

# The Geneva Forum

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Geneva International Centre for  
Humanitarian Demining  
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Seminar to mark the first

## International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

4 April 2006

16:30-18:00

*followed by a reception hosted by GICHD*

**World Meteorological Organisation**

(Conference Hall A)

7 bis, avenue de la Paix, Geneva

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By its resolution [A/RES/60/97](#) of 18 January 2006, the United Nations General Assembly decided by consensus to designate April 4 of each year as *International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action*.

The Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining in cooperation with the Geneva Forum partner organisations have the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar and reception to mark the first observation of this day.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to any of your colleagues who may be interested. If you plan to attend, we ask that you **please register your participation by March 29**, either by replying to this email or by contacting Jasmine Champenois at +41 (0)22 908 5741.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Sincerely,

**Patrick Mc Carthy**  
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The Geneva Forum  
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## FINAL PROGRAMME

16:30 Opening of the Meeting by the Co-Chairs:

**Dr. Patricia Lewis**  
Director, United Nations Institute for  
Disarmament Research

**Ambassador Stephan Nellen**  
Director, Geneva International Centre for  
Humanitarian Demining

16:45 **Mr. Gustavo Laurie**  
Geneva Liaison Officer, United Nations Mine Action Service

- *Background on UNGA Resolution [A/RES/60/97](#)*
- *Briefing on commemoration activities taking place in New York*

17:00 **Mr. Ian Mansfield**  
Operations Director, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining

- *Presentation of new GICHD publication, "[Mine Action: Lessons and Challenges](#)"  
(copies of the book will be available)*

17:20 **Dr. David Atwood**  
Director, Quaker United Nations Office;  
Member of the Advisory Board, International Campaign to Ban Landmines

- *Reflections on behalf of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines*

17:40 **Open Discussion**

18:00 **Reception hosted by the GICHD**