

25TH

INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF

MINE

ACTION

NATIONAL DIRECTORS AND UNITED NATIONS ADVISERS

Full Programme

Provisional as of 9 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

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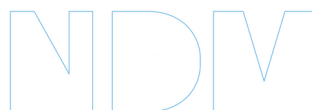
Thursday 23 June

Friday 24 June

All times in CEST
Geneva (UTC +2)

8:00-9:45	Registration		
10:00-10:45	Opening Ceremony		
10:45-12:00	PLENARY I: Mine Action & the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus		
12:00-12:30	Networking/Coffee		
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
13:30-14:20	Ukraine: Emergency Mine Action Response	Nigeria: Assistance for Explosive Ordnance Victims and Persons with Disabilities	IMAS: What's New?
14:30-15:45	PLENARY II: Maximizing Information Management: Lessons, Challenges & Prospects		
15:45-16:15	Networking/Coffee		
16:15-17:30	PLENARY III: On the Right Track? Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in Mine Action		
17:30-19:30	Reception		

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10:00-11:15	PLENARY IV: Small Innovations, Big Wins in EORE		
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13:30-14:20	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
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15:45-15:55	Looking Back to Look Forward: 25 Years of NDM-UN		
16:00-16:30	Closing Ceremony		



Event

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.

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.

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

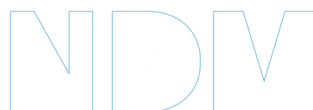
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PLENARY II: Maximizing Information Management: Lessons, Challenges & Prospects

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.

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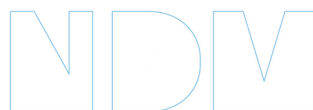
PLENARY III: On the Right Track? Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in Mine Action

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.

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 guest 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.

11:30 - 12:20

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

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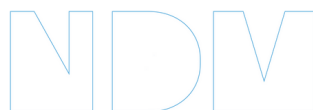
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- Affected States experiences measuring mine action impact
- Protecting Children's Future – Mine Action as a path to early recovery in Syria

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Lunch time



Friday 24 June (afternoon)

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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.

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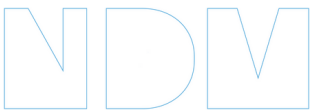
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Closing Ceremony

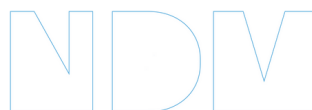
Remarks to close the 25th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers.





SIDE EVENTS





Thursday 23 June

12:30 - 13:20

Supporting Mine Action Project Cycle Management through Geoinformation

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.

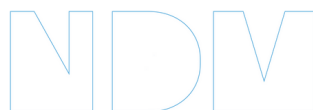
Conflict, Environment and Explosive Ordnance - developing an integrated response

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.

Partnering for Impact: Examples of excellence in the delivery of mine action projects

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.

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Ukraine: Emergency Mine Action Response

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.

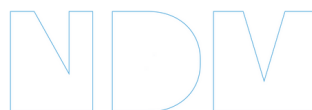
Assistance for Explosive Ordnance Victims and Persons with Disabilities, Nigeria

This side event will shed light to UNMAS commitments translated into effective action in supporting Explosive Ordnance 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.

IMAS: What's New?

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.

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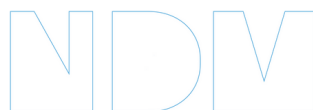
Implementation of M and E strategy - what does the big data tell us

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)

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.

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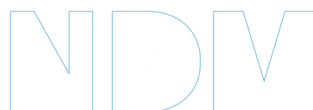
Operationalizing the Triple Nexus: Views on what it is – and on mine action and armed violence reduction's place in it

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.

Housing, Land and Property Rights in Mine Action: Are We Doing Enough?

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.

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Libya, Contamination Caused by Conflicts

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

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.

Protecting Children's Future - Mine Action as a path to early recovery in Syria

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.

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