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and venue announced

Successful Africa Regional
Universalization Workshop

New CCM website launched



2022 CCM Intersessional Meeting



The International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG). Photo by CICG

SAVE THE DATE: 16-17 MAY 2022

At the Second Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (2RC), it was agreed that each annual Meeting of States Parties (MSP) would decide whether or not intersessional meetings would be held during the ensuing annual cycle. On 10 March 2022, the President of the 10th Meeting of States Parties (10MSP), H.E. Mr. Aidan Liddle, announced that the 2022 CCM Intersessional Meeting will be held at the **International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG) on 16-17 May 2022**.

This 2-day informal meeting is logistically and financially supported by the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD). Interpretation services in Arabic, English, French and Spanish will be provided during the plenary meeting. Further information, such as the programme of work and registration details, will be made available on the CCM website as soon as it becomes available.

Calls to stop the use of cluster munitions in Ukraine



Cluster munitions sighted in Ukraine. Photos featured in recent HRW reports

In a statement made on 2 March 2022, the United Kingdom, in its capacity as CCM 10MSP President, expressed its grave concern at the reported use of cluster munitions in the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The UK called upon all those that continue to use such weapons to cease immediately and urged all states that had not join the CCM to do so without delay. Echoing the Lausanne Declaration adopted at the 2RC in September 2021, the UK condemned any use of cluster munitions by any actor.

The Director of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC), Mr. Hector Guerra, in his [statement on 15 March](#), conveyed his outrage by the ongoing targeting of civilian populated areas and the use of cluster munitions by Russian forces in Ukraine, calling these actions a “flagrant disregard for international humanitarian norms”. Several [recent reports](#) by Human Rights Watch (HRW), a CMC member, detail the instances of cluster munition use in various parts of Ukraine.

CCM Africa Regional Universalization Workshop



CCM Africa Regional Universalization Workshop in Abuja, Nigeria

The CCM Africa Regional Universalization Workshop took place in Abuja, Nigeria, on 23-24 March 2022. The two-day workshop brought together 8 out of the 9 CCM Signatory States, 2 States not Party and 4 States Parties from the region. States yet to join the Convention were given an opportunity to share the perceived obstacles and challenges faced in joining the CCM and to provide an update on the status of their national ratification/accession. African States Parties were also on hand to share their experiences in joining and subsequently implementing the Convention. A closed-door military-to-military

dialogue was also held for military representatives to discuss the military considerations of joining and implementing the CCM.

The workshop was co-hosted by the governments of Nigeria, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, with the organizational support of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU). Participating as resource persons were representatives of the UK, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) and the ISU.

CCM Universalization Working Group

Thematic Coordinators on CCM Universalization, the Philippines and Spain, hosted the first meeting of the Informal Working Group on Universalization of the year, which recorded the participation of 17 States Parties and 7 organizations. The objective of the virtual meeting held on 28 March 2022 was to facilitate the exchange of ideas, generate synergies and harmonize efforts in promoting the CCM and its norms.

The Working Group, which was established on 25 June 2020 to serve as a platform to share experiences on how to promote the CCM and its norms, has opened up its membership to all interested States Parties,

relevant institutions and other partners, as outlined in *Ways Forward on Universalization of the Convention on Cluster Munitions* endorsed by the Second Review Conference.

During the meeting, the 10MSP President Amb. Aidan Liddle gave a presentation of the universalization priorities of the UK Presidency. This was followed by comments, suggested strategies and updates from States Parties and other stakeholders on their universalization experiences and actions.

2021 annual report early bird medalists

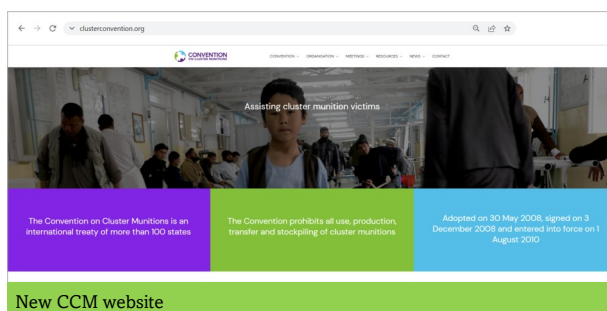


2021 transparency report medalists: Saint Kitts & Nevis, Australia and Iraq

For the fifth consecutive year, the first three States Parties to submit their annual transparency report were awarded medals to acknowledge their diligence in submitting annual reports well ahead of the deadline. The most frequent gold medallist, Saint Kitts & Nevis, has retained its number 1 position. Australia, another repeat medallist, was awarded the silver medal this year. Joining the club of early birds is new medallist, Iraq, which secured the bronze medal. Congratulations!

Well done to all other States Parties that have already submitted their 2021 transparency reports. State Parties are reminded that the 2021 annual reports are due on **30 April 2022**. Reporting forms and guidelines can be found on the [CCM website](#) and the report database is on the [UNODA website](#).

New CCM website



All are invited to visit the new [CCM website](#) which was launched on 14 February 2022. While the site address is still the same, it has been given a new look and optimized for both desktop and mobile browsers. The new design was developed with the aim to improve its

content accessibility and increase user friendliness. Please note that the website is still in the process of being updated and any challenges experienced in particular information should be brought to the attention of the ISU at info@cmconvention.org for assistance.