

22ND INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF
MINE ACTION
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The NDM-UN is the annual meeting where mine action stakeholders meet to discuss emerging issues, and exchange best practices and lessons learned. Highlights this year include: the launch of the UN Mine Action Strategy 2019-2023; challenges of victim assistance; the integrated support to survivors, affected families and communities; the inclusion and empowerment of youth and women; the role of mine action in preventing humanitarian crises and building peace; the role of mine action in child protection; mitigating new threats; and the rapid-fire sessions on innovations.

FEBRUARY 5-8, 2019

Palais des Nations, Geneva

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AGENDA

Tuesday 5 February

Plenary Room XVIII

10:00 - 11:15

Opening Ceremony

Keynote: Mr. Giles Duley, CEO & Founder, Legacy of War Foundation and Photographer

Chair: Ms. Agnès Marcaillou, Director, UNMAS

Speakers:

- Mr. Alexandre Zouev, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, United Nations
- Mr. Artur Domingos Verissimo, Deputy Director of the National Demining Institute, Mozambique

Welcome and opening remarks to set the context for the meeting. A minute of silence will be observed.

11:15 - 11:45

Coffee Break

11:45 - 13:00

Plenary Session One: Mine Action Vision - Forging the Future Together

Chair: Ms. Agnès Marcaillou, Director, UNMAS

Panelists:

- Ambassador Walter Stevens, Head of EU Delegation to the United Nations, Geneva
- Ms. Sachi Claringbould, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva
- Brigadier General Ziad Nasr, Director, Lebanon Mine Action Centre
- Colonel Mkhululi Bhika Ncube, Director, Zimbabwe Mine Action Centre

Panelists will share best practices and lessons learned from the development and implementation of Strategies and will discuss how to foster greater partnerships within the sector.

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch & Side Events

Please refer to the side events schedule on page 6.

15:00 - 16:15

Plenary Session Two: Facing the Challenges of Victim Assistance in Today's Conflicts

Chair: Ms. Alarcos Cieza, Coordinator, Disability and Rehabilitation, World Health Organization

Panelists:

- Dr. Mahpekay Sidiqy, Physical Rehabilitation Therapist, Kabul Orthopedic Organisation, Afghanistan
- Mr. Giles Duley, CEO & Founder, Legacy of War Foundation and Photographer
- Dr. Lucy Foss, Research Programmes Manager, Centre for Blast Injury Studies, Imperial College London
- Colonel Mohammed Torgeman, Director, Libyan Mine Action Centre

This session aims to identify the challenges of victim assistance from a variety of perspectives.

16:15 - 16:30

Coffee Break

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16:30 - 17:30

Innovations in Mine Action (Part I)

Presenters will update on latest methods, tools and approaches related to minimum data requirements, open access case studies, 3D technology, virtual reality applications, IED threat assessment and IED threat mitigation.

Chair: Ms. Celine Francois, Senior Programme Management Officer, West & Central Africa and Colombia Programmes, UNMAS

Presenters:

- Mr. Henrik Rydberg, Consultant Information Manager Advisor, GICHD
- Mr. Roly Evans, Advisor, Land Release, Operational Efficiency & Training Development, GICHD
- Dr. Sandra Bialystok, Digital Media Coordinator, GICHD
- Mr. Nick Torbet, Head of Programme Development / Global Chief Technical Advisor (IEDD), The HALO Trust
- Mr. Jean-Guy Lavoie, Programme Manager, UNMAS Mali
- Mr. Paul William Fotheringham, Founder, 3D LifePrints
- Mr. Will Maurer, IED Threat Mitigation Advisor, UNMAS

Wednesday 6 February

10:00 - 16:15

Side Events

Please refer to the side events schedule on pages 7-10.

This year's NDM-UN will once again dedicate a full day to side events and workshops, allowing participants to explore specific issues of interest in more depth.

Thursday 7 February

Plenary Room XVIII

10:00 - 11:15

Plenary Session Three: Turning Intention to Action for Survivors

Chair: Ms. Oksana Leshchenko, Policy Specialist on Development and Mine Action, Crises Bureau, UNDP

Panelists:

- Ambassador Prum Sophakmonkol, Secretary-General, Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority
- Mr. Muhabbat Ibrohimzoda, Director, Tajikistan Mine Action Centre
- Ms. Sarah Harrison, Co-Chair, IASC Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings

This session will showcase examples and best practices in providing emergency health care, psycho-social treatment and rehabilitation as well as the opportunities for development, improved livelihoods and social inclusion. In the context of the 2030 Agenda, the panelists will illustrate that victim assistance contributes to the overarching goal of "Leaving No One Behind".

11:15 - 11:45

Coffee Break

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Thursday 7 February

Plenary Room XVIII

11:45 - 13:00

Plenary Session Four: Building Stronger Communities - Youth and Women in Mine Action

Chair: Ms. Hiba Qasas, Chief of Humanitarian Crisis and Response Office, UN Women

Panelists:

- Ambassador Abdulkadir Abdulle Hooshow, Director, Somalia Explosive Hazard Management Authority, Federal Government of Somalia
- Ms. Zahra Abdihagi Mahamed, Operations Assistant and Volunteer Chairperson for Somali Youth United
- Ambassador Stefano Toscano, Director, GICHD
- Ms. Erin Hunt, Programme Manager, Mines Action Canada

The session will emphasize the criticality of ownership to efficiency, impact and sustainability, both at national and local level. The active participation and involvement of women and youth can play an essential contribution for peace and recovery. Panelists will also illustrate how mine action can unlock the potential of women and youth to build resilient communities while advancing gender equality.

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch & Side Events

Please refer to the side events schedule on pages 11-12.

15:00 - 16:15

Plenary Session Five: Preventing Humanitarian Crises, Building Peace

Chair: Ms. Anke Reiffenstuel, Head, Humanitarian Assistance and Operations Division, Federal Republic of Germany

Panelists:

- Mr. Yves Daccord, Director-General, International Committee of the Red Cross
- Mr. Francois Grignon, Deputy Director, Eastern Africa Division, DPPA/DPO, United Nations

This session will explore the role that mine action can play both in the prevention of humanitarian crises caused by conflict and in supporting the establishment of sustainable peace in the aftermath of conflict. This will include highlighting the prevention agenda of the Secretary-General and the role of mine action in preventive diplomacy through advocacy for adherence to international humanitarian law.

16:15 - 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30

Innovations in Mine Action (Part II)

Presenters will update on methods, tools, and approaches related to mine action standards, urban operations, remote baseline surveys, mechanical approaches, risk education and conflict preparedness and protection.

Chair: Ms. Arianna Calza Bini, Director, Gender & Mine Action Programme

Presenters:

- Mr. Alan MacDonald, Programme Manager, UNMAS Lebanon
- Mr. Nick Bray, Advisor, Quality Management Systems and Standards, GICHD
- Mr. Sebastian Kasack, Senior Community Liaison Advisor, MAG
- Mr. Tim Porter, Director of Programmes, The HALO Trust
- Mr. Tim Smith, The HALO Trust
- Mr. Mohammad Shafiq Yosufi, Director, DMAC, Afghanistan
- Mr. Jeffrey McMurdo, Programme Manager, UNMAS Sudan
- Ms. Bridget Forster, Programme Manager, UNMAS Palestine

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Friday 8 February

Plenary Room XVIII

10:00 - 11:15

Plenary Session Six: A Safer Tomorrow for Children

Chair: Ambassador Hans Brattskar, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations in Geneva

Panelists:

- Ms. Christelle Loupforest, Global Coordinator, Mine Action Area of Responsibility, UNMAS
- Mr. Michael Copland, Global Coordinator, Child Protection Area of Responsibility, UNICEF
- Mr. Velayuthan Sivagnanasothy, Secretary, Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development and Hindu Religious Affairs, and Secretary, Presidential Task Force on Northern and Eastern Provinces Development, Government of Sri Lanka
- Mr. Abraham Achiek, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Yemen

Panelists will discuss the risks that explosive ordnance pose to children and ways in which mine action and child protection actors are working to reduce the number of children who have an accident, increase the survival rate, and facilitate access to rehabilitation, psycho-social support and social inclusion. It will also highlight the importance of injury surveillance to prioritise mine action in Sri Lanka and the role of local communities in risk education and victim assistance.

11:15 - 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:45

Plenary Session Seven: Mitigating New Threats - Bridging the Gaps

Chair: Ms. Agnès Marcaillou, Director, UNMAS

Panelists:

- Ambassador Yann Hwang, Permanent Mission of France to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva
- Ms. Sachi Claringbould, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva
- Mr. Bryan Sand, IED Threat Mitigation Advisor, UNMAS

This session will explore how generating a safe, effective and efficient response to the contamination posed by IEDs requires organizations to have the most relevant information on the threat and the technology and equipment available to address it. Panelists will also address the importance of generating buy-in from States, United Nations, NGOs and industry to build a database with available tools, knowledge and understanding.

12:45 - 13:00

Closing Remarks by Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

13:00 - 15:00

Closing Reception at Serpent Bar

Location: 1st Floor, Building E (next to Plenary Room XVIII)

UNMAS will host a reception where canapés and refreshments will be served.

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SIDE EVENTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 13:30 - 14:45

- **Mine Action in Somalia: Towards Victim and Disability Assistance**

Room XXII

The event presents a recent study that provides clarity on how survivors' assistance related treaty obligations can be fulfilled through humanitarian mine action in the context of wider disability assistance programme.

Speakers:

Ms. Agnès Marcaillou, Director, UNMAS (Chair)

Mr. Abdinaser Saed Musse, Deputy Minister of Internal Security, Federal Government of Somalia

Ambassador Faduma Abdullahi Mohamud, Permanent Representative of Somalia to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Mr. Mohammad Sediq Rashid, Humanitarian Mine Action Project Manager, UNMAS Somalia

- **South to South Cooperation in Humanitarian Mine Action: A Step Forward in National Ownership**

Room XXV

The event will present the critical role national mine action authorities and regional centers play in supporting the emergence of national/regional expertise to respond to the impact of explosive ordnance contamination, including victim assistance.

Speakers:

Ms. Dwi Prameswari, Technical Officer of Mine Action, ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC), Cambodia

Brigadier General Ziad Nasr, Director, LMAC, Lebanon

LCL Saturnin Obelakou, Director, CPADD, Benin

Mr. Stanislas Rouquayrol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

Ms. Åsa Massleberg, Advisor, Strategic Management, GICHD

Ms. Hélène Kuperman-Le-Bihan, Armed Violence Reduction Officer, Humanity & Inclusion

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SIDE EVENTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 10:00 - 11:15

- **Weapon Contamination and the Recovery of Human Remains**

Room XXII

Mine action operators are increasingly requested to provide technical support in the search for and management of human remains in mine/ERW contaminated contexts. The panel will look at the challenges and the best practices that should apply when operators assist in such activities.

Speakers:

Ms. Sarah Epprecht, Deputy Director of Operations, ICRC (Chair)

Mr. Siraj Barzani, IKMAA

Pr. Jai Kook Cho, Yonsei University

Ms. Valeska Martinez Lemus, Forensic Specialist, ICRC, Georgia

Mr. Stefaan Landerloos, Weapon Contamination Coordinator, ICRC, Iraq

- **Improving Disability Inclusive Programming in Humanitarian Mine Action - Good practices and Lessons Learned**

Room XXIII

Bringing together operators and national authorities to share lessons learned and best practices on how the sector is currently developing disability-inclusive programming across all pillars of mine action through three categories: programme management, project design and implementation, and monitoring and evaluation.

Speakers:

Ms. Tammy Hall, Head of the Strategies and Standards Division, GICHD (Chair)

Ms. Helaine Boyd, The HALO Trust

Mr. Sebastian Kasack, MAG

Mr. Firoz Alizada, AP Mine Ban Convention ISU

Mr. Bérengère Lenoir, Humanity & Inclusion

- **UNOPS: Meeting the Challenge Together - Implementing Projects in Complex Environments**

Room XXV

The session will showcase UNOPS procurement and contract management processes, highlighting lessons learned, trends and updates in UNOPS approach to ensure delivery of activities in complex environments. This will be done through an interactive discussion on key topic areas including security considerations during project implementation and technical approaches to urban search and clearance.

Speakers:

Mr. Amir Omeragic, Head of Peace & Security Cluster, UNOPS (Chair)

Ms. Monica Siles, UNOPS

Mr. David McMahon, UNOPS

Mr. Jonas Chaudhary, UNOPS

Mr. Pehr Lodhammar, Senior Programme Manager, UNMAS Iraq

Mr. Don MacDonald, Director, Ordnance and Management, G4S

Mr. Bill Marsden, MAG

Mr. Hugh Morris, TDI

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WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 11:45 - 13:00

- **Mine Action in Sri Lanka: Best Practices and Lessons Learnt**

Room XXII

National Mine Action Centre will share best practices and success stories and challenges on mine action in Sri Lanka.

Speakers:

Ambassador A.L.A. Azeez, Permanent Resident Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations (Chair)

Mr. V. Sivagnanasothy, Secretary, Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training and Skills Development and Youth Affairs

Ms. Samantha Jayasuriya, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva

Ms. S. Jalatheepan, Director, Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training and Skills Development and Youth Affairs

- **Across the UN: Challenges and Responses to IEDs**

Room XXIII

Please note this side event will start at 11:30 and end by 12:30

IEDs are increasingly impacting the UN across all its mission areas - from humanitarian responses to development. The panel will set the scene of the evolving threat environment caused by IEDs, explore how IEDs impact the different roles and mandates of the UN, and identify commonalities and priorities from which to build a “whole of UN” approach.

Speakers:

Ms. Maria Vardis, Officer-in-Charge, Policy Section, UNMAS (Chair)

Mr. Giovanni Boccardi, Chief of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit, Culture Sector, UNESCO

Ms. Fatuma Akellos, Child Protection Chief, UNICEF Syria

Mr. Hugues Laurence, Child Protection Specialist, Mine Action and Explosive Weapons, UNICEF

Mr. Will Meurer, IED Threat Mitigation Adviser, UNMAS

- **Linking Mine Action and Development through Research and Policy Support**

Room XXV

The event will stimulate a discussion on how to practically communicate the impacts of mine action through systematic socio-economic research studies linked to humanitarian and/or national development priorities.

Speakers:

Mr. Olaf Juergensen, UNDP (Chair)

Brigadier General Ziad Nasr, Director, LMAC, Lebanon

Ms. Ariane Elmas, UNDP Technical Advisor, LMAC, Lebanon

Mr. Muhabbat Ibrohimzoda, Director, TMAC, Tajikistan

Mr. Tomas Reyes Ortega, EU Deputy Head of Delegation to Iraq

Mr. Hans Risser, Head of Operations, Norwegian People's Aid

Mr. Sebastian Kasack, Senior Community Liaison Advisor, MAG

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WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 13:30 - 14:45

- **Virtual Worlds for Real World Action**

Room XXII

Virtual reality, mixed reality and augmented reality - together known as “XR” - are transforming how all sectors, including mine action, are doing their work. The panelists will present four new XR products and explore the benefits, challenges and impact of using these new technologies as part of their daily operations.

Speakers:

Dr. Jovana Carapic, Researcher, Small Arms Survey (Chair)
Mr. Stanislav Damjanovic, Land Release and Operational Efficiency Advisor, GICHD
Mr. Umberto Draghi, Development Advisor, Digger DTR
Mr. Christopher Nicolas, Audiovisual Producer, ICRC
Dr. Sandra Bialystok, Digital Media Coordinator, GICHD

- **Healthcare and Explosive Violence: Observations from Civil Society**

Room XXIII

Since 2011, explosive violence has reported to have killed at least 82,418 civilians, and injured a further 149,474, in some 119 countries. This side event looks at the short- and long-term implications of such violence on health outcomes and provision, with presentations from civil society and physicians.

Speakers:

Mr. Iain Overton, Executive Director, AOVAV (Chair)
Mr. Shehan Hettiaratchy, Lead Surgeon and Major Trauma Director, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
Dr. Annie Sparrow, Assistant Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Mr. Foeke Postma, Programme Officer, PAX

- **Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Workshop**

Room XXV

Development of guidance on PSEA for the mine action sector: a workshop for GMAP to present preliminary findings and consult colleagues on their needs and expectations for this guidance.

Speakers:

Ambassador Rosemary McCarney, Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN in Geneva (Chair)
Ambassador Prum Sophakmonkol, Secretary General, Cambodian Mine Action Authority
Ms. Arianna Calza Bini, Director, GMAP
Ms. Marion Provencher, Programme Officer, GMAP

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WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 15:00 - 16:15

- **Protecting Civilians from a Human Rights Perspective**

Room XXII

The side event will focus on case studies from Afghanistan and other affected countries to illustrate the challenges of landmines, ERW and IEDs, showcasing the physical, social and psychosocial impact of these weapons.

Speakers:

Mr. Mohammad Shafiq Yosufi (Chair), Director, Directorate of Mine Action Coordination (DMAC) of the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA)
Mr. Calvin Ruysen, Head of Region, Afghanistan and the Middle East, The HALO Trust
Mr. Hector Guerra, Director, International Campaign to Ban Landmines - Cluster Munition Coalition
Ms. Caitlin Longden, Programme Officer, UNMAS
Mr. Firoz Alizada, Implementation Support Officer, APMBC-ISU
Mr. Roman Turšič, Head of Implementation Offices, Afghanistan and Libya, ITF

- **Emerging Technology for Mine Action in the Context of Displacement**

Room XXIII

The displacement caused by current and past conflicts directly impacts humanitarian mine action. This side event will explore various modern technologies, such as precise UAV detection, efficient digital management tools and risk education that can help mitigate these risks.

Speakers:

Mr. Brice De Reymaeker, Deputy Belgian National Mine Action Director
Mr. Yvan Baudoin, ICI-Belgium
Ms. Sanja Vakula, HCR-CTRO, Croatia
Mr. Benoît Debruyne, CEO, DRONEVOLT Belgium
Mr. Marek Kacprzak, NASK Poland
Ms. Emanuela Cepolina, Snail-Aid Technology-Italy
Mr. Torsten Vikström, SITE-Sweden

- **How to Engage with Armed Non-State Actors on Humanitarian Mine Action - The Practical Case of the Deed of Commitment in Western Sahara**

Room XXV

The Deed of Commitment is a practical tool, which allows engaging a dialogue with parties to the conflict on their humanitarian obligations.

Speakers:

Mrs. Catherine Hiltzer, Head of Region - Africa, Geneva Call (Chair)
Mr. Malainine Mohamed Brahim, SMACO Coordinator
Mr. Bidi Salec Mohamed Brahim, SMACO Information Management Officer
Mr. Aziz Haidar, President, Saharawi Association for the Victims of Mines (ASAVIM)
Mr. Hans Risser, Head of Operations, Department for Humanitarian Disarmament, Norwegian People's Aid

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THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 13:30 - 14:45

- **Findings from the Evaluation of the UK's Global Mine Action Programme**

Room XXII

Speakers:

Ambassador Aidan Liddle, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva (Chair)

Mr. Valon Kumnova, The HALO Trust

Mr. Darren Cormack, MAG

Mr. Hans Risser, NPA

Mr. Tom Gillhespy, Itad

Ms. Elizabeth McGarva, DFID

- **Where's the Money Going?**

Room XXIII

A Landmine Monitor side event unpacking the most comprehensive dataset on financing a mine-free world and the strategies of major donors.

Speakers:

Ms. Amelie Chayer, Government Liaison and Policy Manager, ICBL-CMC (Chair)

Mr. Mohammad Shafiq Yosufi, Director, DMAC, Afghanistan

Ms. Marion Loddo, Support for Mine Action Research Specialist, Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor

Ms. Anke Reiffenstuel, Head of Division of Humanitarian Assistance and Operations, Federal Foreign Office Germany

Mr. Stanley Brown, Director, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA), US Department of State

- **Why Does National Capacity Development (NCD) Matter in Mine Action?**

Room XXV

This side event will highlight the need for capacity development in mine action and the links to SDGs. It will engage participants with presentations on approaches and lessons learned in the development of national mine action capacities to address questions such as *Why does NCD in HMA matter? What are the lessons learned? Where is there room for improvement?*

Speakers:

Ms. Tammy Hall, Head of the Strategies and Standards Division, GICHD (Chair)

Mr. Faiz Paktian, Global Capacity Development Adviser, NPA

Mr. Olaf Juergensen, Development and Mine Action Specialist, UNDP

Mr. Marc Bonnet, Head of Division, Risk Management, GICHD

Mr. Carl Case, Senior Advisor for Mine Action and Small Arms/Light Weapons, OAS

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THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 17:30 - 18:30

- **UNOPS: Meeting the Challenge Together - Implementing Projects with Impact**

Room XXV

This session will focus on sustainability and quality aspects of the UNOPS procurement process, in particular UNOPS revamped case study template. Further topics will also include activities in promoting gender and diversity, environmental protection and others.

Speakers:

Mr. Amir Omeragic, Head of Peace & Security Cluster, UNOPS (Chair)

Ms. Monica Siles, UNOPS

Ms. Kelly McAulay, UNOPS

Mr. David McMahon, UNOPS