



Cluster Munitions: Decades of Failure, Decades of Civilian Casualties

Panel discussion organized by the Cluster Munition Coalition

Description

This panel will revisit the unacceptable humanitarian consequences and technical failures of cluster munitions that led to their prohibition in 2008. Join us for a dialogue on upholding the convention and strengthening the global norm against cluster munitions in the current international context.

Program

Welcome and Introductions - *Tamar Gabelnick, Director, ICBL-CMC*

Video Introduction: "The Convention on Cluster Munitions: Time to Act" (excerpt)

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- Military challenges of CM use and alternatives to area weapons - *Colonel Jim Burke (ret.), Ireland*
- Human costs in Laos - *Sera Koulabdara, Executive Director, Legacies of War*
- Decades of casualties and civilian suffering - *Alma Taslidzan, Disarmament and Protection of Civilians Advocacy Manager, Humanity&Inclusion (HI)*
- Lebanon: cluster munitions scourge after the 2006 conflict and challenges in addressing it - *Lt. Col. Charbel Njeim, Operations Section Head, Lebanon Mine Action Center*
- Clearance realities - *Grethe Østern, Policy Advisor, Norwegian People's Aid*
- Transfers and use in recent conflicts - *Mary Wareham, Deputy Director of the Crisis, Conflict and Arms Division, Human Rights Watch*

Questions and discussion

Summary and closing remarks - *Peter Herby, Petersburg Partnerships*

DATE Thursday, 12 September
TIME 10:00-12:00
LOCATION Plenary Room XIX, CCM12MSP