# Universalisation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Sub-Saharan Africa

#### "THE HOUR HAS COME"



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### Current status of the CCM





111 countries have joined | 71 are States Parties | 40 are signatories that need to ratify

### **GLOBAL HEAD COUNT**

- 35 countries have produced worldwide
- 68 current stockpilers worldwide
- Used in 39 countries
- Transfers to 60 countries, perhaps more?
- Billions of "killers" still at large globally

### **BALL POINT SUMMARY**

- 1/3 CM USED IN AFRICA IN LAST DECADE
- ORIGIN:- USSR, USA, UK, FRANCE, CHILE, GREECE
- I Former Producer

#### FOCUS ON SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

- PRODUCERS: South Africa (Formerly)
  STOCKPILERS: Eritrea ,Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau ,Nigeria, South Africa ,Sudan, Zimbabwe
- AFFECTED: Angola, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia

# **Current status of rats/accessions**

#### **States Parties**

- 1. Botswana
- 2. Burkina Faso
- 3. Burundi
- 4. Cape Verde
- 5. Comoros
- 6. Côte d'Ivoire
- 7. Ghana
- 8. Guinea-Bissau
- 9. Lesotho
- 10. Malawi

- 11. Mali
- 12. Mauritania
- 13. Mozambique
- 14. Niger
- 15. Senegal
- 16. Seychelles
- 17. Sierra Leone
- 18.Swaziland
- 19.Zambia

## **Current status of rats/accessions**

#### Signatories

- 1. Angola
- 2. Benin
- 3. Cameroun
- 4. CAR
- 5. Tchad
- 6. DRC
- 7. Djibouti
- 8. Congo
- 9. Gambia
- 10. Somalia
- 11. Tanzania

12. Guinea 13.Kenya 14.Liberia 15.Madagascar 16.Namibia 17.Nigeria 18.Rwanda 19.S Tome Principe 20.South Africa 21.Uganda 22.Togo

## **Current status of rats/accessions**

#### **Non-Signatories**

- 1. Equatorial Guinea
- 2. Eritrea
- 3. Ethiopia
- 4. Gabon
- 5. Mauritius
- 6. South Sudan
- 7. Sudan
- 8. Zimbabwe

# **NEED FOR SPEED!**



- **22/40** REMAINING STATES TO RATIFY ARE IN AFRICA
- VERY CLOSE TO UNIV WHOLE OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
- FOLLOWING STATES VERY VERY CLOSE TO RATS
  - >Angola , Cameroun, Tchad, Gambia, Nigeria Togo, Uganda
- Who is next
- What can SSA achieve before 3MSP

# Why Universalise?



- Preventive
- Make your children proud!
- Strengthens stigma
- Leadership
- Solidarity affected countries

CCM best framework to get assistance to deal with the problem

Humanitarian impact outweighs military utility

All countries should join the ban, there is strength in numbers

# Why Universalise?



- Turn ratifications into accessions (22/40 SSA)
- Its easy!
- (For most) it costs nothing
- BECAUSE AFRICA CARES!

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# Approaches



- Adoption( a country, regional, sub-regional, bilateral)
- Make it your cause
- Speak out as a nation!
- Attend international fora
- Involve all ministries/agencies
- International cooperation & assistance
- Go it long nationally!

#### THECMC'S CLARION CALL

# THE HOUR HAS COME !

#### UNIVERSALISE THE CCM NOW!

#### UNIVERSALISETODAY!