SETTING THE STAGE FOR THEMATIC GROUP WORK

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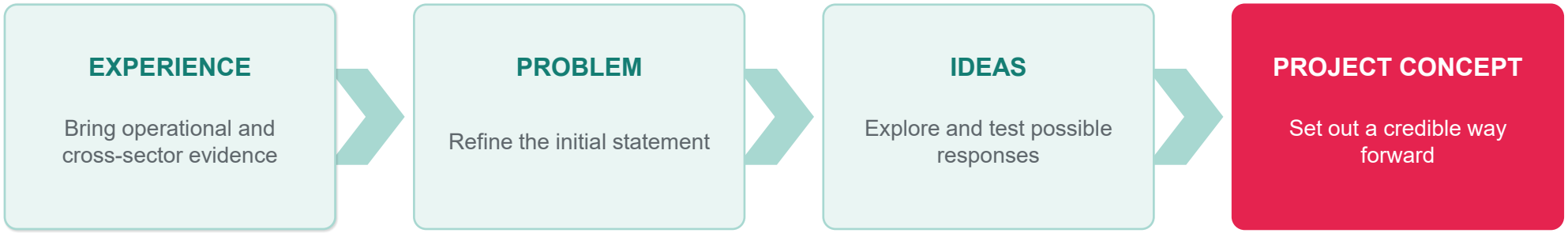
DAY 2 PURPOSE

Tomorrow: turn experience into a project concept

FROM INSIGHT TO ACTION

Your group will examine one challenge in mine action operations in urban areas, define the real problem, develop a promising response and capture it in one concise project brief.



End-of-day result	**One practical project brief connecting the problem, requirements, proposed concept, risks and roadmap.**

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THE WORKING GROUPS

Eight themes, one shared urban challenge

SMALL, DIVERSE GROUPS

1. Land release in urban areas
2. Building clearance
3. Debris management vs rubble clearance
4. Detection of EO in urban areas
5. Adapting information management systems
6. Prioritization and decision-making
7. Adapting EORE / CPP
8. EOD and blast mitigation

Each group starts with an initial problem statement. Test it, discuss it and refine it where useful.

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How each group will work

PROCESS, NOT PRESET ANSWERS

FACILITATOR

Guides the process, maintains focus, includes all voices and helps the group move through the four stages.

NOTE TAKER

Captures key points and supports completion of the project brief.

PARTICIPANTS

Bring concrete examples, listen across disciplines, test assumptions and build on one another’s ideas.

PRESENTER

Chosen collectively by the group to communicate the completed concept on Day 3.

FOUR PROGRESSIVE STAGES

The Day 2 process

STAY IN THE CURRENT STAGE

1 Understand and refine the problem

Approx. 2–2.5 hours

Where does it occur? Who is affected? What evidence exists? What falls short today? Agree a clear and specific problem statement.

2 Identify requirements

Approx. 30–45 minutes

Define what any successful response must achieve: safety, information, standards, ownership, responsibilities, resources, coordination and community needs.

3 Explore solutions

Approx. 1–2 hours

Think broadly across methods, tools, procedures, guidance, partnerships, training and combinations. Select a concept worth developing and testing.

4 Develop the way forward

Approx. 1–1.5 hours

Identify first steps, partners, leadership, evidence needs, testing, a possible pilot, barriers and indicators of success.

Problem → Requirements → Solutions → Way forward

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BEFORE LUNCH

Morning focus: define the right problem

DO NOT RUSH TO SOLUTIONS

Before moving on

Agree a clear, specific and commonly understood problem statement.

Progress back-brief: 11:30hrs

Before lunch in Plenary Room A:
- **chosen problem**
- **any refinement**
- **afternoon direction**

No Q&A during the back-brief.

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AFTER LUNCH

Afternoon focus: from possibilities to a credible path

PROMISING, NOT PERFECT

1 Identify requirements

- Describe needs without prescribing a technology
- Consider safety, information, standards and ownership
- Include resources, coordination and community concerns

2 Explore possible solutions

- Build on ideas before evaluating them
- Draw on mine action and other sectors
- Select one concept worth developing and testing

3 Develop the way forward

- Define first steps, partners and possible leadership
- Consider research, testing, evaluation and a pilot
- Name barriers and indicators of success

The roadmap should show a credible path, even if some implementation details remain open.

Ask: What actors, approaches or consequences outside mine action would we need to be considered?

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ONE CONCISE PROJECT BRIEF

Your end-of-day output

PRACTICAL + ACTIONABLE

Theme / project title	A concise title for the proposed concept
Problem statement	The clear and specific problem to address
Background / context	Why it matters, who is affected and how
Requirements & enablers	What any successful response must achieve
Proposed solution	What is proposed, how it helps and what is different
Challenges & risks	What could prevent or complicate implementation
Way forward / roadmap	Key steps toward development, testing, piloting and implementation
Connect the logic	**Problem → requirements → concept → implementation pathway**

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READY FOR DAY 3

What good looks like

CLEAR • CREDIBLE • USEFUL

ACTIONABLE

Is there a realistic pathway for taking this forward?

GROUNDBREAKING

What is genuinely new or different?

IMPACTFUL

What meaningful improvement could this create?

Tomorrow, focus on the process

Bring evidence. Define the problem before the solution. Use the diversity in the room. Leave with one promising concept and a credible next step.

On Day 3, groups will present and discuss their completed briefs and collectively select concepts according to the three categories above.

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THEMATIC GROUPS: COLOUR CODE AND ROOM ALLOCATION

DAY 2 GROUP WORK

RED	Land release in urban areas	ROOM 4
GREEN	Building clearance	ROOM 4
YELLOW	Debris management versus rubble clearance	ROOM A
BLUE	Detection of EO in urban areas – Group A	ROOM 1
RED / GREEN	Detection of EO in urban areas – Group B	ROOM A
RED / YELLOW	Adapting information management systems for urban areas	ROOM A
RED / BLUE	Prioritization and decision-making in urban areas	ROOM A
GREEN / YELLOW	Adapting EORE/CPP for urban areas – Group A	ROOM A
GREEN / BLUE	Adapting EORE/CPP for urban areas – Group B	ROOM 2
YELLOW / BLUE	EOD and blast mitigation	ROOM A

ICE-BREAKER RECEPTION (CAFETERIA)

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