REFLECTIONS ON
25 YEARS
OF NDM-UN

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Geneva, Switzerland
Friday, June 24, 2022
The Road to the First Meeting

• August, 1992 - DPKO expert appointed at UN HQ
• June, 1993 - Schiebel meeting Vienna
• May, 1994 – FOI meeting Sweden
• July, 1995 – UN High Level Meeting - Geneva (VTF)
• 1997 - DPKO designated UN focal point – UNMAS formed
• 1998 – GICHD formed
• March 4 – 7, 1998 - 1st Annual Meeting
The First Meeting: March 4-7, 1998

United Nations Mine Action Service

Meeting of Field Staff
Geneva - 4-7 March 1998

WEDNESDAY — 4 MARCH

am  Arrive Geneva - Royal Monotel Hotel
pm  Registration and distribution of documents
1830  Departure of bus for Restaurant Le Lyrique (Boulevard du Théâtre 12, Geneva)
1900-2200  Dinner hosted by the Swiss Ministry of Defense

THURSDAY — 5 MARCH

0800  Departure of bus for Palais des Nations (West Gate, Place des Nations)
0915  Welcome address
0930  Government of Switzerland
1015  Presentation of co-ordination process and meeting objectives
1030  Tore Smedmo
1045  Coffee
1100  Mine Action: From Emergency to Development
1300  Departure of bus for President Wilson Hotel (Quai Wilson 47)
1345  Lunch hosted by State Secretary Jakob Kellenberger for conference participants, diplomatic missions, NGOs and state officials
1445  Bus departs Hotel for Palais des Nations
1500  Management of new mine action interventions including assessment missions
         Present: UNMAS
         Chair: Cresillo
## Overview of Attendance

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Major Topics or Themes

- Resource Mobilization
- UN Policy/Assistance
- Country Updates
- Information Management
- Evaluations/Lessons
- Technology/What's New
- Integrated Mine Action
- LMAD
- Transition/Capacity Building
- Land Release +Survey
- Standards
- MRE + VA
- Strategies
- Coordination
- Hard Talk
- Gender
- Treaties
- IEDs
A ‘voice’ for National Directors
SUSPECTED HAZARD AREA (SHA)

Village demining

Landmine Impact Survey

Technical Survey

Full Clearance

RELEASED LAND
Cross Cutting Issues

Gender Guidelines for Mine Action Programmes
Conclusion