

CCM Working Group Art. 6 – International Cooperation and Assistance

The Kingdom of the Netherlands and Switzerland

WORK PLAN 2025-2026

Enhancing Implementation of Article 6 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions up to the Third Review Conference, September 2026.

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, as well as 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 September 2026, at the Second Review Conference (2RC) States Parties agreed to the five-year Lausanne Action Plan (LAP) for the period 2021-2026.

Accordingly, on International 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 from which the activities described in this workplan will be derived in order to achieve the outlined objectives.

2. Activities

- a) Building upon the first informal joint meeting with the Committee on the Enhancement of International Cooperation and Assistance of the APMBC in 2025, the Coordinators plan to host a second informal joint meeting in order to further elaborate on how to strengthen synergies between the two Committees.
- b) The Coordinators seek to establish a meeting with the Chair of the Mine Action Support Group (MASG) in order to present the model of Country Coalitions and elaborate on potential synergies with aligned MASG activities.
- c) Based on initial meetings held with some States Parties during 2025, the Coordinators will continue to elaborate on the establishment of potential Country Coalitions.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.

f) The Coordinators will support the President of the Third Review Conference in the activities related to the preparation of the Review Conference regarding International Cooperation and Assistance.

g) The Coordinators will support the Third Review Conference Presidency, Lao PDR and the CCM ISU in the activities related to the preparation of the Third Review Conference in Vientiane in September 2026, including its Action Plan regarding International Cooperation and Assistance and in particular on an Action that focuses on the establishment of Country Coalitions.

3. Expected Outputs by the Third Review Conference

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

b) Exchange with the Chair of MASG and potential arrangements for further meetings.

c) Creation of a hand-out or a guideline on how to start establishing a Country Coalition that can be distributed to States Parties and eventually presented at the Third Review Conference in Vientiane.

4. Estimated Budget

Limited costs, mainly for envisaged meetings.

5. Strategy Implementers

- Coordinators: the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Switzerland
- CCM ISU
- Coordinators on the Enhancement of International Cooperation and Assistance of the APMBC Committee
- Chair of MASG

6. Timeline of the Activities up to the Third Review Conference

First quarter of 2026

- Meeting with CCM ISU to discuss workplan priorities and planned activities.
- Meeting with the Chair of MASG.
- Follow-up on the potential establishment of a Country Coalition with States Parties.
- Preparation of the International Cooperation and Assistance section of the *Vientiane Action Plan* of the Third Review Conference in Vientiane in September 2026.

Second quarter of 2026

- Meeting with APMBC International Cooperation and Assistance Committee.
- Follow-up on the potential establishment of a Country Coalition with States Parties.
- Preparation of the International Cooperation and Assistance section of the *Vientiane Action Plan* of the third Review Conference in Vientiane in September 2026.

Third quarter of 2026

- Preparation of the International Cooperation and Assistance section of the *Vientiane Action Plan* of the Third Review Conference in Vientiane in September 2026.
- Report on activities undertaken during the year at the Third Review Conference.