

REFLECTIONS ON 25 YEARS OF NDM-UN

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The Road to the First Meeting

- Early UN programmes – Afghanistan (1988), Cambodia (1992), Mozambique (1993), Angola (1994).
- 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 Manotel Hotel

pm Registration and distribution of documents

1830 Departure of bus for Restaurant Le Lyrique (Boulevard du Theatre 12, Geneva)

1900-2200 Dinner hosted by the Swiss Ministry of Defense

THURSDAY — 5 MARCH

~~0800~~
0830 Departure of bus for Palais des Nations (West Gate, Place des Nations)

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0900 Welcome address
Government of Switzerland

0915 Presentation of co-ordination process and meeting objectives
Tore Skedsmo

0945 Coffee

1000 Mine Action: From Emergency to Development
Presenter: OCHA
Chair: Mozambique

1200 Departure of bus for President Wilson Hotel (Quai Wilson 47)

1245 Luncheon 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
Presenter: UNMAS
Chair: Croatia

Overview of Attendance

Meeting Number	Date	Mine Affected Countries or Territories	Number of Participants	Other
1	4-7 March 1998	7	45	
2	23-25 February 1999	14	72	+NGOs
3	20-22 March 2000	21	85	
4	5-7 February 2001	23	100+	+Donor Day
5	25 February 2002	25	139	
10	20-22 March 2007	35	215	Donors + Commercials
15	March 2012	143 (total)	359	
20	2018	100+	550	
24	25-28 May 2021	105	1,000+	Virtual format (Bonn)
25	24-25 June 2022	100+	500+	

Meeting Location

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1	1998	UN Palais de Nations, Geneva
2	1999	GICHD/World Meteorological Office, Geneva
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11	2008	Ljubljana, Slovenia and Sibenik, Croatia
12	2009	GICHD/World Meteorological Office, Geneva
“	“	“
20	2018	UN Palais de Nations, Geneva
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24	2021	Virtual on-line format (Bonn)
25	2022	WIPO, Geneva

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

