



**Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
Intersessional Meetings 18 -20 June 2024
World Meteorological Organisation, Geneva**

Programme of Side Events

Tuesday, 18 June 2024

13:00 – 15:00 (CEST)

Private Sector Partnership Towards A Mine-Free World

Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority

Room B

This side event will highlight and promote the private sector's contribution to mine action through financial support, technological innovation, strategic partnership, and advocacy, and how to foster greater private sector collaboration in order to achieve a mine-free world.

Beyond Completion: Residual Risk and Sustainable National Capacities

Zambia Mine Action Centre (ZMAC) and the Mines Advisory Group (MAG)

Room C1

This side event will explore key considerations for States Parties on the path towards and beyond completion, drawing on lessons learned from the Republic of Zambia. Zambia declared completion of its Article 5 obligations in 2009. Reflecting the strong national commitment to humanitarian disarmament, the Zambia Mine Action Centre (ZMAC) has remained an active entity, coordinating the cross-Ministerial response to residual contamination and engaging a network of volunteers in community liaison activities. Zambia has also maintained active engagement with Convention machinery, including chairing the Article 5 Committee during the 19MSP, and currently a member of the Victim Assistance Committee. In 2026, Zambia will take on the Presidency of the Convention. ZMAC has worked closely with MAG to analyse good practices, lessons learned, and challenges gained. This event will be an opportunity to share these insights with fellow states parties, discuss its implications, and provide recommendations towards areas of focus for the Siem Reap-Angkor Summit on a Mine-Free World.

Shifting the Status Quo: Challenges and Opportunities in Afghanistan

Humanity and Inclusion

Room C2

This side event will share the findings of a recent case study developed by Humanity & Inclusion (HI) that identifies the segment of the population in need of Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) in Afghanistan and the challenges and opportunities in delivering effective HMA to this population. The study also explores the country's recent context in which, without adaptability from key decision-makers, the opportunity to shift the status-quo may be lost forever. In addition to HI, panelists, including the Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor will present on the current level of contamination, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway will share experiences and the need for funding, and the Danish Refugee Council will share examples from its HMA work in Afghanistan. *(Please note the host has requested no photos or recordings to be made during this event).*

Wednesday, 19 June 2024

13:00 – 15:00 (CEST)

Greening Mine Action and Convention implementation

Mine Action Review, with Advisory Board Members the HALO Trust, Mines Advisory Group, and Norwegian People's Aid

Room B

This side event will explore five ways in which survey and clearance programmes can take the environment and climate change into consideration during survey and clearance efforts. These include adopting environmental management policies and national mine action standards; conducting environmental assessments and implementing mitigation measures; and taking climate-related risks into account during planning and prioritisation efforts. Chaired by the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO), panelists will also outline possible ways to incorporate climate and the environment into the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan in preparation for the Fifth Review Conference.

Convention implementing challenges in on-going conflicts

Colombia Mine Action Group / Mine Action Program OAS

Room C1

Promover la reflexión sobre el uso de las minas antipersonal por parte de actores armados no estatales que afectan el avance en el logro de los objetivos del artículo 5 (limpieza) de la Convención. Ejemplos comparativos Colombia, Ucrania.

Promote reflection on the use of anti-personnel mines by armed non-state actors that affect progress in achieving the aims of Article 5 (clearance) of the Convention. Comparative examples Colombia, and Ukraine.

Thursday, 20 June 2024

13:00 – 15:00 (CEST)

Briefing on the Regional Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Improvised Anti-Personnel Mines in West Africa and Sahel-region

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

Room B

This side event will share conclusions and recommendations from the recent European funded Regional Conference where more than 80 delegates from 26 States Parties and 17 international and non-governmental organisations met to discuss the humanitarian impact of improvised anti-personnel mines in West Africa and Sahel-region and the need to address this challenge under the Convention's framework.

Interpretation **عربي**, English, Español, Français

Reinforcing and strengthening gender and other diversity factors in Convention implementation

Gender and Diversity Working Group and the Netherlands

Room C1

This side event, Chaired by the Cambodian Presidency, will highlight both the advancements achieved and the areas needing further improvement in integrating gender and diversity into Treaty implementation. Representatives from the Gender and Diversity Working Group (GDWG) and the Netherlands, serving as one of the four APMBC Gender Focal Points, will discuss progress since the Oslo Review Conference (2019) and explore ways to enhance gender and diversity mainstreaming, ahead of the Fifth Review Conference.
