

GICHD Innovation Conference 2025

The GICHD Innovation Conference is the sector's leading platform for exploring how innovation — in technology, collaboration, and practice — can accelerate progress toward a mine-free world. This second edition builds on the success of the 2023 Innovation Conference in Geneva and expands on the GICHD's Mine Action Technology Workshops (2016–2022). The 2025 conference moves beyond technology to focus on new working methods, partnerships, and context-specific solutions that can make mine action more efficient and sustainable.

Participants: 400+ experts representing mine action practitioners, governments, UN agencies, NGOs, academia, the private sector, and other innovation fields.

Event Overview

- **Dates:** 28–30 October 2025
- **Location:** LuxExpo The Box, Luxembourg-Kirchberg
- **Organiser:** Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), with support from the Governments of **Luxembourg, Switzerland**, and the **European Union's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments**

Programme Highlights

- **Beyond the average conference:** TED-style talks, participatory workshops, speed pitches, and interactive sessions designed to foster collaboration.
- **Innovation Award:** The first-ever recognition of breakthrough ideas in mine action, sparking new thinking and cross-sector partnerships.
- **Financing and scaling innovation:** Exploring cost-effective funding models for humanitarian impact.
- **Emerging technologies and methods:** Mechanical land release, underwater explosive ordnance, and data-driven decision-making.
- **Sustainable solutions and partnerships:** Aligning intellectual property, operational needs, and multi-stakeholder collaboration.
- **Networking and high-level participation:** Governments, operators, researchers, and innovators working side by side to address urgent global challenges.
- **Innovation exhibition:** Showcasing cutting-edge tools and approaches shaping the future of mine action.

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