

CCM Working Group Art. 6 – International Cooperation and Assistance

Switzerland and the Kingdom of the Netherlands

WORK PLAN 2024-2025

Enhancing Implementation of Article 6 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions up to the 13th Meeting of States Parties (MSP).

1. Background to Work Plan Context

Article 6 of the Convention states that “Each State Party in a position to do so shall provide technical, material, and financial assistance to States Parties affected by cluster munitions, aimed at the implementation of the obligations of this Convention.”

While reaffirming that each State Party is responsible for implementing its obligations under the Convention, States Parties recognize that enhanced international cooperation and assistance can play an important role in the timely and full implementation of all aspects of the Convention. They also acknowledge the importance of dialogue between affected States Parties, donors and operators, the value of country coalitions; the importance of national ownership and capacity building to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of cooperation and assistance and stress the need to strengthen their partnerships at all levels with various partners.

In order to guide States Parties in the effective implementation of the Convention during the period up to the Third Review Conference of States Parties to the CCM (3RC) scheduled for 2026, at the Second Review Conference (2RC) States agreed to the five-year Lausanne Action Plan (LAP). Building on the Dubrovnik Action Plan (DAP), the Lausanne Action Plan aims to achieve significant and sustainable progress towards the universalization and implementation of the Convention for the period 2021-2026. It lays out concrete actions that States Parties will take to that end.

Accordingly, on cooperation and assistance, States Parties will implement LAP Actions #38 to #42 which detail the relevant activities to be undertaken. These Actions will provide the primary basis on which the activities detailed in this workplan will be derived in order to achieve the outlined objectives.

2. Activities

- a) The Coordinators will host an informal joint meeting with the Committee on the Enhancement of International Cooperation and Assistance of the APMBC in the first quarter of 2025 in order to exchange views and share experiences/best practices between the CCM and the APMBC working groups with the aim of strengthening synergies between the two committees. If need be, follow-up meetings could be arranged.
- b) The Coordinators will research/undertake a mapping on existing Country Coalitions in affected States. Based on these findings, the Coordinators will host a meeting during the Intersessional Meeting aimed at exchanging views and sharing experiences/best practices of donors, operators and affected States Parties.
- c) Upon request, the Coordinators will follow-up with States Parties with existing time-bound obligations under the Convention to discuss their needs for international cooperation and assistance.

d) Upon request, the Coordinators will interact with the Coordinators for *Survey and Clearance*, with the aim that the mobilization of resources will be better taken into account when developing extension requests.

e) The Coordinators will support the President of the 13th MSP in the activities related to the preparation of the MSP including its Progress Report with regard to matters concerning international cooperation and assistance.

3. Expected Outputs by the 13th MSP

a) Mapping of existing Country Coalitions.

b) Increased exchange of experiences and best practices between APMBC and CCM International Cooperation and Assistance Committees to enhance synergies between the two conventions.

4. Estimated Budget

Limited costs, mainly for envisaged meetings.

5. Strategy Implementers

- Coordinators Switzerland and the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- CCM Implementation Support Unit

6. Timeline of the Activities up to the 13th MSP

First quarter of 2025

- Meeting with CCM ISU to discuss workplan priorities and planned activities.
- Meeting with APMBC International Cooperation and Assistance Committee.
- Preparations for the CCM Intersessionals [*to be elaborated: when will this meeting take place? Back to back to NDM? APMBC Intersessionals? What will be on the agenda?*]

Second quarter of 2025

- Preparation of the international cooperation and assistance section of the 13th MSP Progress Report.

Third quarter of 2025

- Report on activities undertaken during the year at 13th MSP (September 2025).