

**Memo for Governments on  
the Mine Ban Treaty Intersessional Meeting**  
Geneva, Switzerland, 25-26 June 2015



**What is the Intersessional Meeting about?**

The Intersessional Meeting provides an opportunity for the thematic Committees created at the Maputo Review Conference (June 2014) to share their preliminary observations on progress made by specific states implementing landmine clearance, victim assistance, and stockpile destruction activities. Committees will also share their observations and recommendations on matters of compliance, as well as cooperation and assistance. A special 2-hour session will be dedicated to partnerships between donors, affected states and others in a position to offer support. Discussion periods on each thematic issue will allow states to share views and to report on their implementation of the Maputo Action Plan.

The meetings also provide a platform for informal discussion on challenges, plans and requirements for assistance and cooperation to achieve the objectives of the treaty.

The meeting is open to States Parties, states not party, relevant international organizations and non-governmental organizations. It will take place on 25 and 26 June from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00 at the World Meteorological Organization's building in Geneva, Switzerland.

**What are states expected to do at the Intersessional Meeting?**

1. States are expected to condemn any new use of antipersonnel mines, and to highlight that the use of landmines is unacceptable under any circumstances; any suspected use should be investigated, including:
  - According to a report by the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)-a group of east African states monitoring the ceasefire in South Sudan—at a meeting convened by **South Sudan government forces** in Upper Nile State on March 12, a government forces officer “stated clearly that anti-personnel mines had been deployed in the area around Nassir.”
2. States Parties should be prepared to discuss progress made over the last year to implement the Mine Ban Treaty and the Maputo Action Plan, as well as plans and challenges for the completion of treaty obligations.
3. States not party to the treaty are expected to report on steps that have taken to join the treaty;
4. States should also contribute to any other agenda item where they have expertise, questions, or observations to share.

**How can governments register, prepare for and participate in the Intersessional Meeting?**

Information related to invitations, registration and an annotated agenda are available from through the Implementation Support Unit: <http://www.apminebanconvention.org/intersessional-work-programme/june-2015/>

For any questions related to the meetings please contact the Implementation Support Unit at [isu@apminebanconvention.org](mailto:isu@apminebanconvention.org)