



## ***Fostering Partnerships***

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The States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention have agreed that *assisting landmine victims* is an obligation which should be integrated into broader national policies, plans and legal frameworks related to the rights of persons with disabilities, health, education, employment, development and poverty reduction. While progress has been achieved, measurability and inclusive and sustainable implementation is still a challenge.

Twenty years after the entry-into-force of the Convention – and on the eve of the Convention's fourth review – it is timely to ask some fundamental questions to strengthen synergies and *foster partnerships* with a wealth of international efforts and instruments including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

*Fostering Partnerships* is the theme of the conference on victim assistance and disability rights that will be hosted by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan – one of the 30 States Parties that has reported responsibility for a large number of landmine survivors. The conference is made possible by joint efforts from various Jordanian ministries, the Convention's Implementation Support Unit (ISU), and Decision 2017/1428 adopted by the European Union (EU) Council.

*Fostering Partnerships* will build upon previous efforts to enhance cooperation among victim assistance, disability, human rights and development actors, and will provide national victim assistance experts with opportunities to further harmonise lessons learnt and good practices to align national efforts with those being carried out to implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

*Fostering Partnerships* also aims to contributing to the discussion on synergies between the different communities of human rights, disability, inclusion, international humanitarian law and the landmine movement, therefore contributing to the commitments established in the *Maputo Action Plan* which calls to "seize every opportunity to raise awareness of the imperative to address the needs and guarantee the rights of mine victims [...] including by engaging in the work of international, regional and national human rights, health care, labour and other fora, instruments and domains."

### **Who should plan to attend?**

**All States are invited to attend *Fostering Partnerships*** as they all play a role in achieving the full and effective participation of women, girls, boys and men living with a disability on an equal basis with others in their societies. In addition, States Parties that have indicated responsibility for a significant number of landmine survivors, or those currently implementing victim assistance aspects are particularly encouraged to engage through national victim assistance and disability rights experts.

As called for in the *Maputo Action Plan*, to "ensure the inclusion and full and active participation of mine victims and their representative organisations in all matters that affect them," and thanks to EU support, a number of these organisations will be invited and sponsored to attend. Interpretation in Arabic, English, French and Spanish will be provided. Additional information will be made available in the upcoming days/weeks on the Convention website including on sponsorship for organisations' and States' representatives, registration, hotel and visas,

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