



## **Panel Discussion**

### **Effective Implementation for All – Gender and Diverse needs in practice**

**Tuesday, 30 June 2020, 15:00 – 16:00 CET**

**Organizers: Gender Focal Points of the Convention's Committees  
(Chile, Colombia, Norway, Panama)**

#### **Background**

Since the Third Review Conference in Maputo, there has been a growing understanding of the need to systematically integrate gender and the diverse needs of affected communities within the all aspects of the Convention's work. The Oslo Action Plan, adopted at the Fourth Review Conference, identifies this as a best practice for implementing the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in the most effective and efficient way possible. Action 5 of the Oslo Action Plan commits States Parties to ensure that the different needs and perspectives of women, girls, boys and men are considered and inform all areas of Convention implementation and mine action programming.

Likewise, the Oslo Action Plan affirms that States Parties will carry out their mine action and victim assistance programmes in a way that is sensitive to gender, age disability and that take the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities into account as they implement their respective obligations under the Convention. In order to support the States Parties in doing so, the Fourth Review Conference also decided to integrate these issues in the machinery and working methods of the Convention.

With that objective, it was decided that the mandate of all Committees should be amended to take into account gender and diversity issues in their work, including in the presentations of their observations and conclusions. Additionally, following the decision of States Parties at the Fourth Review Conference, each Committee has appointed a focal point among its members to provide advice on gender mainstreaming and ensure that the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities are taken into account in the implementation of the Oslo Action Plan.

#### **Objectives**

The objective of the panel is to continue raising awareness of the value of gender and diversity mainstreaming for the effective implementation of the Convention and the Oslo Action Plan addressing key practical challenges in policy making, planning, programming and implementation and lastly, its evaluation.

As relevant gender and diversity factors may not be easy to identify in a given context, the panellists will provide an overview of the challenges that remain to be addressed to ensure consideration of

gender and diversity in all areas of implementation and will share best practices and recommendations to ensure effective, efficient and context-specific implementation.

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### **Format**

Brief 7 - 8 minutes presentations, Q&A session

The panel will be held in an interactive format, beginning with introductory remarks by the presenters which will lay the ground for a question and answer session.

Participants are invited to forward questions or comments in advance to: [isu@apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu@apminebanconvention.org) (please reference the name of the panel in your email) by **23 June**.

### **Panel**

Moderator: **Hana Ryba Cervenka**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Norway to the UN at Geneva and Gender Focal Point of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation.

- **Sreng Sorphea**, Deputy Secretary General of Cambodian Mine Action Authority and Head of Gender Team
- **Miguel Ceballos**, High Commissioner for Peace, Office of the President, Colombia
- **Agnes B. Nampeera**, Senior Rehabilitation Officer, National CBR Coordinator, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda
- **Gona Hassan**, Community liaison Supervisor, Mines Advisory Group, Iraq Programme
- **Jasmine Dann**, Policy and Advocacy Manager, The HALO Trust and member of the informal Gender Working Group