

REGIONAL WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

As part of the Centre's ongoing program to provide Information Management Services, the Centre's IMSMA team hosted a regional workshop and conference from 17 to 18 April, in Panama City, Panama. Organized and funded by the Regional Support Centre (RSC) for Latin America, the event was conducted in Spanish and drew more than 30 participants from Central and South America.

The workshop was conceived and set up by Simon Berger, RSC Coordinator for Latin America, to provide an open platform for the discussion and exchange of views on the current role of information management in mine action. Focused primarily on a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages and use of centralized and decentralized information management schemes, the workshop also explored some of the technical challenges posed by the most frequently used information management tools currently available. This included IMSMA V4.2, digital cartography and other support systems. Attendees contributed to the discussion through direct participation and a series of presentations based on their own national experiences.

The conference segment of the event focused on an update of the current situation and action plan regarding the IMSMA development project and system user training.

Agendas and presentations for both events are available on-line [here](#)

For more information on the Regional workshop and conference, please contact Mr. Simon Berger (IMSMA Regional Coordinator for Latin America) at s.berger@gichd.org.