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.
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. Alarcons 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
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

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. Mubbat Ibirmihzoda, 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
AGENDA
Thursday 7 February

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 Yusufi, Director, DMAC, Afghanistan
• Mr. Jeffrey McMurdo, Programme Manager, UNMAS Sudan
• Ms. Bridget Forster, Programme Manager, UNMAS Palestine
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.
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
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
SIDE EVENTS SCHEDULE

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 Laurenge, 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
SIDE EVENTS SCHEDULE

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, AOAV (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
SIDE EVENTS SCHEDULE

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 Debruyyn, 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 Braham, SMACO Coordinator  
  Mr. Bidi Salec Mohamed Braham, 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 Gilhespy, 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 Pakhtian, 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
SIDE EVENTS SCHEDULE

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