



GICHD Close-up

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Overview of all GICHD activities in Africa.

TOPICS

The Chilean President meets representatives of the GICHD

On Monday 4 June 2007, the Chilean President received the President and the Director of the GICHD at the Hotel Intercontinental in Geneva. [more](#)

Workshop and conference on information management in Panama

More than 30 participants from South and Central America attended the IMSMA workshop and conference held in Panama City, Panama. [more](#)

Linking Mine Action with Development (LMAD) practitioners workshop in Cambodia

Practitioners shared experiences and lessons learnt about LMAD at the workshop organised by GICHD in cooperation with Austcare and UNDP. [more](#)

Risk Management Workshop

Invited experts from all sectors of the mine action community came together to develop a clearer perspective of the issues related to Land Release. [more](#)

SNAPSHOT

Vera Bohle

Our Evaluation and Disarmament Specialist conducts evaluations of mine action programmes worldwide and chairs Expert Meetings at the CCW disarmament conference in Geneva. [more](#)

AP MINE BAN CONVENTION



New accessions

- > Kuwait deposited its instrument of accession on 30 July and Iraq did the same on 15 August. There are now 155 States which have ratified or acceded to the Convention.

New publications

- > Translation of the document "The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention" into Arabic. [more](#)
- > Assisting Landmine Survivors: A Decade of Efforts. The Vienna Symposium, 12 February 2007. [more](#)
- > Towards a Mine-Free Pacific. The Vanuatu Workshop, 3-4 May 2007. [more](#)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- > 18 September 2007, Oslo, Norway: 10th Anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines.
- > 10th Anniversary of the Convention's signing Conference, 3-4 December 2007, Ottawa, Canada.
- > 2007 Gender Equality in Mine Action Annual Workshop, 25-27 September 2007, Nairobi, Kenya (UNMAS).
- > NDRF Miniseminar, in co-operation with FOI, 25 October 2007, Grindsjön, Sweden.
- > Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW): Ninth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II, 5 November 2007, Geneva, Switzerland.
- > CCW: First Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War, 6 November 2007, Geneva, Switzerland.
- > CCW: Meeting of the High Contracting Parties, 7-13 November 2007, Geneva, Switzerland.
- > Eighth Meeting of the States Parties to the AP Mine Ban Convention, 18-22 November 2007, Jordan. [more](#)

SPECIAL SECTION ON AFRICA

Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) in Central and Southern Africa

Update report on the current situation and future up-dates of IMSMA in Africa. [more](#)

Francophone Programme in Africa

Through this programme, the GICHD seeks to support French-speaking countries and organisations working in mine action. [more](#) *Français*, [more](#) *English*

Overview of the AP Mine Ban Convention in Africa

The Implementation of the AP Mine Ban Convention in Africa: Challenges and Ways to assist. [more](#)

Victim Assistance in Africa

The GICHD victim assistance specialist analyses the current stage of victim assistance in Africa. [more](#)

GICHD Director visits Burundi and Uganda

The Director GICHD visited Burundi and Uganda in July 2007 to further cooperation on mine action with these countries. [more](#)

Abstract of the GICHD support to Sudan

GICHD cooperation with Sudan was launched in April 2006 with a visit by the Director GICHD. [more](#)

Capacity Development for Mine Action Workshop in Southern Sudan

GICHD organized in cooperation with UNDP a workshop on different techniques and aspects of mine action. [more](#)

Metal Detector Trials in Egypt

Manufacturers of metal detectors for mine and UXO clearance tested their detectors against soil types and targets found in Egypt. [more](#)

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