

# MAPUTO

## +15



## PROGRAMME



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**15 years have passed since the international community first gathered in Maputo**, Mozambique to begin the historic effort to fulfil the promise made by the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction.

In June 2014, the international community will again gather in Maputo for the Convention's Third Review Conference, committed to complete the task of ending the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines, for all people for all time.

Maputo +15 is a series of four activities taking place in Geneva from 19 to 22 May 2014 to highlight key issues under consideration at the Maputo Review Conference.

# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



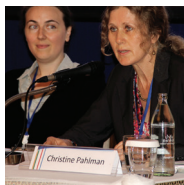
MONDAY 19 MAY, 15:00–17:00

## MAPUTO +15 OFFICIAL OPENING

Remarks by His Excellency, Pedro Commissario Afonso, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations (Geneva), and Her Excellency, Mariangela Zappia, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the European Union to the United Nations (Geneva).

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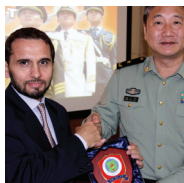
What was then, what is now and what comes next for the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention?



TUESDAY 20 MAY, 15:00–17:00

## BEYOND MAPUTO: THE FUTURE OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION

How can the Convention's spirit of cooperation prevail to overcome remaining challenges?



WEDNESDAY 21 MAY, 15:00–17:00

## IS THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION SUFFICIENTLY UNIVERSALIZED?

Should success be declared or must more be done to universalize the Convention and its norms?



THURSDAY 22 MAY, 13:00–15:00

## BRIDGES BETWEEN WORLDS: THE GENEVA EDITION

What can be done in Geneva to contribute to integrate victim assistance into the broader development, human rights, disability and other frameworks?



A great deal has been achieved over the past fifteen years but clearly more needs to be done

In May of 1999, there were but 45 parties to the Convention. There are now 161 States that are bound by this Convention, including all Member States of the European Union. It is now well understood by both world leaders and ordinary people everywhere that mine use is an unacceptable behaviour in the modern world. However, the ongoing use of anti-personnel mines by a small number of actors is a matter of deep concern. As well, over 30 States still remain outside of the Convention and have yet to renounce the weapon and formally join the Convention.

When the international community first gathered in Maputo, the clearance of all mined areas was a distant prospect and perhaps, to some, unachievable. Today, almost 30 States have completed this effort. Successes to date give hope to the almost equal number of States that are still in the process of freeing land from its deadly bondage. However, emplaced mines still continue to cause death and suffering in many countries around the world and efforts to demine must be carried out in the most efficient and expedient manner.

While much time has since passed since the Convention's First Meeting of the States Parties in Maputo, the States



Parties' solemn promise to mine victims has remained foremost in their minds. Unlike the destruction of emplaced or stockpiled mines, efforts to fulfil this promise must continue for years. In Maputo in 1999, the international community first expressed that a comprehensive approach to victim assistance is required with efforts being part of broader approaches to health care, rehabilitation, human rights and other domains. While the Convention has made a difference, the promise to mine victims has not yet been fulfilled. More work is required to ensure further progress towards the ultimate aim of the full and effective participation of mine victims in their societies on an equal basis to others.

**Maputo +15** is a series of four activities taking place in Geneva from 19 to 22 May 2014 to highlight key issues under consideration at the Maputo Review Conference.

The format of each of these activities is that of a moderated conversation: no prepared statements, no lengthy panel presentations, no PowerPoint. Rather, each session will feature a dialogue – between panellists, and between panellists and the audience.

**Maputo +15** is being coordinated by the Convention's Implementation Support Unit, with financial assistance from the European Union through its Council Decision in support of the Convention.



# MONDAY 19 MAY, 15:00–17:00

## MAPUTO +15 OFFICIAL OPENING – BY THE FOLLOWING

- **His Excellency, Pedro Comissario Afonso**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations (Geneva)
- **Her Excellency, Mariangela Zappia**, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the European Union to the United Nations (Geneva)

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May 2014 marks fifteen years since the international community first gathered in Maputo at the Convention's First Meeting of the States Parties to begin the historic effort to fulfil the promise made by the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.

The following panellists, many of whom were in Maputo in 1999, will reflect upon on what was then, what is now and what comes next for the Convention:

- **Cornelio Sommaruga**, former President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and Honorary President of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
- **His Excellency, Thomas Hajnoczi**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations (Geneva) (and a delegate at the First Meeting of the States Parties)
- **Sylvie Brigot-Vilain**, Executive Director of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines – Cluster Munitions Coalition (and a delegate at the First Meeting of the States Parties)
- **Elias Zimba**, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations (Geneva) (and advisor to the President of the Republic of Mozambique at the time of the First Meeting of the States Parties)
- **Judy Grayson**, Senior Advisor, Armed Violence & Weapons, Child Protection, UNICEF
- **Firoz Ali Alizada**, Campaign Manager, International Campaign to Ban Landmines

This moderated conversation will be facilitated by David Atwood, Senior Advisor, Small Arms Survey (and a delegate at the First Meeting of the States Parties).

# TUESDAY 20 MAY, 15:00–17:00

## BEYOND MAPUTO: THE FUTURE OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION

Ending the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines can only be achieved through partnerships, including those between affected and other States, international organisations and civil society. Fifteen years after Maputo, it is clearer than ever that a spirit of cooperation must prevail to overcome remaining challenges.

The purpose of this event is for all interested actors to engage in a discussion regarding the future of cooperation and assistance under the Convention. Panellists include the following:

- **His Royal Highness Prince Mired Bin Raad Al-Hussein of Jordan**, Chairperson of Jordan's National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation
- **Sara Sekkenes**, Adviser, Conflict Prevention and Recovery – Partnerships, United Nations Development Programme
- **Nick Roseveare**, Chief Executive, Mines Advisory Group (MAG)
- **Mark Verstedden**, Deputy Head of Delegation for Disarmament, Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- **Kerry Brinkert**, Director, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit

This moderated conversation will be facilitated by Nicole Hogg, Legal Advisor, Arms Unit, International Committee of the Red Cross.

The event will be opened by His Excellency Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations (Geneva).

Closing remarks will be delivered by His Excellency Edi Yusup, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations (Geneva).

# WEDNESDAY 21 MAY, 15:00–17:00

## IS THE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE BAN CONVENTION SUFFICIENTLY UNIVERSALIZED?

In May of 1999 when the States Parties first met in Maputo, there were but 45 parties to the Convention. There are now 161 States that are bound by the Convention. Is it time to now declare that the Convention is sufficiently universalized? Conversely, should it remain a concern that 35+ States have not yet acceded to the Convention?

Kerry Brinkert, the Director of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit, will provide an overview of an EU-funded effort to gain updated knowledge on the anti-personnel mine policies of States not party to the Convention.

The following panellists will then engage in a conversation on the state of universalization:

- **His Royal Highness Prince Mired Bin Raad Al-Hussein of Jordan**, who has served as a special envoy promoting universalization of the Convention
- **Dr. Denise Garcia**, Associate Professor of International Security & Negotiation, Department of Political Science and International Affairs, Northeastern University
- **Pierre Gillon**, Coordinator of the Universalization Contact Group, Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations (Geneva)
- **Tamar Gabelnick**, Policy Director, International Campaign to Ban Landmines – Cluster Munitions Coalition

This moderated conversation will be facilitated by Tim Caughley, who is currently a Resident Senior Fellow at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and who previously served as the Director of the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs in Geneva.



# THURSDAY 22 MAY, 13:00–15:00

## BRIDGES BETWEEN WORLDS: THE GENEVA EDITION

On 3-4 April 2014, Colombia, with the support of the European Union, convened *Bridges between Worlds*. This global conference aimed to advance the international community's understanding of the place of assistance to victims and survivors of mines and other explosive remnants of war in broader contexts.

His Excellency, Juan José Quintana, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations (Geneva), will summarize the outcomes of the global version of Bridges between Worlds.

The following panellists will then engage in a conversation regarding what various actors and fora in Geneva can do to contribute to effectively integrating victim assistance into broader development, human rights, disability and other frameworks.

- **Facundo Chavez Penillas**, Human Rights and Disability Advisor, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Elke Hottentot**, Victim Assistance Technical Advisor, Handicap International
- **Stefan Tromel**, Senior Disability Specialist, International Labour Organization
- **Vladimir Cuk**, International Disability Alliance
- **Claude Tardif**, Head of the Physical Rehabilitation Programme, International Committee of the Red Cross

This moderated conversation will be facilitated by David Atwood, Senior Advisor, Small Arms Survey.

The event will be opened by His Excellency Thomas Hajnoczi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations (Geneva).

Closing remarks will be delivered by His Excellency Manuel B. Dengo, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations (Geneva).

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The ISU is mandated to support the States Parties to the Convention, in particular by doing the following:

- Providing support to all States Parties through support to the Convention's implementation machinery and office holders,
- Providing support to individual States Parties, including by providing advice and technical support on implementation and universalization,
- Communicating and providing information about the Convention,
- Keeping records of formal and informal meetings under the Convention, and
- Liaising and coordinating with relevant international organisations that participate in the work of the Convention.

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