

**CCM Thematic Working Group on
International Cooperation and Assistance
WORK PLAN 2023-2024**

Enhancing Implementation of Article 6 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions up to the 12th Meeting of States Parties

1. Background to Work Plan Context

Article 6 of the Convention states that “Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide technical, material, and financial assistance to States Parties affected by cluster munitions, aimed at the implementation of the obligations of this Convention.”

While reaffirming that each State Party is responsible for implementing its obligations under the Convention, States Parties recognise that enhanced international cooperation and assistance can play an important role in the timely and full implementation of all aspects of the Convention. They also acknowledge the importance of dialogue between affected States Parties, donors and operators, the value of country coalitions; the importance of national ownership and capacity building to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of cooperation and assistance and stress the need to strengthen their partnerships at all levels with various partners.

In order to guide States Parties in the effective implementation of the Convention during the period up to the Third Review Conference of States Parties to the CCM (3RC) scheduled for 2026, at the Second Review Conference (2RC) States agreed to the five-year Lausanne Action Plan (LAP). Building on the Dubrovnik Action Plan (DAP), the Lausanne Action Plan aims to achieve significant and sustainable progress towards the universalization and implementation of the Convention for the period 2021-26. It lays out concrete actions that States Parties will take to that end.

Accordingly, on cooperation and assistance, States Parties will implement LAP Actions 38 to 42 which detail the relevant activities to be undertaken. These Actions will provide the primary basis on which the activities detailed in this concept note will be derived in order to achieve the outlined objectives.

2. Activities

- a) The Coordinators will host an informal joint meeting with the Committee on Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance of the APMBC in the first quarter of 2024 in order to exchange views and share experiences/best practices between the CCM and the APMBC working groups. In addition and if useful and/or necessary follow-up meetings could be arranged.
- b) The Coordinators will host two meetings aimed at exchanging views and sharing experiences/best practices of donors, operators and affected States Parties which have been/are engaged in a Country Coalition and affected States Parties seeking international assistance. These meetings are about:
 - 1) “Shortening the Chain”: how to make international cooperation and assistance more direct and straightforward, between those willing and able to support and those needing the assistance;
 - 2) “Face-to-Face”: as a complementary strategy to the traditional “donor and receiver mentality” an example of a South-to-South sharing of experiences and capabilities of personnel working on the ground in similarly affected countries shall be demonstrated. In addition, best practices regarding country coalition shall be identified.
- c) The Coordinators aim to hold a workshop with the Swiss Army's Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Demining Command KAMIR on possibilities of international cooperation and assistance.
- d) The Coordinators will follow up with States Parties with established Country Coalitions on a regular basis to track implementation of their time-bound obligations under the Convention.

- e) The Coordinators will follow-up with States with existing time-bound obligations under the Convention on a regular basis and discuss their needs for international cooperation and assistance.
- f) Good practices and successful steps in assisting States Parties in implementing the obligations of this Convention will be communicated.
- g) Interaction with the coordinators for *clearance and risk education* and with *stockpile destruction* will be increased, so that the mobilization of resources will be better taken into account when developing extension requests.
- h) The Coordinators will support the President of the 12thMSP in the activities related to the preparation of the MSP including its Progress Report with regard to matters concerning international cooperation and assistance.

3. Expected Outputs by the 12th MSP

- a) Having an accurate overview and update of the following:
 - How many States Parties had been seeking assistance in the implementation of the obligations of this Convention;
 - What kind of assistance had been requested by the State Parties and what assistance had actually been provided and/or implemented by the Coordinators.
- b) Increased exchange of experiences and best practices regarding international cooperation and assistance and the concept of Country Coalitions.

4. Estimated Budget

Limited costs, mainly for envisaged meetings.

5. Strategy Implementers

- Coordinators Lebanon and Switzerland
- CCM Implementation Support Unit

6. Potential Implementing Partners

- Thematic Coordinators
- States Parties and signatory States that have obligations under any of the key areas of the CCM including Articles 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9
- Donor/Partner States
- International and national institutions and NGOs
- Aid agencies
- Civil society

7. Timeline of the Activities up the 12th MSP

Fourth Quarter of 2023

- Meet with ISU to discuss priorities and planned activities
- Start with the planning and organization for the planned activities including time table, overview of potential partners, etc.

First Quarter of 2024

- Host a joint meeting of CCM and APMBC Co-Coordiators for Cooperation and Assistance
- Send written communication to remind States Parties on information to be included in Article 7 reports
- Collaborate with the Coordinators on Clearance and Risk Reduction regarding possible joint Country Coalition event for Art. 4 States - Follow-up on outcomes of informal meetings
- Prepare the workshop with the Swiss Army's Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Demining Command KAMIR
- Prepare the two meetings "Shortening the Chain" and "Face-to-Face"

Second Quarter of 2024

- Preparation of cooperation and assistance section of the 12MSP Progress Report
- Host the workshop with the Swiss Army's Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Demining Command KAMIR
- Host the first of the two meetings "Shortening the Chain" and "Face-to-Face"

Third Quarter of 2024

- Host the second of the two meetings "Shortening the Chain" and "Face-to-Face"
- Report on activities undertaken during the year to the 12MS