

NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES

THE HAGUE, 15-19 NOVEMBER 2021



**Ending the suffering and casualties
caused by anti-personnel mines**





The Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties (19MSP) is the formal, diplomatic meeting of the 164 States that have accepted to be bound by the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Production, Stockpiling and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction. The 19MSP is taking place in The Hague from 15-19 November 2021, under the presidency of the Netherlands.

Over 80% of the world's States – including most that at one time used, stockpiled, produced or transferred anti-personnel mines, and are or have been affected by anti-personnel mines – are now bound by the Convention. The vast majority of States not party abide by the global norm established by this humanitarian disarmament instrument. An important number of these States are attending the 19MSP as Observers.

Pursuing the purpose of the Convention

The Convention seeks “to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines” through the pursuit of four core aims: universal acceptance of a ban on anti-personnel mines; destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines; clearance of mined areas; and, assistance to mine victims. To achieve these aims, it is essential to facilitate compliance, cooperation and assistance, transparency and the exchange of information, and implementation support.

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CONVENTION COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS

Despite the current pandemic interrupting the way we normally meet and work, the Convention community is resilient in its pursuit of the humanitarian aims of the Convention.



(Photo above clockwise) Representatives of 11 mine survivors associations during a national Dialogue on victim assistance in Colombia, carried out in hybrid format and sponsored by the European Union. Tajikistan presenting an update on mine clearance efforts at the 18MSP; and, a screenshot of the June's Intersessional Meetings led by the Netherlands as Convention President.

(Photo below clockwise) Congratulations! Members of the Sri Lanka Military prepare to destroy stockpiled anti-personnel mines, fulfilling Sri Lanka's Article 4; a working session of the Peru-Ecuador binational humanitarian demining unit; and closing of the 18MSP led by Sudan, and supporting team UNODA, and ISU.



2 Programme of the Nineteenth Meeting of the State Parties (19MSP)

MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER, 10:00 – 13:00

1 Official opening of the meeting

The Meeting will be officially opened by the President of the Nineteenth Meeting of the States Parties (19MSP), H.E. Robbert Jan Gabriëlse, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva, and Disarmament Ambassador at-large.

2 Ceremonial opening of the meeting

The 19MSP President's remarks will be followed by a musical opening act by Dutch-Sudanese performer Gaidaa. The ceremonial opening continues featuring addresses by the Vice Minister for International Cooperation of the Netherlands H.E. Kitty van der Heijden, Convention's Special Envoy HRH Prince Mired Raad Zeid Al-Hussein; on behalf of the Secretary General the Under Secretary General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Izumi Nakamitsu; UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities Gerard Quinn; the International Committee of the Red Cross Vice President Gilles Carbonnier; Head of Delegation of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Executive Director, Arms Division, Human Rights Watch Steve Goose; President of the Council of Foundation of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining Dr Barbara Hearing; and representing the voice of mine survivors the Head of the Iraqi Alliance of Disability Organizations Moffak Al-Khafaji.

3 Adoption of the agenda

The Meeting will be asked to adopt the agenda presented to delegations during the Intersessional Meetings.

4 Election of the Vice-Presidents of the meeting and other officers

The Meeting will be asked to elect the eight outgoing members of the Committees as Vice-Presidents of the 19MSP: Colombia, Germany, Norway, Panama, Poland, Sweden, Thailand, and Zambia.

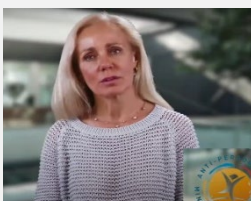
5 Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the meeting

The Meeting will be asked to confirm the Director of the Department on Stabilization and Humanitarian Aid of the Netherlands Marriet Schuurman, as Secretary-General of the 19MSP.

6 Organisation of work

The Meeting will be asked to adopt its programme.

7 High-Level Panel on Capacity Building | Strengthening localization through capacity building and inclusion: From Rhetoric to concerted Action



H.E. Kitty van der Heijden



Bengt-Conny Akerblom



Martha Hurtado



Dr Ahmed Al Zubaidi



Smruti Patel



Darren Cormack

A greater focus on “localisation” defined by some as a process where international humanitarian actors shift power and responsibilities toward local and national actors, is increasingly seen as essential. Localisation however, is just now being thoroughly discussed in mine action. There is still a lack of consensus on what an increased focus on localisation means for the sector, or how a shift in approach can better support localisation.

The Panel will explore what localisation means to Convention stakeholders, how the current approach supports or hinders localisation, and capacity building and inclusion as means to strengthening localisation. The Panel, which responds to the President's mandate and priorities (innovation, capacity building and inclusion), will be moderated by the Vice Minister for International Cooperation of the Netherlands with panellists, the Swedish Contingencies Agency (MSB); Colombia's Presidential Mine Action Programme; Iraq's Health and Social Care Organization; the Global Mentoring Initiative; and, the Mines Advisory Group.

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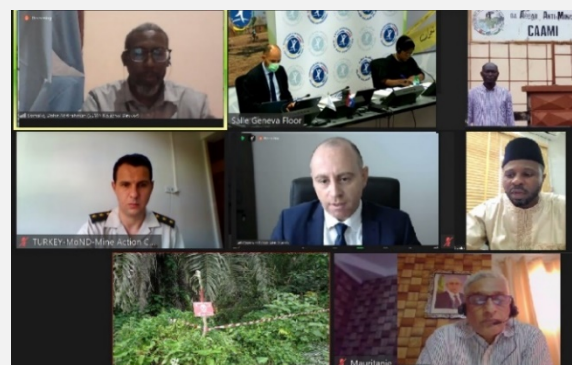
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8 General exchange of views¹

Delegations will be given the opportunity to deliver brief general statements. Interested delegations should contact the Implementation Support Unit, [isu\(at\)apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu(at)apminebanconvention.org), to be inscribed in the speakers' list. Delegations not wishing to deliver oral statements can submit written statements to be made available on the Convention's website.

9 Presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests

The Meeting will be asked to consider requests to extend the mine clearance deadlines that have been submitted/are to be submitted by **Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Nigeria, Somalia, and Turkey** ([find the Documents here](#)). In keeping with past practice an opportunity for presentations and discussions on the requests will be provided, with States Parties returning to formal consideration of such requests later in the week.



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9 Presentation of requests submitted under Article 5 and of the analysis of these requests (continued)

10 Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

a) Assisting the victims: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance

The Committee on Victim Assistance will present its conclusions and recommendations. States Parties with mine victims are invited to provide brief updates on efforts to fulfil their obligation, and steps undertaken to implement victim assistance actions (Actions 33–41) of the Oslo Action Plan. These States Parties are welcome to comment on the Committee's conclusions. Other delegations are welcome to remark on the updates and share their views on victim assistance.

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10 Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

a) Assisting the victims: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance (continued)

¹Given the volume of work that must be dealt with at the meeting, States Parties and Observers are encouraged to refrain from making general statements and rather provide updates on implementation of thematic matters indicated in agenda item 10. Delegations may wish to submit statements for posting on the Convention's website.



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10 Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

b) Clearing mined areas and mine risk education and reduction: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

The Committee on Article 5 Implementation will present its conclusions and recommendations. States Parties which have recently completed or are still in the process of clearing mined areas³ are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil their obligations and on steps taken to implement mine clearance aspects of the *Oslo Action Plan* (Actions 18–27). In addition, these States Parties are welcome to comment on the Committee's conclusions. Other delegations are welcome to remark on the updates and share their views on Article 5.



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10 Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

b) Clearing mined areas and mine risk education and reduction: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation (continued)

c) Cooperation and Assistance: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

The Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance will present its conclusions and recommendations. In particular, efforts to strengthen cooperation and assistance and implementation of relevant aspects of the *Oslo Action Plan* (Actions 42–47) including through the Individualised Approach and improved communication amongst States Parties. Delegations will be given the opportunity to provide updates and share their views.

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10 Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

c) Cooperation and Assistance: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance (continued)

d) Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities and facilitating compliance: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Compliance

The Committee on Cooperative Compliance presents its conclusions and recommendations. States Parties mentioned in the conclusions are invited to provide an update on ongoing investigations or activities undertaken to ensure compliance in accordance with Article 9 of the Convention and Actions A48 to A50 of the *Oslo Action Plan*. These States Parties are welcome to comment on the Committee's conclusions.

Other delegations are welcome to remark on these updates and to share their views on compliance issues.

³The following 33 States Parties are still in the process of clearing mined areas in accordance with Article 5: Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, State of Palestine, Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Yemen, and Zimbabwe.

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e) Destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines

The President will present conclusions and recommendations on stockpile destruction. States Parties responsible for destroying stockpiled anti-personnel mines⁴ as well as States Parties that have discovered previously unknown stockpiles are invited to provide brief updates on their efforts to fulfil their destruction obligations. These updates should contain only new information with efforts made to avoid duplication with respect to updates provided at the Intersessional Meetings. Other delegations will be given the opportunity to remark on these updates and share their views.

f) Universalizing the Convention

The President will provide an overview on the status of universalization. States not party to the Convention are invited to share their views on the Convention and provide updates on steps being taken or considered to accede to the Convention. Other delegations will be given the opportunity to provide updates on their efforts to encourage universal acceptance of the Convention and share their views.

g) Transparency and the exchange of information

The President will provide an overview on the status of transparency. Delegations are welcome to provide updates and share views on transparency and exchange of information, including transparency as concerns mines retained for permitted purposes.

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8 General exchange of views (continued)

10 Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

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 2022 activities of the ISU

Further to the “Directive from the States Parties to the ISU” adopted by the 10MSP and 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 contained therein.

The ISU Director will present the work plan and budget for 2021 ISU activities. The Meeting will be asked to approve said work plan and budget. The ISU Director will report on ISU activities, functioning and finances, present the 2020 ISU audit report, as well as the ISU preliminary financial report for 2021⁵. The Meeting will be asked to approve the report on ISU activities and finances and 2020 audited financial statement. Delegations will be given the opportunity to provide comments and/or share their views on the 2022 ISU work plan and budget, 2020 audit report and 2021 preliminary financial report.

⁴Greece, Sri Lanka and Ukraine

⁵The ISU is tasked to report in written form as well as orally on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU to each Meeting of the States Parties and to submit an audited annual financial report for the previous year and a preliminary financial report for the present year to the Coordinating Committee and subsequently to the Meeting of the States Parties for approval.

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ii. Other matters concerning implementation support

The Meeting will be asked to agree on the date for the Intersessional Meetings of 2022.

In keeping with the Presidency's mandate, the 19MSP President undertook the task of consulting with States Parties to identify a list of nominees to serve as new Committee members following the Meeting. On the basis of interest expressed, the President developed a proposal of those States Parties that would serve as new Committee members for a two-year term beginning at the end of the 19MSP. If this proposal is agreed to by the Meeting, the following eight States Parties will start their new two-year membership term at the end of the 19MSP:

- **Committee on Article 5 Implementation:**
 - (new members) **France and Iraq**, to join Belgium and Sri Lanka
- **Committee on Cooperative Compliance:**
 - (new members) **Switzerland and Turkey**, to join Chile and Spain
- **Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance:**
 - (new members) **the Netherlands and Thailand**, to join Japan and Sudan
- **Committee on Victim Assistance:**
 - (new members) **Italy and Uganda**, to join Algeria and Ecuador

10 Status of assessed contributions received pursuant to Article 14 of the Convention

The status of assessed contributions to the Meetings of the States Parties will be presented and delegations given the opportunity to provide comments and views on assessed contributions.

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11 Consideration of requests submitted under Article 5



The Meeting will present the Decisions on the requests to extend their mine clearance deadlines submitted by **Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Nigeria, Somalia, and Turkey** ([Documents here](#)).

12 Consideration of matters arising from/in the context of reports submitted under Article 7

13 Consideration of requests submitted under Article 8

14 Election of the Presidents of the Twentieth and Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties

The Meeting will be asked to elect Colombia as President of the Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties (20MSP), represented by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva H.E. Alicia Victoria Arango Olmos, who would become only the sixth woman to lead the work of the States Parties since the Convention began its Meetings in 1999.

15 Duration of the 20MSP, and matters pertaining to the preparations for the Twentieth and Twenty-First Meetings of the States Parties

The Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties had agreed that the 20MSP would take place in Geneva the week of 28 November 2022; due to work at the UN Geneva, the Meeting will be asked to agree that the 20MSP take place instead the week of 21 November 2022.

16 Any other business

Delegations will be given the opportunity to take the floor on matters not otherwise covered.

17 Consideration and adoption of the final document

The Meeting will be asked to consider and adopt its final report.

18 Closure of the Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties



3 Side Events

MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER

13:00 – 15:00 (UTC +1)

LANDMINE MONITOR BRIEFING

HOST: Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor

Civil society experts will discuss recent developments in 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.

ROOM: AMAZONE | IN PERSON-ONLY

Contact: marion@icblcmc.org

THE NEW NATIONAL MINE ACTION AGENCY OF ANGOLA; PROGRESS TOWARDS A MINE-FREE ANGOLA

HOST: NPA, HALO, MAG, ANAM

In 2021, the Government of Angola took over from the previous commission to lead and coordinate the National Mine Action Agency and mine action sector. The event will highlight the new status of ANAM as a government agency and how this impacts the mine action coordination in Angola. The event will also include the status of the National Mine Action Plan with updates from the leading mine action operators in Angola (NPA, MAG and the HALO Trust).

ROOM: ONYX | HYBRID

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BRIDGING TOWARDS PEACEBUILDING AND ACHIEVEMENT OF CAMBODIAN MINE ACTION CENTRE AND SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

HOST: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) / Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

The event will highlight the importance of sharing good practices between mine-affected countries through south-south cooperation. In line with the Convention's Article 6 JICA has provided technical assistance to the Cambodian Mine Action Centre for more than two decades focusing on mine clearance and organisational capacity development. This comprehensive approach has contributed to effective and prioritised clearance linked to national mine action and development policy. Leveraging these experiences and know-how, JICA, in close collaboration with CMAC, have been sharing lessons learnt with other mine-affected countries including Angola, Colombia, Iraq, and Lao PDR.

ROOM: YANGTZE | IN-PERSON ONLY

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nana.nagai@mofa.go.jp

30 YEARS OF MINE ACTION IN AFGHANISTAN: ACHIEVEMENTS AND LESSONS

HOST: UNMAS

Afghanistan is considered the birthplace of humanitarian mine action, with one of the largest and longest-running programmes in the world. In 30 years, the Mine Action Programme of Afghanistan (MAPA) has established itself as a humanitarian mine action system capable of operating non-stop no matter the political and security context. UNMAS commissioned an evaluation to more precisely understand achievements, and provide lessons for MAPA stakeholders, mine action, humanitarian, and development actors globally. As funding for the mine action sector in Afghanistan is decreasing it is important to tell what is at its heart a true success story.

ROOM: OCEANA | ONLINE

Contact: heslop@un.org

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION – 18:30 | The Hague's City Hall

HOSTS: The Netherlands and City of The Hague

Heads of Delegations plus one Delegate are cordially invited to an opening reception on Monday 15 November at 18:30 at the City Hall of the Hague. From 18:00 onwards, historic trams and buses will transport participants from the World Forum to the location of the reception. To access the venue, guests will have to present the conference badge plus the floater badge provided to each Delegation. (Only two floater badges handed per Delegation.)

TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

13:00 – 15:00 (UTC +1)

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN MINE ACTION

HOST: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

A pillar of victim assistance, psychological and psychosocial support is essential to ensure the social well-being, self-reliance, and successful socioeconomic reintegration of mine survivors. Mental health includes where necessary, professional counselling with psychiatrists and psychologists. Psychosocial support includes activities such as peer-to-peer support, community support services, associations of persons with disabilities, and sport and other recreational activities. A priority of the Dutch presidency is *inclusivity*. Underlining MHPSS in victim assistance is an important aspect to address *all needs* of mine survivors and furthering inclusivity in mine action activities.

ROOM: YANGTZE | IN PERSON ONLY

Contact: Asma.hashi@minbuza.nl

3 Side Events

TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

13:00 – 15:00 (UTC +1)

BRIEFING: SUPPORTING THE AIMS OF THE OSLO ACTION PLAN THROUGH A NEW FOUR-YEAR PROJECT

HOST: European Union

In 2021, the European Union Council adopted a new Decision to support States Parties to implement key aspects of the Convention and Oslo Action Plan. In this interactive briefing the Convention's Special Envoy, as well as Colombia, Guinea-Bissau, Sudan and the Organization of American States will provide updates on their efforts; while ICBL will provide feedback on the project overall.

ROOM: AMAZONE | HYBRID

Contact: l.rodriguez@apminebanconvention.org

INNOVATION IN MINE ACTION

HOST: International Committee of the Red Cross

Humanitarian mine action is known for its pioneering techniques and approaches. This results from its multidisciplinary nature and the intersection of its activities with other humanitarian disciplines. Yet, discussions about innovation often focus on one specific pillar or set of activities. This event aims to take a step back and bring together innovative advances from some of the main pillars of mine action. It is hoped that this will give a greater exposure of developments and experience, promote cross-fertilisation, and inspire new ideas and collaboration. The session will highlight the growing collaboration of operators with academia and the private sector.

ROOM: OCEANIA | ONLINE

Contact: lmasesca@icrc.org; fbarazzutti@icrc.org

WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

13:00 – 15:00 (UTC +1)

MINE RISK EDUCATION AND REDUCTION IN COLOMBIA: A CATALYST FOR MINE ACTION

Host: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, President's Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, Mine Action Office, UNMAS

This event will highlight the positive impact that risk education and reduction has had in mine-affected communities, and role in other mine action pillars such as victim assistance thanks to the direct connection created with local communities. In line with Action 28 of the OAP, risk education and reduction activities are integrated into broader humanitarian and developmental frameworks. In this event, Colombia will emphasize how mine risk education and reduction activities have served to work in conflict-affected areas, facilitated state building, and opened the path for other developmental interventions.

ROOM: YANGTZE | IN-PERSON

Contact: marthahurtado@presidencia.gov.co; betsycaastro@presidencia.gov.co

OLD AND NEW: ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF LANDMINE CONTAMINATION IN THE ECOWAS REGION

Host: ECOWAS, MAG

At least seven ECOWAS Member States are affected either by landmines left behind by previous conflicts or by new, improvised devices, including improvised landmines, which fall under the scope of the Convention. States that were previously in compliance with Article 5 of the Convention are now faced with new obligations and those that were working to address previous contamination are faced with a bigger and more complex problem. This side event will seek to address key challenges such as lack of data, limited national capacity and insufficient cooperation and assistance, and explore ways to address them.

ROOM: AMAZONE | IN PERSON

Contact: Roxana.Bobolicu@maginternational.org

'CLEARING THE MINES 2021' REPORT BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON PROGRESS IN ARTICLE 5 IMPLEMENTATION

Host: Mine Action Review

Key findings from 'Clearing the Mines 2021' report and discussion on progress and challenges in Article 5 implementation. Join the Mine Action Review to learn the latest results of global mine clearance operations, an assessment of national programme performance, including which States Parties are and aren't on track to meet their Convention deadlines, and the latest results of implementation of the Oslo Action Plan. Representatives from Mine Action Review and its Advisory Board members, HALO Trust, Mines Advisory Board (MAG), and Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), will be available to answer questions.

ROOM: ONYX | HYBRID

Contact: lucyp@npaid.org

THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER

13:00 – 15:00 (UTC +1)

ZIMAC'S NATIONAL MINE ACTION STRATEGY AND WORK PLAN TOWARDS 2025

Host: NPA, MAG, HALO, APOPO, ZIMAC

The steady progress in Zimbabwe in implementing ZIMAC's national mine action strategy and work plan is a good example of progress and success that should be highlighted before the Convention community. The event will also highlight the detrimental impact of funding cuts and the need for continued support to Zimbabwe in order for the country to meet its current Article 5 deadline. The event will be chaired by ZIMAC and include its main partner operators in Zimbabwe.

ROOM: ONYX | HYBRID

Contact: tim.kreuk@halotrust.org

3 Side Events

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HOW CAN WE TACKLE THE WORLD'S "FORGOTTEN" MINEFIELDS - MAKING THE JOURNEY TO A LANDMINE FREE 2025 AS INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE?

Host: Landmine Free 2025 Campaign

60 million people around the world are affected by landmines long after conflict has ended. Many of those communities are some of the world's poorest, and they show remarkable courage and resilience in living with the remnants of conflict. As we look to achieve our Landmine Free 2025 commitments, this side event will hear directly from affected communities about what achieving a Landmine Free 2025 means to them.

ROOM OCEANIA | ONLINE

Contact: coordinator@landminefree2025.org

INNOVATIVE FINANCE – PROGRESS MADE ON ACTION 42 OF THE OSLO ACTION PLAN

Host: Landmine Free 2025 Campaign

In 2019, States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention committed to “do their utmost to commit the resources needed to meet Convention obligations as soon as possible and explore all possible alternative and/or innovative sources of funding”. The UK has since led the progress on Action 42 generating interest and momentum among many States Parties. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and aid cuts, innovative finance is becoming even more relevant than before. The event will harness progress made and explore next steps necessary to ensure the successful implementation of Action 42.

ROOM YANGTZE | IN PERSON

Contact: tim.kreuk@halotrust.org; strategy@halotrust.org

HOW CAN MINE ACTION MAXIMIZE ITS IMPACT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT?

Host: United Nations Development Programme and Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

Linking mine action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is crucial to improve how the sector generates, measures, and communicates its impact on sustainable development. Mine action does not only save lives. It is also a transformative activity that enables widespread socio-economic benefits and lays the foundation for sustainable development in the medium and long term. The findings of the GICHD's latest study in Jordan demonstrate how mine action contributes to more than sixty SDG targets. Panellists will share national experiences regarding the role that mine action can contribute to humanitarian, development and sustaining peace efforts and achievement of the SDGs.

ROOM AMAZONE | IN PERSON

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE CONTAMINATION AND LAND RELEASE' POLICY BRIEF AND DISCUSSION.

Host: Mine Action Review

What are the environmental impacts of explosive ordnance contamination and land release operations? What is the potential impact of climate change on survey and clearance? What are the relevant regulatory frameworks and standards on the environment? These and other key considerations will be addressed at this side event to present a Policy Brief that serves as an important resource for national authorities and their implementing partners in affected countries as they seek to identify and minimise their environmental footprint. Panellists include experts on the environment just after the conclusion of the Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow.

ROOM YANGTZE | HYBRID

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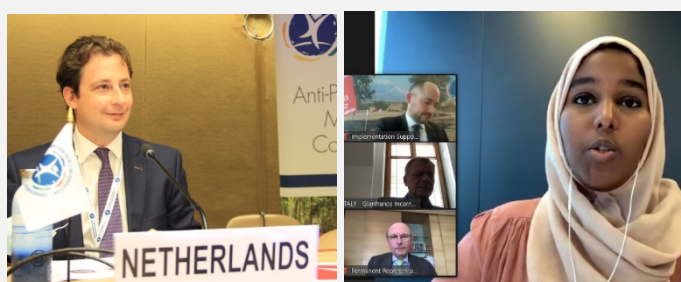
HUMANITARIAN DEMINING: CHALLENGES, INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Host: Mine Action Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan

In this briefing, Azerbaijan will provide information on type and size of its landmine contamination and current multi-actor mine clearance activities. The side event will also be an opportunity to provide statistical information on clearance, priority setting principles, and short- and medium-term mine action plans in Azerbaijan. The presentation will include challenges, particularly with non-technical survey, and provide an opportunity to describe innovative solutions to overcome information gaps. The side event will explore bilateral and trilateral international cooperation initiatives, and involvement of international non-governmental organisations working in mine action in Azerbaijan, as well as areas that require further international support.

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CONVENTION COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



(Above) Mauritania, with support of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance – Colombia (Chair), Germany, Japan, and Sudan – held an Individualised Approach in the margins of the Intersessional Meetings to highlight to partners and stakeholders the newly discovered contamination, and challenges it faces to address it. In observance of the Oslo Action Plan, Mauritania also sought to develop partnerships for faster completion. For more information, <https://bit.ly/MineBanConvention-Mauritania>

(Below) Bosnia and Herzegovina also made use of the Individualised Approach under the then-Committee – United Kingdom (Chair), Colombia, Germany, and Sweden, to engage in an open and frank discussion regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina's needs and challenges in implementing its obligations under Article 5. For more information, <https://bit.ly/MineBanConvention-BiH>



(Clockwise) The Committee on Victim Assistance – Thailand (Chair), Algeria, Ecuador, and Sweden, with support of the European Union, held two events on victim assistance. The first, on the rights of mine survivors, featuring the Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility of the UN Secretary General; the second, on VA funding in which dozens of States Parties and not party, and organisations participated.

VA and mine risk education officers of the Guinea-Bissau mine action centre, and the Sudanese National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics supported by ICRC. Sudan and Guinea-Bissau will soon hold national Dialogues on VA coordination and national action plans on disability supported by the ISU through the EU-project.

As part of the same project, the Organization of American States supported Ecuador and Peru in a regional Dialogue on what it will take to support these States' efforts to meet the Convention's 2025 mine clearance ambition.

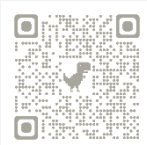
4 The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention



At the Fourth Review Conference, the States Parties adopted the *Oslo Declaration on a Mine-Free World*, committing to among others, intensify efforts to destroy stockpiled anti-personnel mines, assist mine victims, promote universal adherence and observance of the Convention's norms, and address mined areas to the fullest extent possible by 2025. To guide these efforts, the States Parties adopted the

Oslo Action Plan 2020-2024

Find the brochure with the Convention Text, Oslo Declaration, Oslo Action Plan, and work of the Convention's machinery scanning the QR code or here, <https://bit.ly/MineBanConvention-Publications>.



Status of universalization

164 States have ratified or have acceded to the Convention. They include:

- most of the States that at one time used, stockpiled, produced or transferred anti-personnel mines;
- the vast majority of States that are or have been affected by anti-personnel mines;
- every State in the Americas, with the exception of two;
- every State in Sub-Saharan Africa;
- every Member State of the European Union;
- ten (10) of the 15 Members of the UN Security Council; and,
- the majority of ASEAN Member States.

The following 33 States are not yet party to the Convention*:

Armenia	Israel	Micronesia, Federated States of	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Mongolia	Syrian Arab Republic
Bahrain	Korea, DPR of	Morocco	Tonga
China	Korea, Republic of	Myanmar	United Arab Emirates
Cuba	Kyrgyzstan	Nepal	United States of America
Egypt	Lao PDR	Pakistan	Uzbekistan
Georgia	Lebanon	Russian Federation	Vietnam
India	Libya	Saudi Arabia	
Iran	Marshall Islands*		



* Of the States that signed the Convention, the Republic of the Marshall Islands is the only one that has not yet ratified it. While it has not yet formally accepted the obligations of the Convention, in accordance with Article 18 of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, the Republic of the Marshall Islands is obliged to refrain from acts which would defeat the object and purpose of Conventions that it has signed.



February

Seventh International Pledging Conference, Geneva

1 March

Twenty-third anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention

31 March

Final date for States Parties to submit for consideration of the 20MSP, if necessary, requests to extend their mine clearance deadline

4 April

International Day for Mine Action and Awareness

30 April

Deadline for States Parties to submit Article 7 transparency reports

June

2022 Intersessional Meetings, Geneva⁶

18 September

Twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention in Oslo, Norway



21–25 November

Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties, Geneva⁷

3 December

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3–4 December

Twenty-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Convention



⁶Subject to 19MSP approval.

⁷Ibid.



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The ISU is mandated to support the States Parties to the Convention including by

- Providing advice and technical support on implementation and universalization
- Providing 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 under the Convention; and,
- Liaising and coordinating with relevant international and non-governmental organisations that participate in the work of the Convention

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