

MINE ACTION IN URBAN AREAS: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT 29 SEPTEMBER 2026 (Plenary Room B)

08:15 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome address: Ambassador Tobias Privitelli – GICHD	Setting the stage: Armen Harutyunyan – GICHD
SESSION A: Part 1 – Current practices and challenges for survey and clearance in urban areas		
09:30 - 09:45	Framing the survey and clearance approach in urban areas: Ziaee Abdul Qudos – GICHD	
09:45 - 10:15	Coffee break	
10:15 - 11:30	Survey and clearance operations in urban areas – case studies: Scope for each case study: Current practices (methods and tools used, partnerships/coordination), challenges, lessons learned Moderator: Gary Toombs – HI	• Iraq: Mark Wilkinson – MAG • Ukraine: Angela De Santis – FSD • Libya: Rabie Al Jawashi – 3F • Lebanon: Col. Mounir Akiki – LMAC/RMAC • Debris and explosive ordnance (EO) management - Gaza/Ukraine/Syria: Steinar Essen – UNDP • As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP)-based approach to unexploded ordnance risk mitigation in the UK: David Luke – Artios Global Ltd.
11:30 - 12:00	Q&A	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch (Plenary Room B and Corridor)	
SESSION A: Part 2 – Current practices and challenges for Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and Conflict Preparedness and Protection (CPP) in urban areas		
13:00 - 13:15	Framing the EORE and CPP approach in urban areas: Céline Cheng – GICHD	
13:15 - 14:00	EORE and CPP operations in urban areas – case studies: Scope for each case study: Current practices (methods and tools used, partnerships/coordination), challenges, lessons learned Moderator: Colin Bent – NPA	• Sudan: Ahmed Bakri – SUMAC • Lebanon/Gaza: Myriam Rabbath – MAG • Risk Awareness and Safer Behavior approach: Paramdeep Mtharu – ICRC
14:00 - 14:30	Q&A	
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee break	
SESSION B: Disaster response and reconstruction: other experiences operating in urban areas		
15:00 - 16:30	Disaster response and reconstruction operations in urban areas – case studies: Scope for each case study: Current practices (methods and tools used, and partnerships/coordination), challenges, lessons learned Moderator: Matt Smith – The HALO Trust	<u>Governance, prioritization and community-centred approaches</u> • From cleared land to returns – Planning urban recovery with local authorities: the UN-Habitat approach: Mariana Voita – UN-Habitat • Trauma-informed operations: Abigail Jones – GICHD • From hazard assessment to urban recovery: lessons from volcanic disasters – La Palma: Lucia Dominguez – University of Geneva <u>Supporting decisions through data and geospatial intelligence</u> • Clearing the ammunition depot of Mitholz (Switzerland): Managing large-scale EO contaminated debris: Kay Winkelmann – KAMIR • UNDP's experience from the RAPIDA application: Risk-informed decision-making support for urban recovery: Gaia Rigodanza – UNDP • Evidence-based prioritization and resource allocation: Adapting the Layered Evidential Assessment and Prioritization (LEAP) approach to urban operations: Simon Rea – Tetra Tech
16:30 - 17:00	Q&A	
17:00 - 17:30	Setting the stage for thematic group work: Alain Nellen – GICHD	
17:30 - 18:45	Ice-breaker reception (Cafeteria)	

THEMATIC WORKING SESSIONS

30 SEPTEMBER 2026 (Plenary Room A, Breakout Rooms 1, 2 and 4)

09:00 - 11:30	Thematic group work
11:30 - 12:00	Back brief of group work (Plenary Room A)
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch (Ground Floor Corridor and Plenary Room A)
13:00 - 17:00	Thematic group work
17:00	Submission of project briefs

RESULTS AND DEBATE

1 OCTOBER 2026 (Plenary Room B)

08:30 - 09:30	Presentation and debate of the project briefs
09:30 - 10:00	Coffee break
10:00 - 11:00	Presentation and debate of the project briefs
CLOSING SESSION	
11:00 - 11:30	Collective selection of project ideas
11:30 - 12:00	Closing remarks: Pedro Basto – GICHD
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