Matters related to the mandate of the President: Stockpile Destruction (Article 4) and Retained mines (Article 3)

I. Questions for consideration by all States Parties with outstanding stockpile destruction obligations (5 minutes)

1. What is your State's plan to intensify efforts to ensure completion of remaining / ongoing Article 4 obligations as soon as possible?
2. What progress has your State achieved in the implementation of Article 4 since the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties?
3. Are there any issues of concern or challenges faced by your State in its efforts to achieve the destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines?
4. What is your expected completion date?

II. Questions for consideration by all States Parties (Agenda item 6)

1. Since the 22MSP, has your State "reviewed the number of retained anti-personnel mines to ensure that they constitute the minimum number absolutely necessary for permitted purposes"?
2. Has your State destroyed all those anti-personnel mines exceeding that number and where appropriate explored available alternatives to using live anti-personnel mines for training and research activities?
3. What are the purposes for which retained mines have been used and what have been the results of this use, including for example:
 - a. What mine detection, mine clearance or destruction techniques have been / are being developed?
 - b. What mine detection, clearance or destruction training has been carried out?
 - c. What number of personnel has been trained and to what standard?
4. Can your State explain any increase or decrease in the number of retained anti-personnel mines?