



OPENING OF THE 'Bibliomines' WEBSITE

The website Bibliomines, a francophone online library for mine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) opened on 3 August 2009. www.bibliomines.org

The Bibliomine project was developed in partnership with the Senegalese National Mine Action Centre (CNAMS), the Humanitarian Demining Training Centre of Benin (CPADD) and the National Programme for Humanitarian Demining for Development of Mauritania (PNDHD). It gathers together existing French language documentation from countries and international organizations on action against anti-personnel mines and ERW.



This is a significant response to the needs expressed by French-speaking countries affected by mines and ERW, particularly in Africa. As well as facilitating access to documentation in French for mine action professionals, it also promotes the production and dissemination of new documents in French and creates opportunities for a cross-sectoral exchange of expertise among francophone actors.

The documents listed, collated and collected on the Bibliomines website have various sources and natures :

- documents from mine-affected countries
- documents from international institutions
- conventions and texts of international law
- documents developed for national implementation (legislations, strategies, national standards, procedures, programmes, etc.)
- studies, surveys, publications etc

The structure of the webpage is as follows :

- A navigation function, that groups all documents in different categories, namely:
 - technical documents
 - national implementation
 - thematic approach
 - activities and publication of organizations
 - treaties and international law
 - seminars
- A research function which allows the user to find a document with the help of different criteria (keyword, country, author, organisation, category and date)



Further categories are under construction - for example, a section on events which announces meetings, seminars and trainings related to mine action, as well as a section on job offers which fosters the recruitment of French-speaking mine action experts, are planned for the future.

Organisations or experts are welcome to send any documents in French on mine and ERW action to Ms Gisèle Sehlin Brahi at g.sehlinbrahi@gichd.org.