**Fostering Partnerships**

**Global Conference on Assistance to Victims of Anti-Personnel Mines**

**and Other Explosive Remnants of War, and Disability Rights**

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| **Draft Programme (\*As of 8 August 2019) for Day One | Tuesday 10 September 2019** | |
| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration |
| High Level Opening Ceremony  **Realising the Rights of Victims of Anti-Personnel Mines and other Explosive Remnants of War (ERW)**  **Chair: His Royal Highness Prince Mired Raad Zeid Al-Hussein**  **Chair: Head of the European Union Delegation to Jordan** | |
| Plenary Session One  **Where Have We Come from; Where Are We Going? The State of Play of Victim Assistance**  Identifying key remaining challenges to better address the rights and needs of mine and other ERW survivors, and other persons with disabilities are some of the most critical steps for the Convention community following the Oslo Review Conference. Discussions will include how international human rights law has altered the landscape in which victim assistance commitments are being carried out. | |
| **Lessons Learnt - Common Challenges and Best Practice**  A series of regional south-south cooperation sessions scheduled over lunch. Delegates are encouraged to attend one or various sessions according to region, language and/or areas of interest. | |
| **Parallel Sessions** | |
| **Parallel Session One: Advancing Integration of Victim Assistance into National Broader Policies and Programmes**  Integrating victim assistance into broader sectors and domains is no easy task. Panellists will address among others, concerns on losing momentum in the implementation of victim assistance as it is increasingly integrated into broader frameworks including those of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.Discussions on this session will also seek to identify what can be done to address these concerns and approaches to better address the issue in a sustainable manner. | |
| **Parallel Session Two: Placing Inclusion, Gender and Diversity in the Centre of Efforts**  *“Nothing About Us Without Us.”* Aspiring to meet this ambition, discussions will seek to enhance understandings on the importance and value of inclusion and participation, and of ensuring a gender and diversity perspective in victim assistance efforts. Panellists will also discuss how to better measure efforts in advancing inclusion, gender and diversity. | |
| (Day continues)  **Welcome reception and dinner**  The European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan welcome global participants to Amman with refreshments and dinner.  Location: The Intercontinental Hotel, Amman | |
| **Draft Programme (\*As of 8 August 2019) for Day Two | Wednesday 11 September 2019** | |
| **8:30**  **Voices of inclusion** | |
| **Plenary Session Two: Shaping Policy and Programmes through Data Collection**  Ensuring an efficient and effective response through high-quality and timely data on numbers, challenges and needs of mine victims and persons with disabilities. Panellists will explore ideas to improve data collection and data management in mine-affected and/or least developed countries. A series of questions will help guide the discussion including how national health and injury surveillance, national census and other systems can help States meet data requirements, and what can be done to ensure a consistent approach in data collection. | |
| **Parallel Sessions** | |
| **Parallel Session Three: Leaving No One Behind; Improving Social and Economic Inclusion**  Achieving social and economic inclusion of mine and other ERW survivors has been one of the greatest challenges in mine-affected countries. The session will help participants explore the complexity and need for strengthening social and economic inclusion to reach the most vulnerable groups including mine survivors and other persons with disabilities living in remote areas, leaving no one behind as aspired to by the 2030 Agenda. | |
| **Parallel Session Four: Reducing Loss of Lives and Limbs; Improving Emergency Response and Protection**  Casualties caused by mines and other explosive remnants of war have been increasing in recent years. Persons with disabilities including mine and other ERW survivors are among the most vulnerable during natural and man-made disasters. What can be done to reduce deaths caused by mines and ERW? How to apply Article 11 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in mine-affected countries and good practices to ensure the safety of persons with disabilities including mine survivors before, during and after disasters? This session will seek to address these and other questions including both the emergency response and long-term protection. | |
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| **An afternoon for networking, exploring and learning**  Three separate field visits will provide participants with insight into the work carried out in Jordan to provide assistance to mine survivors and other persons with disabilities. | |
| Other networking and/or training opportunities. | |
| **Draft Programme Day Three | Thursday 12 September 2019** | | |
| **8:30** **Voices of inclusion** | | |
| **Plenary Session Three: Improving Rehabilitation in Mine-Affected Countries**  States face serious challenges to ensure the provision of sustainable rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities including mine and other ERW survivors. This session will explore creative, strategic and realistic solutions to overcome challenges in physical and functional rehabilitation. Discussions will centre on how toimprove partnerships to ensure comprehensive rehabilitation for persons with disabilities including mine survivors in mine-affected countries. Through key guiding questions participants will be asked among other topics, to identify pros and cons in advanced assistive technologies versus old assistive technologies in mine-affected countries, and how the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can assist in the provision of rehabilitation. | | |
| **Parallel Sessions** | | |
| **Parallel Session Five: Measuring Impact! Can Assistance and Rights be Measured?**  Improving measurability in victim assistance including in broader frameworks of disability. This session will include expert presentations and small group work. Experts and participants will discuss among others,how to measure progress on the victim assistance objectives set by the *Oslo Action Plan*[[1]](#footnote-1) in the next five years, and tools available to do so. | | |
| **Parallel Session Six: Improving Psychological Support; Taking Advantage of Peer-to-Peer Support**  Psychological and psychosocial support is a critical aspect of victim assistance, why then is there such lack of attention to it? This session will explore remaining challenges and gaps in psychological/psychosocial support that should be addressed and tools and resources available for policy-makers and practitioners. Guiding questions include why psychological/psychosocial support should be placed in the centre of efforts. | | |
| **Lunch | side group discussions (optional)** | | |
| **Plenary Discussion Four: Cooperation and Assistance; Fostering Partnerships**  Seeking solutions. States Parties with significant numbers of landmine survivors continuously report that resource shortages hinder efforts to meet the needs of mine victims and fulfil their rights. With the aim of seeking solutions to this issue, panellists will consider key questions on how victim assistance aspects can be met including through the upcoming *Oslo Action Plan1*. Key donors, partners and practitioners will discuss whether enough is being done to connect the dots with other sectors to ensure both a comprehensive response and realistic follow up actions. | | |
| **Last call:** **Partnerships in the Lead Up To & Beyond Oslo**  Closing remarks, expectations and next steps to follow. | | |

1. A draft of the Oslo Action Plan will be available by the time of the conference. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)