

**ACCRA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE UNIVERSALIZATION
OF THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS (CCM)**

Accra, Ghana, 28-30 May 2012

Organized by the Government of the Republic of Ghana in cooperation with the Governments of Togo and Zambia, sponsored by the Government of Norway, and supported by UNDP

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Sunday 27 May 2012

15:00 – 18:00 Registration

Monday 28 May 2012

08:30 - 09:30 Registration

9:30 - 10:30 **Opening Session**

Opening Remarks

Statements on why the CCM was created and its critical preventative role:

- Vice President (Ghana)
- Dance Group
- UNDP Res Coord
- Civil Society Representative

10:30 - 11:00 Press briefing
Coffee break

11:00 - 12:15 **Session I - Overview and current status of the CCM**

- Screening of ICRC movie “The Convention on Cluster Munitions: Time to Act” (**ICRC**).

Purpose of the Accra meeting

- *recall the role of African states in Oslo Process/negotiations*
- *need for more states to join/Africa’s role in the future*

Status of the CCM / cluster munitions in Africa

- *focus on the preventative nature of the treaty*
- *participation in the 3MSP,*

12:15 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:15 Session II - Universalization of the CCM

Chair:

- Ghana

Presentation:

- Importance of CCM universalization and key obstacles to joining (**CMC**)

Speakers:

In Africa the main issue seems to be competing priorities/lack of awareness and so discussions could be focused on how to make accession and ratification a priority and addressing 'inertia' experienced by sigs to ratify and in non sigs to accede

Updates:

- from states that have ratified/acceded since the 2MSP
- from non-signatories on accession
- from signatories on ratification
- Other statements from the floor

15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:00 Session III - National Implementation Measures

Chair:

- CMC

Presentations:

- CCM obligations that require specific national measures and the key elements of national legislation (**ICRC**).
 - To include a discussion of the New Zealand and ICRC Working Paper presented at the 2MSP
- Interpretive Issues (**CMC**)
 - Presentation by CMC on "Interpretation of Key Provisions: joint military operations, transit, investment, retention and foreign stockpiling"
- Floor open to States that are potentially in the process of drafting/reviewing national legislation
- Comments and questions

Tuesday 29 May 2012

09:15 - 10:30 Session IV - International cooperation and assistance

Chair:

Speakers:

- Opportunities within the CCM to gain assistance in complying with treaty obligations, and sharing of states' experiences regarding South-South Cooperation:
- Comments and questions

10:30 - 15:30 Session V - Parallel workshop sessions: Considerations to joining/promoting the Convention on Cluster Munitions

[During Workshops A and B, conference splits into Francophone and Anglophone sessions, followed by report back from each small group]

10:30 – 11:45 Workshop A: Challenges to CCM ratification/accession in Africa

Group 1: Anglophone States yet to accede / ratify (18)

- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia [Non-signatories]
- Mauritius
- South Sudan
- Zimbabwe

- Angola
- Gambia
- Guinea
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Namibia [Signatories]
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome and Principe
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Uganda

Group 2: Francophone States yet to accede/ratify (10)

- Gabon [Non-signatory]

- Benin
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- DRC
- Congo, Republic of [Signatories]
- Djibouti
- Madagascar
- Togo

11:45 - 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 – 15:00 Workshop B: CCM Universalization Strategy for Africa

Speakers:

- CMC

Group 1: Francophone States Parties (8)

- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Comoros
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Niger
- Senegal

Group 2: Anglophone States Parties (9)

- Botswana
- Cape Verde
- Ghana
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Swaziland
- Zambia

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

**15:30 - 16:45 Session V - Development of the Accra Universalisation Action Plan:
challenges and remedies to CCM Universalization in Sub-Saharan Africa.**

Rapporteurs facilitate the drafting by States Parties of an Action Plan for African States to promote universalization of the CCM, based on points raised and conclusions drawn during the previous Workshops A and B

**16:45 - 17:15 Session VI – Presentation of the Accra Universalisation Action Plan:
challenges and remedies to CCM Universalization in Sub-Saharan Africa.**

Brief report back by rapporteurs followed by a presentation of the Accra Action Plan

17:15 – 17:45 Chair’s summary and closing remarks

19:00 - 20:30 Reception hosted by Ghana

Wednesday 30 May (States Parties and signatories)

09:00 – 10:00: Preparations for the 3MSP (including ISU and any other items for decision)

10:00 - 11:15 Session I - Stockpile destruction

Chair:

- Presentation:
 - HRW
- Speakers and updates:
- Comments and questions

11:15 - 12:30 Session II - Victim Assistance

Speakers and updates:

- Chair's intro: VA obligations under the CCM
- Extending existing VA/disability plans to incorporate VA obligations under the CCM:
- Statement by **CMC**
- Comments and questions

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:15 Session III - Clearance

Speakers and updates (on clearance):

Areas for discussion:

- Managing cross contamination – addressing conflicting priorities, expanding existing clearance programmes to fulfill CCM obligations
- Comments and questions

15:15 – 16:30 Session IV – Reporting and other obligations under the CCM

Presentation:

- Completing Transparency Reporting Forms (**UNDP**)
- Why reporting is important
- Presentation of reporting (forms, process)
- Presentation on Cluster Munitions Identification Tool (**UNDP**)
- Comments and questions