

Environmental workshop

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- Introduction to the topic
- Structure for this workshop
- Panel



Environment and the mine action sector

1. Increased engagement across many sectors in environmental protection – global focus
2. Includes sectors less experienced in addressing environmental issues in addition ‘business as usual’ – such as Humanitarian Emergency Response
3. Already started – IMAS, GICHD 2017
4. Lessons can be learnt e.g. Greening the Blue Helmets



Example of recommendations from UN Greening in Peacekeeping.....

1. Increase resourcing on environmental planning and implementation
2. Mandatory training for all personnel
3. Systematic collection of data on environmental management - energy, water, waste





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Example of recommendations from UN Greening in Peacekeeping.....

4. Use local capacity where feasible
5. Advocate Member State to support the environmental management principles
6. Develop long term indicators



Recycling



Are there lessons from Gender Mainstreaming in mine action ?

1. Accountability, senior leadership buy-in
2. Terms of reference – why it is important, policies
3. Don't be afraid to look elsewhere for support and advice





Many examples of unintended consequences....



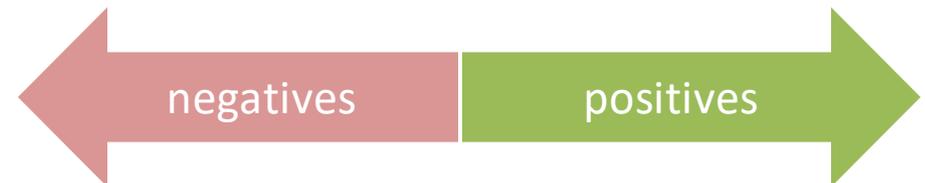
Firefighting



- Use of AFFFs
- Saving lives and assets



Biofuels



- Monoculture
- Loss habitat
- Renewable



1 Panel discussion

(25 minutes)

Split into groups

2 Each group discusses an allocated question

(20 minutes)

Reconvene

3 Share outcomes from group discussions

(10 minutes)

Panel discussion

(20 minutes)

4 Conclusion and summarise outcomes (10 minutes)



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Our panel and introductions





1. What practical steps can be taken at the operational level to reduce environmental impact of mine action and are there specific examples of environmental protection in mine action operations?
2. What practical steps can National Mine Action authorities take to reduce environmental impact of mine action and are there successful examples of engagement between National Mine Action and Environmental authorities?
3. What can organisations and the global policy level practically do to reduce the environmental impact of mine action?
4. What new, innovative methods or tools could help the mine action sector reduce its environmental impact and do you see a role for data and technology in this respect?
5. Is climate change adaptation planning important for mine action operators, organisations, and authorities to consider and what is required to incorporate this?

Thank you



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