

# Universalisation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Africa

*"IT IS AFRICA'S TIME!"*



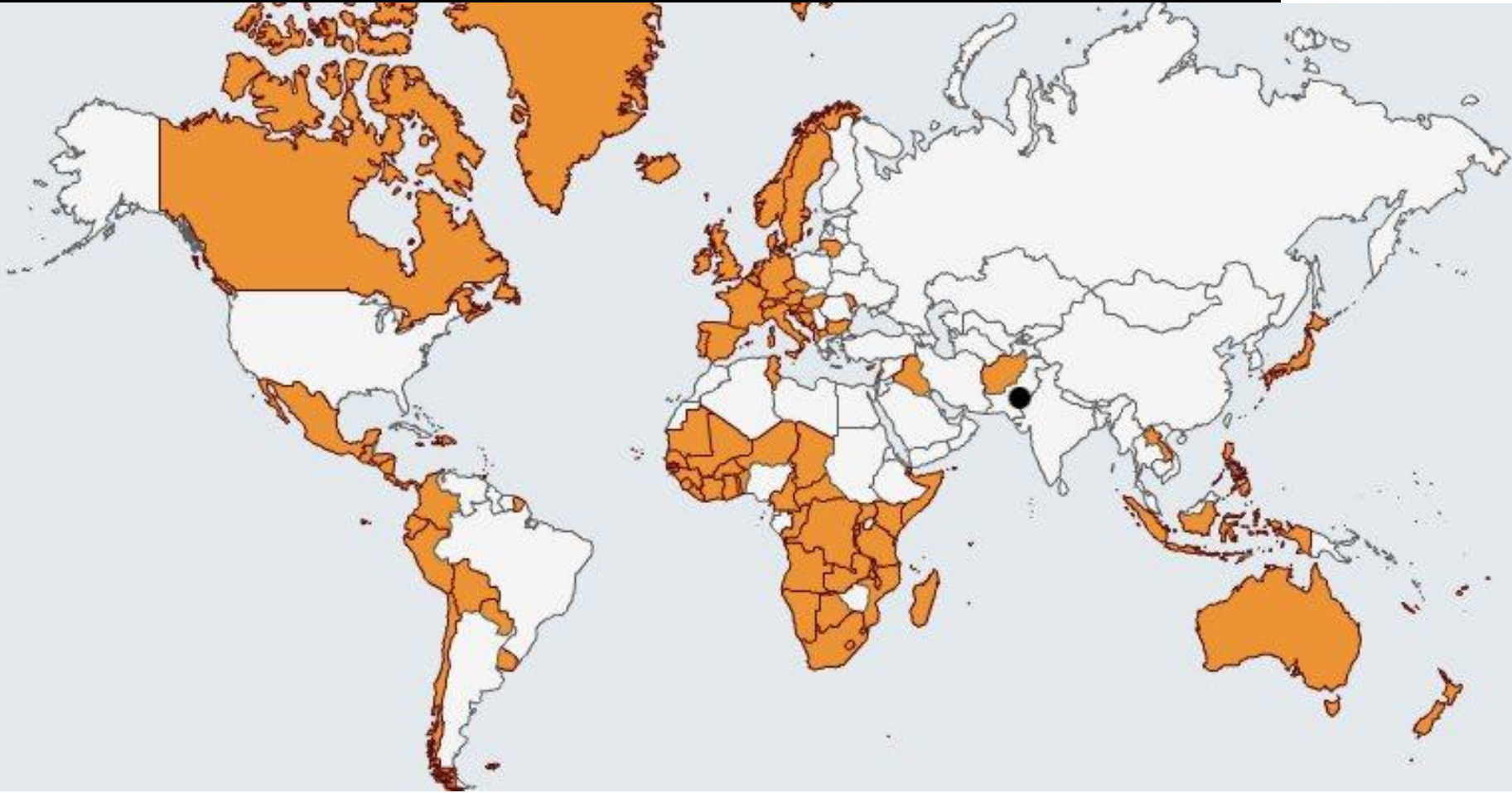
***A PRESENTATION AT THE TOGO  
REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE  
UNIVERSALISATION OF THE CCM***

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# Current status of the CCM



112 countries have joined | 83 are States Parties | 29 are signatories that need to ratify

# GLOBAL HEAD COUNT

- **112 Signatures**
- **83 Rats**
- **83 outside the CCM**
- **No production, Use Stockpiling by SP**
- **Iraq latest rat.(May 14)**

# AFRICA HEAD COUNT

- **54 states in Africa: (42/54 sigs)**
- **14 still at large**
- • **19 stockpiles, 16 still do**
- • **2 have produced CM**
- • **7 have used cluster munitions**

# STATES PARTIES

- **Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi**
- **Cameroun, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, CIV**
- **Ghana , Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi.**
- **Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal**
- **Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Swaziland**
- **Togo, Tunisia, Zambia**

# SIGNATURES

- **Angola, Benin, CAR**
- **DRC, RPC, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea**
- **Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar,**
- **Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda**
- **STP, South Africa, Somalia,**

# NON -SIGNATORIES

- **Algeria, Egypt, Guinea**
- **Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon**
- **Libya, Mauritius, Morocco**
- **South Sudan, Sudan, Zimbabwe**



# CM USE IN AFRICA

- **Angola, Chad, DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia**
- **Libya, Mauritania, Mozambique,**
- **Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan,**
- **Sudan, Uganda and Zambia.**
- **In 2012 (allegation of use) Sudan**

# SYRIA, A STAIN

- **More than 150 attacks and counting, 119 locations (August 2012-Feb 2013, HRW)**
- **Casualties women and children**
- **. Growing concern post-conflict**
- **Deafening silence from African SP, a terrible shame, double standards and naked hypocrisy**
- **Africa TODAY must condemn Use in Syria**

# NEED FOR SPEED!



- **19/29 REMAINING STATES IN AFRICA**
- **ZAMBIA 4MSP ON THE HORIZON**
- **CMC CALLS FOR URGENT NEED FOR RATS/ACCESSIONS TODAY**
- **WILL YOU HEED THE CALL, WHY NOT?**

# WHO IS NEXT IN LINE ?

- **Algeria, Egypt, Eq. Guinea**
- **Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon**
- **Libya, Mauritius, Morocco**
- **South Sudan, Sudan, Zimbabwe**
- **Angola, Benin, CAR**
- **DRC, RPC, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea(C)**
- **Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar,**
- **Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda**
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# 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 Universalize TODAY?



- **19/29 Ratifications to Accessions**

CCM best framework to get assistance to deal with the problem

- **Its easy!**

Humanitarian impact outweighs military utility.

- **( 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 for a**
- **Go it long nationally!**
- **COME TO ZAMBIA 4MSP**

# THE CMC'S CLARION CALL

- ❑ ***IT IS AFRICA'S TURN !***
- ❑ ***DO IT NOW, DO IT TODAY!***
- ❑ ***ZAMBIA IS CALLING!***
- ❑ ***COME ONE, COME ALL!***
- ❑ ***THE HOUR HAS COME !***