



European Union project: Challenges and successes in implementation
 Briefing, 16 November 2020 | Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the AP Mine Ban Convention
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EU Council Decision 2017/1428

1. Project implementation

Deputy Head of the EU Delegation Thomas WAGNER chaired the session highlighting the objective of Decision adopted by the EU Council in support of States Parties' efforts to implement various aspects of the Convention, and promotion of its norms, <https://bit.ly/EUDel-Remarks>

The Anti-Personnel mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit (ISU), has been entrusted by the European Union as Technical Implementer of EU Decision 2017/1428 set to expire in February 2021. The ISU Director presented some outputs, challenges and successes in implementation and shared some of the upcoming activities.

Presented by
Mr Juan Carlos Ruan,
ISU Director



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Follow up activities undertaken in 2018, 2019, and 2020

2. Bosnia and Herzegovina

In 2018, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) hosted a two-day National Stakeholder Dialogue with participation of over 50 persons including representatives of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre (BHMAC) from various provinces, various national departments, donor/partner states and organisations -- including non-commercial operators, representatives from mine-affected communities including local authorities and mine survivor organisations. Acting on recommendation stemming from the 2018 Dialogue, in which participants invited BiH to have a more "transparent" extension request process than in the past, BiH held a national technical meeting in March 2020 with some of these partners. About 30 persons attended the meeting which



was welcomed by participants. BiH is also working closely with the EU Delegation in country and other States to make progress in its mine clearance goal. *Find videos and pictures of the events here, <https://www.flickr.com/gp/apminebanconvention/qCAv84>, plus 2018 presentations here, <https://bit.ly/BiH-Presentations>*

Presentation by Mr. Tarik Šerak,
Head of Mine Action Management Department, BHMAC



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3. South Sudan



The National Mine Action Authority (NMAA), is responsible for victim assistance coordination. The NMAA has been instrumental in promoting conversations on disability rights and victim assistance in partnership with the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare of South Sudan. The Ministry together with the NMAA hosted a three-day Dialogue in Juba with more than 60 participants in 2019. Through follow up support, in August 2020 South Sudan hosted consultations on its draft national plan with participation of its partners.

Civil society partners included the ICRC which participated in the 2019 and 2020 meetings. The Director of Rehabilitation for ICRC in South Sudan provided feedback on this process and on the important inclusion of civil society in these consultations. ICRC is one of a handful of organisations that have the technical know-how when it comes to rehabilitation and health care as it relates to mine victims and other persons with disabilities in South Sudan. *See the video recap of the workshop: <https://www.flickr.com/gp/apminebanconvention/89cc41> and other photos here, <http://bit.ly/VA-Dialogue-SouthSudan> – more on the Dialogue, <http://bit.ly/SouthSudan-VA-Dialogue>*








Presentation by Ms
Teddy Akello, VA Officer,
NMAA



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Feedback provided by Mr
Ajaya Sen, Head of Rehabilitation, ICRC,
South Sudan

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<h4>4. Uganda</h4> <p>A key aspect of the Decision has been to support implementation of victim assistance in States Parties that have fulfilled their Article 5 obligation. However, maintaining victim assistance and disability rights in the national consciousness requires effort. Through the project, Uganda held a national stakeholder dialogue with over 50 participants to start the development of a national action plan on disability. Through follow up support, Uganda launched the recently adopted plan in August 2020. The VA focal point explained the process under the project and challenges that remain. <i>See the video recap of the workshop: https://bit.ly/Uganda-Video and other photos here, https://bit.ly/Uganda-VA-Dialogue – more on the</i></p>  <p><i>Dialogue, https://bit.ly/Uganda-VA-Dialogue.</i></p>	<p>Presentation by Ms Agnes Nampeera, VA focal point, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Welfare</p>  <p>4-Uganda-presentati on.pdf https://youtu.be/X0jj1nFaGik?t=3412</p>
New activities for end 2020-2021	
<h4>5. Colombia</h4> <p>Colombia had intended to host National Stakeholder Meeting on Victim Assistance in June 2020, to support the creation of a support network for landmine survivors. Restrictions due to Covid-19 have put the plans on hold but new alternative plans are being developed to ensure that the Dialogue can still be held before the project ends in February 2021.</p> <p>(English version forward to 3:50) https://bit.ly/SideEvent-audio-English</p>	<p>Presentation by Martha Hurtado, Presidential Advisor and Coordinator, National Mine Action Programme</p>  <p>5-Colombia--301020 20 Discurso Evento UI https://youtu.be/X0jj1nFaGik?t=4098 (Spanish)</p>
<h4>6. Organisation of American States (OAS)</h4> <p>In view of Chile's completion, only four States with Article 5 obligation remain in South America: Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Together with the Implementation Support Unit, the Organization of American States (OAS), which first implemented a mine clearance programme in 1991, will host a regional stakeholder dialogue with support of the EU, to raise awareness of the newly adopted Oslo Action Plan and better assist in efforts to bring the Americas to completion.</p>	<p>Presentation by Ret. Lt. Gen Carl Case, Senior Advisor, OAS</p>  <p>6-OAS Statement.pdf https://youtu.be/X0jj1nFaGik?t=4641</p>
<h4>7. Sudan</h4> <p>The Sudanese Mine Action Centre had hoped to host a National Stakeholder Dialogue on Victim Assistance in August 2020; however, this has now been postponed until January 2021. The VA focal point for Sudan explains their objectives for their Dialogue.</p> <p>https://bit.ly/SideEvent-audio-English (English version forward to 9:40)</p>	<p>Presentation by Cpt. Sahar Mustafa</p>  <p>مساعدة الضحايا الاجتماع الجانبي-6.pdf https://youtu.be/X0jj1nFaGik?t=5551 (Arabic)</p>