

LAND RELEASE WORKSHOP

A workshop on the topic of “Land Release” was held in Geneva on 20 and 21 June, 2007, and was attended by invited experts from all sectors of the mine action community.

The workshop drew on the diverse experience of the attendees to develop a clearer perspective of the issues related to Land Release policies. The event heard from government officials and practitioners who have already developed and implemented clear methodologies for use in their countries, as well as those with political, operational and implementational experience. The subject was discussed in the context of risk management and its applicability to these processes.

Whilst there was intense discussion at times, the consensus of opinion was clear that more efforts needed to be made to speed up and legitimize methodologies and principles for land release. These may assist mine-affected countries to improve their processes and provide a more effective environment in which to undertake clearance. The GICHD will continue to work in these areas to provide examples of best practices and guidelines.

Presentations from the workshop, together with some of the papers, can be found [here](#).

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