

25TH INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF **MINE ACTION**

NATIONAL DIRECTORS AND UNITED NATIONS ADVISERS

Full Programme

Provisional as of 24 June 2022

The NDM-UN is the annual meeting of mine action stakeholders, bringing together civil society, governments, and the wider UN community to discuss emerging issues and exchange good practices and lessons learned. This year, discussion topics will include: the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus; Information Management; Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion; Innovations in EORE; and Financing in Times of Uncertainty. Side events will offer rich opportunities to consider case studies and good practices, delve into thematic areas, and explore innovative approaches and solutions to the most pressing challenges facing the mine action sector today.

23-24 June 2022 in Geneva

25th

Thursday 23 June



Programme

Friday 24 June

All times in CEST
Geneva (UTC +2)

8:00-9:45	Registration			8:00-9:45	Networking/Coffee			
10:00-10:45	Opening Ceremony			10:00-11:15	PLENARY IV: Small Innovations, Big Wins in EORE			
10:45-12:00	PLENARY I: Mine Action & the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus			11:30 - 12:20	Implementation of M and E Strategy - What Does the Big Data Tell Us	Building the Basis for Improved Demining	Accident Response: the Mine Action Central Repository of Accident Data (MACRA)	
12:00-12:30	Networking/Coffee			LUNCH BREAK	Operationalizing the Triple Nexus: Views on what it is – and on Mine Action and Armed Violence Reduction's Place in It	Housing, Land and Property Rights in Mine Action: Are We Doing Enough?	LUNCH BREAK	
12:30 - 13:20	Afghanistan: Supporting Mine Action Project Cycle Management through Geoinformation	Conflict, Environment and Explosive Ordnance - Developing an Integrated Response	Partnering for Impact: Examples of Excellence in the Delivery of Mine Action Projects	12:30 - 13:20	IMAS: What's New?	Libya: Contamination Caused by Conflicts	Colombia: Affected States experiences measuring mine action impact	Syria: Protecting Children's Future - Mine Action as a path to early recovery in Syria
13:30-14:20	Ukraine: Emergency Mine Action Response	Nigeria: Assistance for Explosive Ordnance Victims and Persons with Disabilities	IMAS: What's New?	13:30-14:20	14:30-15:45	PLENARY V: Mine Action Financing in Times of Uncertainty; Challenges & Opportunities		
14:30-15:45	PLENARY II: Maximizing Information Management: Lessons, Challenges & Prospects			15:45-15:55	Looking Back to Look Forward: 25 Years of NDM-UN			
15:45-16:15	Networking/Coffee			16:00-16:30	Closing Ceremony			
16:15-17:30	PLENARY III: On the Right Track? Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in Mine Action							
17:30-19:30	Reception							



Thursday 23 June (morning)

9:45-10:00

Announcements and logistics

Logistical announcements will be given in the official languages of the UN.

10:00-10:45

Opening Ceremony

Welcome to the conference followed by opening remarks to set the context for the meeting. A minute of silence for fallen colleagues will be observed.

Chair - **Ms. Ilene Cohn**, Director, UNMAS

Speakers

- **Ms. Tatiana Valovaya**, Under-Secretary-General, UNOG Director-General
- **Amb. Félix Baumann**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament
- **Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix**, Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations; Chair of the UN Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action
- **Dr. Katrine Finsnes**, Weapon Contamination Medical Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

10:45-12:00

PLENARY I: Mine Action & the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus

This panel takes a broad look at the catalytic role of Mine Action in different contexts where the HDP approach is applied. It will offer observations and reflections on how Mine Action serves as an enabler of humanitarian aid, development processes as well as an enabler of peace. The panelists will discuss how Mine Action programming can promote nexus approaches in crisis and post-crisis contexts and how MA can provide a bridge role across the different nexus actors and forums. The discussion will zoom in on ways in which Mine Action can be tailored to specific national contexts and needs as well as the underlying conditions that are necessary for Mine Action to be effective in the HDP nexus. Other areas covered will include ways to measure impacts, progress, and insights on how to ensure robust exit strategies that allow national institutions to address outstanding challenges.

Chair - **Ms. Agi Veres**, Director of UNDP Office in Geneva

Speakers

- **Mr. Saša Obradović**, Director of the Mine Action Center in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Ms. Naomi Konza**, Project Coordination Specialist, Mine Action for Human Development, UNDP, Cambodia
- **Ms. Ilene Cohn**, Director, UNMAS
- **Ms. Jo Dresner**, Director of Policy, Mines Advisory Group (MAG)

12:00-14:30
Lunch time



Thursday 23 June (afternoon)

12:30 - 13:20

Three Concurrent Side Events (details in section on Side Events)

- Afghanistan: Supporting Mine Action Project Cycle Management through Geoinformation
- Conflict, Environment and Explosive Ordnance - developing an integrated response
- Partnering for Impact: Examples of excellence in the delivery of mine action projects

13:30-14:20

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PLENARY II: Maximizing Information Management: Lessons, Challenges & Prospects

Whether using cutting edge technology or rudimentary tools, all mine action programmes manage information in some format. The digital tools available to the sector have become dramatically more capable. But the pace of adopting these tools and, more importantly, how well they align with operations has varied. This session aims to share experiences and good practices among national authorities as they mature their information management systems and structures. The panel will take a broad look at the motivation for information management, offering observations and reflections on the promise, potential and pitfalls of information management. Attendees will be challenged to consider a whole-of-organization approach to unlock the value of information management to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of mine action operations.

Chair - **Amb. Stefano Toscano**, Director, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)

Moderator - **Ms. Noor Zangana**, Information Management Capacity Development Advisor, GICHD

Speakers

- **Major Ahmad Lamaa**, Information Management Section Head, Lebanon Mine Action Center (LMAC)
- **Mr. Amir Omeragic**, Director, Peace and Security Cluster, UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
- **Ms. Ros Sophal**, Database Unit Manager, Cambodia Mine Action Authority (CMAA)

12:00-14:30
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PLENARY III: On the Right Track? Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in Mine Action

The focus of this session is to reflect on the goals set in NDM-UN24 and continue the conversation around successes and challenges faced. The previous session focused on promoting racial equity in the mine action sector and implementing measures to ensure a more diverse workforce in mine action. The mine action sector should stay focused on fighting racism and inequality, while broadening our scope through an intersectional lens to include disability and gender to the dialogue. Discussions may also speak to lessons learned from gender mainstreaming and disability inclusion and their applicability to racial equality, diversity, and inclusion. Together speakers will champion the successes made and highlight the room for growth throughout the mine action sector.

Chair - **M. Bruno Donat**, Chief, UNMAS Geneva

Speakers

- **Maitre Sudi Kimputu**, National Coordinator, Centre Congolais de Lutte Antimines, the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **Ms. Marta Helena Lopez**, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources, United Nations
- **Ms. Shireen Dodson**, Assistant Secretary-General and United Nations Ombudsman, United Nations
- **Mr. Hayashi Akihito**, Japanese International Cooperation Agency, Cambodia
- **Mr. Clement Suwali**, HMA Operations Manager, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), South Sudan

17:30-19:30

Reception

A reception to welcome participants to the 25th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers offering opportunities for guests to connect and network.





Friday 24 June (morning)

10:00-11:15

PLENARY IV: Small Innovations, Big Wins in EORE

65% of respondents selected EORE as the most and second most important technical/operational issue in the NDM survey. Innovative approaches also scored highly among respondents.

The plenary will cover new technologies used in EORE as well as behavioral change measurement and integration of EORE into other sectors. It will also feature disability inclusion (another subject highlighted in survey feedback as important) in EORE that will be complimentary to the EDI plenary.

Chair - Mr. Luc Chauvin, Chief, Inter Agency and Humanitarian Partnerships, Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF

Speakers

- **Mr. Dahir Abdurrahman Abdulle**, Director General, Somali Explosive Management Authority (SEMA)
- **Ms. Celine Cheng**, Co-Chair of the EORE Advisory Group, Humanity and Inclusion
- **Mr. William Kollie**, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Afghanistan
- **Mr. Lionel Pechera**, IMAS Adviser, GICHD
- **Ms. Caroline Sugg**, Director of Strategy and Partnerships, BBC Media Action

11:30 - 12:20

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- Building the basis for improved demining accident response: the Mine Action Central Repository of Accident Data (MACRA)

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Lunch time



Friday 24 June (afternoon)

14:30-15:45

PLENARY V: Mine Action Financing in Times of Uncertainty; Challenges & Opportunities

This session will invite leading mine action donors to present their mine action strategies and priority setting methods as well as to inform participants of resource mobilization opportunities and ways to align donor and mine action programme priorities. The panelists will also reflect on opportunities for identifying and accessing funding streams other than those of a purely humanitarian nature, e.g. stabilization and peacebuilding and draw attention to trust funds such as the Peacebuilding Fund which is operational in many mine affected countries.

Chair - **Amb. Yves Marek**, Chair, Mine Action Support Group

Speakers

- **Ms. Karen Chandler** - Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Programs and Operations, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, United States Department of State
- **Mr. Peter Larsson** - Head of Sector, Directorate for Integrated Approach for Security and Peace, European External Action Service, European Union
- **Ms. Yessika Morales** - Deputy Peace Commissioner, Coordinator of the Mine Action Working Group in the Office of the Peace Commissioner, Colombia
- **Brig. Gen. Khalid Hamdan Adam Abdallah** - Director General, National Mine Action Center, Republic of the Sudan

15:45-15:55

Looking Back to Look Forward: 25 years of NDM-UN

Presentation by

- **Mr. Ian Mansfield**, MASG Secretariat

16:00-16:30

Closing Ceremony

Remarks to close the 25th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers.

Speakers

- **Ms. Ilene Cohn**, Director, UNMAS
- **Mr. Alexandre Zouev**, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peace Operations, United Nations



SIDE EVENTS



Thursday 23 June

12:30 - 13:20

Afghanistan: Supporting Mine Action Project Cycle Management through Geoinformation (Red Room)

Geographic data and information has a significant potential to be utilized to guide mine action planning and prioritization, support operations, assist monitoring, and facilitate impact assessment. Live time team locations can be captured through geographic information system and visualized through graphics so that coordination and prioritization can be optimized, and mine action operations can be monitored easily from every corner on Earth; similarly, by detecting and monitoring the physical characteristics of a cleared area over time using remote sensing, changes at the household, community, regional, and even national level can be demonstrated in a remarkable manner as evidence for impact assessment. In this side event, UNMAS Afghanistan Programme will present our current progress in these areas and facilitate discussions on the potentials.

Speakers

- **Mr. Paul Heslop**, Chief of Mine Action Programme, UNMAS Afghanistan
- **Ms. Inna Cruz**, Information Management Specialist, UNOPS
- **Mr. William Kollie**, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF
- **Mr. Richard Brittan**, Managing Director, Alcis

Conflict, Environment and Explosive Ordnance - developing an integrated response (Blue Room)

The use of explosive weapons can cause serious pollution and environmental risks, including generation of debris, hazardous materials and chemical contamination of land and water, causing additional health risks to affected communities and mine action staff. This side event will cover the need for an integrated approach in Protection of Civilians standards and humanitarian programmes to ensure that risks are addressed, including a consideration of indicators to measure environmental degradation in line with recent work by UNIDIR. It will also introduce the Environmental Issues and Mine Action (EIMA) Working Group, including some examples of environmental measures already being adopted to help mitigate the impact of explosive ordnance contamination and mine action operations more broadly.

Speakers

- **Ms. Linsey Cottrell**, Environmental Policy Officer, Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS)
- **Ms. Erica Mumford**, Associate Researcher, Conventional Arms and Ammunition Programme, UNIDIR
- **Ms. Lucy Pinches**, Project Manager, Mine Action Review
- **Ms. Hilde Jørgensen**, Senior Advisor Environment, Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)

12:00-14:30
Lunch time



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Partnering for Impact: Examples of excellence in the delivery of mine action projects (Orange Room)

The session will highlight examples of excellence in the delivery of mine action projects. UNOPS and its implementing partners will showcase recent efforts made to facilitate gender mainstreaming and diversity through a project in Somalia and share innovative technical approaches to Route Clearance using new detection technology in South Sudan aimed at improving quality and operational efficiency.

Speakers

- **Mr. Amir Omeragic**, Director - Peace and Security Cluster, UNOPS
- **Ms. Kelly McAulay**, Project Management Advisor, UNOPS
- **Ms. Trexyl Chua-Miranda**, Strategic Procurement and Grants Advisor, UNOPS
- **Mr. Zehrudin Sukanovic**, Chief of Operations, UNOPS
- **Mr. Stephen Castree**, President, The Development Initiative
- **Ms. Rachael Pilcher**, The Development Initiative
- **Mr. Philip Hill**, Managing Director, G4S



12:00-14:30
Lunch time



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Ukraine: Emergency Mine Action Response (Red Room)

This side event seeks to highlight the need for innovative solutions from experts working in the complex context of Ukraine. This side event will provide an up-to-date picture of achievements so far, and discuss how the mine action community can best tackle the complex challenges of access, resources and coordination, to maximise impact and value. The side event highlights innovations such as digital EORE, the advances in mapping of ongoing conflicts, as well as the benefits cross-sectoral partnerships have on the protection of civilians in times of war. By reviewing the international community's early response, lessons learned will be identified, and by looking ahead, the need for continued and coordinated international support will be highlighted.

Chair: **Mr. Bruno Donat**, Chief, UNMAS Geneva; Global Coordinator, Mine Action Area of Responsibility (MA AoR), Global Protection Cluster (GPC)

Speakers

- **Ms. Mairi Cunningham**, Ukraine Programme Manager, HALO Trust
- **Mr. Guy Rhodes**, Chief Technical Advisor, UNDP
- **Col. Ruslan Beregulia**, National Mine Action Authority, Ukraine
- **Mr. Oleksandr Sushchenko**, Team Lead, Energy and Environment, UNDP

Assistance for Explosive Ordnance Victims and Persons with Disabilities, Nigeria (Blue Room)

This side event will shed light to UNMAS commitments translated into effective action in supporting Explosive Ordnances victims and persons with disabilities through identification, assessment and referral in northeast Nigeria. UNMAS has introduced an evidence-based participatory referral pathway model to identify needs and remove barriers for survivors and persons with disabilities to access existing specialized health and protection services. This inclusive approach has enabled survivors and persons with disabilities to improve functional ability, which will lead to sustained independent living in the future.

Speakers

- **Mr. Gilles Delecourt**, CMAP, UNMAS Nigeria
- **Mr. Dunas Ezekiel**, Executive Director, Youths Awaken Foundation Nigeria
- **Mr. Abubakar Askira**, Director Program, Hallmark Leadership Initiative
- **Mr. Henri Bonnin**, Victim Assistance Technical Advisor, UNMAS
- **Ms. Hanaa Alfaraa**, Victim Assistance officer UNMAS Syria
- **Ms. Elke Hottentot**, Policy Lead Armed Violence Reduction Handicap International -Humanity & Inclusion

IMAS: What's New? (Orange Room)

This year marks the 20 years of the IMAS framework; this side event is dedicated to providing updates on the latest IMAS developments, their implication and what they bring to the sector. An update about the Review Board workplan will also be made. This side event will be an opportunity to mention the IMAS 20 campaign and a number of available learning resources about the IMAS.

12:00-14:30
Lunch time



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11:30 - 12:20

Implementation of M and E strategy - what does the big data tell us (Red Room)

This side event provides an update on the 2021 data collected and key takeaways of the implementation of the M&E strategy - what does the big data tell us?

Building the basis for improved demining accident response: the Mine Action Central Repository of Accident Data (MACRA) (Blue Room)

MACRA is a database that is developed by the GICHD and partners for collecting and storing all available information on demining accidents worldwide. Its purpose is to ensure demining accident data is collected from all programmes in a timely fashion, with the view to conduct annual and on-request analysis of the demining accidents, and disseminate information on trends to the broader mine action community. With this data, it will be easier to follow up global trends and put appropriate responses in place. This side event aims to engage donors, national mine action authorities and other interested parties to promote this tool further and make it a reference point for analysing accidents in the sector.

Speakers

- **Mr. Stanislav Damjanovic**, GICHD
- **Mr. Michael Tirre**, US DoS PM/WRA
- **Ms. Eva Vebel**, Global Special Advisor, NPA
- **Mr. Arie Classens**, iMMAP, Nigeria



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Operationalizing the Triple Nexus: Views on what it is - and on mine action and armed violence reduction's place in it (Red Room)

It's everywhere. But what is the so-called "Triple Nexus", really? What does it look like beyond the conceptual level? How are organisations turning it into results? A discussion with examples: how Nexus thinking is changing the way we work, and where it may take us in future.

Speakers

- **Mr. Emmanuel Sauvage**, Country Director, Humanity & Inclusion Senegal
- **Ms. Mame-Khady Diouf**, Country Director, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Senegal
- **Mr. David Bouanchaud**, Crisis Response Planner, EU Foreign Policy Instrument (FPI) Regional Team/West Africa and Lake Chad Basin.
- **Mr. Richard MacCormac**, Head of Humanitarian Disarmament and Peacebuilding, DRC

Housing, Land and Property Rights in Mine Action: Are We Doing Enough? (Blue Room)

How does Housing, Land and Property fit into Mine Action? Drawing on experiences from Iraq, South Sudan and Afghanistan, panelists will explore how land released can cause or exacerbate existing tensions and social norms. Taking an impact-orientated approach, GICHD, MAG, NRC and Norway will showcase the need for improved synergies across thematic sectors to provide conflict sensitive, inclusive and effective Mine Action.

Speakers

- **Ms. Hannah Rose Holloway** (facilitator), Humanitarian Disarmament and Peacebuilding Coordinator, Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Co-Coordinator of the Global Mine Action Area of Responsibility (MA AoR) with UNMAS
- **Ms. Roxana Bobolicu**, International Policy Manager, MAG
- **Mr. Jim Robinson**, Coordinator of Global Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility (HLP AoR), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
- **Mr. Dominic Wolsey**, Gender and Diversity Advisor, GICHD
- **Ms. Camilla Dannevig**, Senior Adviser, Section for Humanitarian Affairs, MFA, Norway

12:00-14:30
Lunch time



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Libya, Contamination Caused by Conflicts (Orange Room)

This event provides an opportunity to shine light on the situation in Libya in terms of the pollution caused by conflicts and the exacerbation of the number of victims from mines, especially children. The event also aims to promote discussion on solutions in creating an environment that guarantees the safety of the population.

Affected States experiences measuring mine action impact (Red Room)

Following Oslo Action Plan (2019) best practices for implementing the Convention, this Side Event aims to promote analyses on integrated responses between the mine action community and relevant humanitarian, peacebuilding, development, and human rights community. From the perspective of landmine-affected countries, the event aims to expose practical experiences about how states manage to promote the rural development of affected communities after demining. The Colombia Mine Action Group Coordinator will conduct this conversation. It will allow the mine action global community to identify lessons learned and concrete examples of mine action's added value for peacebuilding and development.

Speakers

- **Ms. Yessika Morales**, Colombia Mine Action Group Coordinator
- **Mr. Pablo Parra**, Chief of Mine Action Programme, UNMAS Colombia
- **Ms. Angela Hoyos**, External Relations and Policy Advisor, GICHD

Protecting Children's Future – Mine Action as a path to early recovery in Syria (Blue Room)

This side event aims to outline the extent of explosive ordnance contamination in Syria and its devastating impact on people, vital infrastructure, and provision of humanitarian assistance. The event will also outline the crucial activities performed by humanitarian mine action actors to address these issues and underscore the need for further international funding to support early recovery through mine action. This demonstrates how mine action is essential to provide the basis for early recovery efforts, such as the safe use of agricultural land, thus enabling communities' socio-economic independence, and promoting resilience.

Speakers

- **Mr. Habibulhaq Javed**, Chief Mine Action Programme, UNMAS Syria
- **Ms. Ghada Kachachi**, Deputy Representative, UNICEF Syria
- **Mr. Andrew Moore**, Head of Region, the Halo Trust
- **Ms. Najat El Hamri**, Regional Director for Middle East, MAG

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Lunch time