



The Tirana Workshop on Achieving a Mine-Free South Eastern Europe

7 October – 9 October 2009

Programme

Wednesday 7 October

- 07:00** **Depart Tirana for field visit**
Bus leaves from Tirana International Hotel
- 09:45** **Arrival to Kukes AMAE Regional Office**
- 10:15** **Visit to Kukes Regional Hospital**
Participants will visit the new prosthetic workshop, physiotherapy unit, surgical unit and x-ray equipment provided under various projects to Kukes Regional Hospital, in support of mine survivors and other people in need.
- 12:00** **AMAE Regional Office in Kukes**
Presentations/briefings will be made by the Albanian Mine Action Executive, the non-governmental organisation ALB-AID and representatives from the local/district authorities on mine clearance, victim assistance and other related activities in the region. The participants will have the chance to see displays and demonstrations of mine survivors' works.
- 14:00** **Lunch**
- 15:00** **Depart field visit for Tirana**
- 18:00** **Arrive Tirana International Hotel**

Thursday 8 October

- 08:00** **Registration**
- 09:00** **High Level Opening of the Workshop**
- > High Level Representative of Albania
 - > European Union Presidency
 - > European Union Council Secretariat
 - > President of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
 - > International Campaign to Ban Landmines





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Introductory remarks by the workshop chairperson

- > Deputy Minister of Defense and Chairman of the Albanian Mine Action Committee

Overview of the general status of the Convention in South Eastern Europe

- > The Convention, its status and its operations: Kerry Brinkert, Director of the AP Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit
- > The perspectives of the ICBL on the status of the Convention in South Eastern Europe
- > Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 Clearing mined areas

- > An introduction to Article 5 and the Article 5 extensions and completion processes: Juan Carlos Ruan, Mine Action Implementation Specialist, AP Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit

Albania: A case study in cooperation in clearing mined areas and destroying other explosive remnants of war

- > Presentation by the Albanian Mine Action Executive
- > Presentation by DanChurchAid
- > Presentation by the ITF
- > Presentation by the UNDP
- > Discussion

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Efforts of other South Eastern European States Parties to clear mined areas and destroy other explosive remnants of war

- > Presentations by other States Parties in South Eastern Europe
- > Discussion

The role of the European Commission in achieving a mine-free South Eastern Europe

- > Presentation by the European Commission
- > Discussion



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16:00 **Coffee break**

16:15 **Views and experiences of States not parties with respect to the pursuit of the Convention's aims**

- > Overcoming challenges to accede to the Convention: John MacBride, Senior Defence Advisor, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada, and, Coordinator of the Universalisation Contact Group
- > Opportunity for presentations by invited States not parties
- > Discussion

Other matters essential for achieving the Convention's aims

- > Enhancing transparency and the exchange of information: Kerry Brinkert, Director of the AP Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit
- > Preventing and suppressing prohibited activities: Presentation by the ICRC
- > Discussion

18:00 **Workshop adjourns**

19:00 **Dinner**

Friday 9 October

09:00 **Assisting the victims**

- > Understanding Victim Assistance in the Context of the AP Mine Ban Convention: Sheree Bailey, Victim Assistance Specialist, AP Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit
- > Presentation by Albania on its efforts to assist survivors
Presentations by other South Eastern European States Parties on their efforts to assist survivors
- > Discussion

10:30 **Coffee break**

10:45 **Regional cooperation in fulfilling the Convention's aims in South Eastern Europe**

- > Presentation by the ITF
- > Opportunity for updates by others that have contributed to mine action in the region
- > Discussion



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Toward the Second Review Conference

- > President-Designate of the Second Review Conference
- > Host Country of the Second Review Conference
- > Views of the ICBL with respect to the Second Review Conference
- > Views of the ICRC with respect to the Second Review Conference
- > Discussion

Closing remarks

- > Deputy Minister of Defense and Chairman of the Albanian Mine Action Committee

12:30 Lunch

Side Event

13:30 - 14:30

- > **Briefing on the Convention on Cluster Munitions – Co-hosted by the Albanian Government and the Cluster Munitions Coalition**