WEAPONS CONTAMINATION:

ADDRESSING KEY CHALLENGES TO MEETING CLEARANCE DEADLINES

UNDER THE MINE BAN CONVENTION AND CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

5-7 MARCH 2013, AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION

PROGRAMME
DAY 1 – Tuesday 5th March, 2013: Key challenges, Planning & Priorities

8:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION

09:00-09:45 OPENING SESSION

Opening Remarks

- Mr. Wane El Ghassim, Director of Peace and Security Department, African Union Commission
- Mr. Bruce Mokaya Orina, Head of ICRC Delegation to the African Union

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9:45 – 10:15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

10:15 –10:45 Workshop objectives:

- Dr. Tarek A. Sharif, Head of Defense and Security Division, AU Peace and Security Department

Presentation of AU Mine Action Activities:

- Mr. Peter Otim & Ms Sylvia Kabaki, Defense and Security Division, AU Peace and Security Department

10:45 - 12:00 Key clearance challenges (3-5 min. summary per country)

12:00 – 13:30 LUNCH

13:30 - 15:00 Developing and maintaining a clearance plan including determining priorities

Moderator: Mr. Srdjan Jovanovic, Regional Weapons Contamination adviser, ICRC

- Mr. Tim Horner, Mine Action Advisor, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP
- Mr. Alioune Menane, Coordinator, National Humanitarian Demining Programme for Development, Mauritania
- Mr. Mohamed Abdulkadir Ahmed, National Director, Somalia National Mine Action Agency

15:00 – 15:15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

15:15 - 16:30 Developing and maintaining a clearance plan including determining priorities (group discussion)

16:30 – 17:00 Reporting back on group discussions

17:00 – 17:15 Wrap-up of 1st day
DAY 2 – Wednesday 6th March 2013: Technical Challenges

09:00-10:30 Identifying the extent of the mine/cluster munition/uxo problem:
Moderator: Mr. John Dingley, Deputy Programme Manager & Capacity Development Senior Technical Advisor, UNMAS South Sudan
- Mr. Sudi Alimasi Kimputu, Coordonnateur, Point Focal National Pour la Lutte Antimines, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Mr. Daan Redlinghuys, Senior Technical Adviser, Mines Advisory Group
- Mr. Siga Arcadius Laoukein, Directeur, Ecole Nationale de Déminage, Centre National de Deminage, Chad
- Mr. Terje Eldoen, Adviser, Mines and Arms Department, Norwegian Peoples Aid

10:30-10:45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

10:45 –12:00 Information Management and Operational Efficiency
Moderator: Mr. Michael Storey, Head of Programme, Danish Demining Group, South Sudan
- Mr. Samuel Paunila, Advisor, Land Release and Operational Efficiency, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

Discussion - Survey and Information Management

12:00-13:30 LUNCH

13:30 – 15:00 Other challenges:
Moderator: Ms. Tamar Gabelnick, Policy Director, ICBL-CMC
Cross-border cooperation
- Mr. Patrick Machaya, Director, Policy, Public Relations and International Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Zimbabwe

When can a State declare completion?
- Mr. Antonio Belchoir Martins, Head of Operations, National Demining Institute (IND), Mozambique
- Mr. Kerry Brinkert, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit, Geneva

General discussion
15:00 – 15:15  **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

15:15 – 16:30 Tackling clearance challenges & possible solutions  (group discussion)

16:30 – 17:00 Reporting back on group discussions

17:00 – 17:15 Wrap up of 2nd day
DAY 3 – Thursday 7th March 2013: Resources & Support

09:00 – 10:15  Securing national political & financial support
(group discussion)

10:15 – 10:30  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

10:30 – 11:00  Reporting back on group discussions

11:00 - 12:00  International support / Donors’ perspectives
Moderator: Mr. Steven Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Action on Armed Violence

- Mr. Tim Horner, Mine Action Advisor, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP
- Ms. Tove Stub, Minister Counsellor, Norwegian Embassy, Addis Ababa

Discussion

12:00 – 13:30  LUNCH

13:30 – 14:30  Cooperation between AU member states
Moderator: Dr Tarek A. Sharif, Head of Defense and Security Division, AU Peace and Security Department

- Mr. Gilbert Lossitude, Director, CPADD
- Mr. Vicent Woboya, Coordinator, National Mine Action Programme, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda

Discussion,

14:30 – 15:00  Workshop conclusions & recommendations

15:00 – 15:15  TEA/COFFEE BREAK

15:15 – 15:30  Official closing

- Dr Tarek A. Sharif, Head of Defense and Security Division, AU Peace and Security Department
- Ms. Nicole Hogg, Legal Adviser, Arms Unit, ICRC