

MONDAY 18 DEC 13:00 – 15:00**Landmine Monitor: 2017 Briefing**

HOST: International Campaign to Ban Landmines

Civil society experts will discuss recent developments in landmine ban policy, survey and the clearance of landmines and other explosive remnants of war, casualties, and efforts to guarantee rights and meet the needs of landmine victims

ROOM: M4

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The Impact of International Cooperation in Iraq's implementation of the Anti-Personnel Landmine Convention

HOST: Mission of the Republic of Iraq- Geneva

This event will review the economic, social and environmental impact of land mines on Iraqi society. It will share the current challenges that confront the mine action programme in Iraq and highlight the impact of International Cooperation and technical assistance in Iraq's implementation of the Anti-Personnel Landmine Convention.

ROOM: M5

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La pratique algérienne de lutte contre les mines antipersonnel : un engagement résolu pour une cause noble / The Algerian practice in the fight against anti-personnel mines: a resolute commitment to a noble cause

HOST : Algeria

This event highlights the efforts made by Algeria in the fight against anti-personnel mines. In particular; clearing mined areas, destroying remaining stockpiles, assisting victims and promoting the universalization of the AP Mine Ban Convention. It includes a short film, presentations and distribution of documents related to the campaign, "Removal of a mine, plantation of a tree". It's also the opportunity to enjoy some Algerian delicacies.

ROOM: M6

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Addressing the remaining challenges faced by Angola in Implementation of Article 5

HOST: Angola, Comissão Nacional Intersectoral de desminagem e assistência Humanitária-CNIDAH

Following the culmination of non-technical survey in most of Angola's Provinces and a clearer analysis of progress made, Angola today has a clear understanding of its remaining challenge and how to achieve completion of Angola's mine clearance obligation within its requested extension

period of 8 years. Nonetheless, addressing the remaining 1,465 mined areas in Angola will require significant financial support at a time when international resources have been reducing. Angola will offer an overview of its remaining challenge and share its strategy for completion.

ROOM: M7

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Humanitarian mine action in areas controlled by armed non-State actors – current challenges and opportunities for local mine action agencies

HOST: Geneva Call

In areas controlled by armed non-State actors, local mine action agencies are often the only civilian actors present conducting demining or other mine action activities. How can the international mine action community better support these actors? What are the challenges and lessons learned from past experiences?

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MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 19:00**Opening reception**

(location: Hofburg, Zeremoniensaal)

Buses will transport participants from the Vienna International Centre to the location of the reception. Conference badges will be required to enter the reception venue.

TUESDAY 19 DEC 08:30 – 09:45**Victim Assistance 2025: Resourcing assistance in Development, Emergencies, and into a Mine Free World**

HOST: Landmine Monitor / ICBL

How does Victims Assistance fit within the commitment of realising a Mine Free World by 2025? This side event will seek to provide a big picture of the resources needed to take victim assistance into 2025 and the world after landmines. Consideration will be given to identifying how plans, rights and development frameworks, including the SDGs fit into the 2025 goal.

ROOM: M4

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TUESDAY 19 DEC 13:00 – 15:00**Clearing the Mines 2017: Report launch and briefing**

HOST: Mine Action Review

Experts from Mine Action Review and its

Advisory Board members; HALO Trust, the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), and Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) will discuss progress and developments in survey and clearance of landmines under Article 5 and challenges faced in today's environment. The panel will be moderated by Ambassador Brattskar of Norway.

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The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the European Union: partners in human security

HOST: European Union and the Implementation Support Unit of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

The European Union and its Member States will launch a brochure documenting EU support for mine action across the world over the past five years. At the occasion of this side-event the new EU Council Decision in support of the implementation of the Maputo Action Plan of the Convention will also be presented. The decision enables the ISU to support efforts of States Parties to the Convention to implement the Maputo Action Plan and also support efforts in the area of universalisation of the Convention.

ROOM: M5

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Contribution of the Global Demining Initiative to Post Conflict in Colombia

HOST: Delegation of Colombia, Norway and United States

This side event will present the most recent results of the comprehensive mine action in Colombia and the still remaining challenges, the main achievements of the Global Demining Initiative launched by the United States, Norway and Colombia in 2016 and the experience of the international cooperation and assistance as a tool to strengthen mine action in Colombia.

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Feasibility Assessment for Engaging Humanitarian Demining to deal with challenge of improvised anti-personnel mines in Afghanistan

HOST: Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC) of the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDAM)

The challenge of improvised anti-personnel mines is increasing in Afghanistan. The side event will provide an overview of the current situation, including a new feasibility study to assess the circumstanc-

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es and practicability of engaging in the clearance of this type of anti-personnel mine, Focus will be given to discussing the partial release of results from the study.
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Guidelines on Gender and Diversity-Responsive Victim Assistance in Mine Action

HOST: Delegation of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament (Geneva) and the Gender and Mine Action Programme (GMAP)
The side event will mark the launch of a set of guidelines developed by the Gender and Mine Action Programme in collaboration with Handicap International and with Italian support. The guidelines are intended as a practical resource for donors, recipient States as well as operators for integrating gender- and diversity-sensitive approaches to victim assistance into mine action and the broader disability sector.
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WEDNESDAY 20 DEC 13:00 – 15:00

Mine Action and Sustaining Peace: Benefits and Challenges of Including Mine Action in Peace and Ceasefire Agreements

HOST: Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
The UN SC Resolution 2365 (2017) adopted on 30 June 2017 calls for the inclusion of mine action provisions into ceasefire and peace agreements. This side event will disseminate existing guidance, lessons learned and to facilitate the bridging between mine action and mediation communities of practice in debating the benefits and challenges of including such provisions into peace and ceasefire agreements.
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Successful case on social and economic inclusion of survivors in Colombia

HOST: Handicap International with the support of Government of the Republic of Colombia
Presentation of a successful experience that has been promoted by Handicap International with the accompaniment of the Colombian Government, to develop the Peer Support Approach about Survivors Psychosocial Assistance, which allows the social inclusion and the active participation of the victims in peacebuilding processes.
ROOM: M5
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Demining and Stockpiles Destruction: On a Way to Sustainable Development and Mine-Free World

HOST: Republic of Belarus, Republic of Poland, Republic of Algeria, European Union

This side event will exchange views on best practices and experience in the process of territory demining and stockpiles destruction, specifically;

- Outline the important role of providing assistance in eliminating stockpiles of anti-personnel landmines;
- Draw attention to positive examples of how responsible governance at the national level, political will and international cooperation contribute to achieving the goals of sustainable development and building a safer world.

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Landmine Free 2025: What will it take?

HOST: Mines Advisory Group / HALO
Based on a report published by the Landmine Free 2025 campaign this side event will discuss a targeted and realistic approach to achieving completion of mine clearance by 2025.

- What is the status of clearance progress in 20th Anniversary?
- What is the current status of funding?
- What it will take to make Landmine Free 2025 a reality?

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Mine Clearance demonstration

The Ministry of National Defence of Austria invites participants to a mine clearance demonstration. Participants will have the opportunity to witness the application of the demining toolkit including manual and mechanical clearance and the application of mine detection dogs.
LOCATION: Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna (next to the Prince Eugen monument)
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THURSDAY 21 DEC 13:00 – 15:00

Mine Action in Insecure and Unstable Environments

HOST: Danish Demining Group, DanChurch Aid, Handicap International, and the Geneva International Centre for International Demining (GICHD)
How can Humanitarian Mine Action best take place in areas characterised by lack of trust? What implementation models work in these situations? And how does

Humanitarian Mine Action in turn support efforts to build trust? A discussion with perspectives from DDG, DCA, HI and GICHD.

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20 years of challenges in the Middle East and North Africa

HOST: Protection of Armaments & Consequences

With participation of MENA delegates, NGOs and other related bodies, the event will discuss the universalization, use, clearance, and VA successes and challenges of the MBT in the MENA to identify best ways to achieve the treaty 2025 target.

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Vers une RDC sans mine antipersonnel: rôles de l'Etat et de la société civile / Towards a mine-free DRC: the role of the state and civil society

HOST: Centre Congolais de Lutte Antimines (CCLAM) et Campagne Congolaise pour Interdire les Mines (CCIM)

Il s'agira de décrire les efforts fournis par le gouvernement de la RDC et la société civile pour atteindre l'idéal d'une RDC sans mines antipersonnel à l'horizon 2021. L'événement mettra l'accent sur les avancées accomplies en rapport avec les articles 5 et 6 de la convention d'Ottawa et présentera les grandes lignes du nouveau plan stratégique devant aider à terminer le travail dans le respect de la demande d'extension.

Panellists will discuss efforts made by the government of DRC and the civil society to reach the goal of a mine-free DRC by 2021. The event will focus on progress made with regards to article 5 and 6 of the Ottawa Convention and will outline the new strategic plan aiming at finishing the job within the timeframe agreed in the extension request.

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20th Anniversary of APMB Implementation, Achievements and Path Ahead

HOST: Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA)
In commemorating the twenty anniversary, and as one of the pioneers of the movement to ban landmine, Cambodia celebrates our achievements, and lays down our strategies to meet up the end state land which is to free Cambodia from landmine and ERW by 2025.

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