

CCM thematic Working Group on General Status and

## Operation Work Plan 2025-2026

Austria and Cameroon

### **1.- Background to the workplan**

The Coordinators on General status and Operation provide a flexible and non-standing coordination support capacity in support of the Presidency and the Coordination Committee. The purpose of this coordination is to help ensure coherence, continuity and practical follow-up across the Convention's implementation agenda, particularly on issues that cut across thematic areas or require structured reflection between formal meetings.

This coordination role is not defined by a fixed thematic portfolio, but rather by the Presidency's needs and priorities in a given cycle. It is therefore inherently responsive and time bound, enabling the Presidency to draw on additional support for tasks requiring cross-cutting outreach, institutional follow-up, or facilitation of coordination between different streams of work under the Convention.

In addition, and as part of this broader cross cutting role, the Coordinators serve as Gender Focal Points for the Convention, supporting practical integration of gender and diversity considerations across implementation discussions and Convention meetings. This support is provided in a non-prescriptive manner, in line with agreed commitments under the Convention and with due respect for national contexts and priorities.

This includes encouraging consistent attention to inclusive approaches and ensuring that the diverse needs and experiences of affected communities are meaningfully considered across the Convention's work.

In the lead up to the Third Review Conference (3RC), this cross-cutting function contributes to sustaining momentum on the last year of implementation of the Lausanne Action Plan (LAP) and supporting a constructive and well-prepared collective process among States parties.

### **2.- Objectives**

#### **1. Strengthen cross-cutting coordination and institutional continuity**

Support the Presidency and the rest of the Coordination Committee in maintaining coherence, continuity, and structured follow up across thematic areas, particularly on issues that require coordination between workstreams and consistent messaging between formal meetings.

##### ***a. Support practical follow-up of the LAP in a coherent manner***

Contribute to the practical sequencing and consolidation of LAP implementation, by identifying cross-cutting linkages, recurring gaps and opportunities for operational alignment across thematic areas. In the lead up to the 3RC have a better understanding of how different actions interact with each other regarding the cross cutting themes.

**2. Reinforce the CCM's normative resilience**

Ensure that implementation of the Convention reinforces its humanitarian character in protecting civilians and addresses the impact of armed conflict anchoring it in this purpose and legal prohibitions, while by strengthening the stigma and compliance.

**3. Support inclusive and gender responsive implementation as a cross-cutting quality standard.**

As part of the coordinators' broader support function, advance the Gender Focal Point role by promoting practical mainstreaming of gender and diversity considerations across the Convention's implementation agenda and meeting processes, as appropriate and in support of States Parties' implementation efforts, in line with agreed commitments.

**4. Reinforce constructive engagement and shared understanding**

Where useful and appropriate, support structured exchanges with relevant stakeholders and partners, and the broader CCM community, to inform implementation discussions, contribute to evidence- and survivor-informed approaches, and maintain momentum towards the 3RC.

**3.- Implementation Activities**

To advance these objectives, the Coordinators will pursue two complementary tracks of work in close coordination with the Presidency, the ISU and relevant thematic coordinators.

**Track 1: Cross cutting coordination and Presidency tasked support**

This track focuses on strengthening cross-cutting thematic coherence and supporting the Presidency in identifying and addressing issues requiring structured follow-up.

Key activities may include:

- Targeted consultations with thematic coordinators to map cross cutting issues requiring coordinated handling (overlaps, sequencing, shared messaging).
- Support to Presidency priorities, including preparing short background notes, facilitating coordination exchanges or supporting follow up on specific mandates requested by the Presidency.
- Structured coordination between meetings aimed at maintaining continuity on issues that otherwise risk being addressed inconsistently or only sporadically.

Suggested cross cutting themes - indicative non-exhaustive:

- Cross cutting follow up on universalization and implementation engagement
- LAP coherence and sequencing

## **Track 2: Strengthening the humanitarian norms of the CCM**

Key activities may include:

Convene informal consultations among States parties and/or other stakeholders to take stock of emerging pressures on CCM norms and stigma.

- develop with ISU support, a short set of shared reference points (politically useable, non-legalistic) on protecting CCM norms in public messaging and interventions. These reference points would be intended to support constructive and consistent messaging, without creating new legal interpretations or compliance assessments.

Draft a short research document/discussion product that takes stock of, inter alia the following findings of the stakeholder's dialogues held during the past work cycle:

- Pressures on humanitarian disarmament norms in the current security environment
- How stigma is upheld and reinforced
- Practical approaches by States Parties on compliance, universalization, and the strengthening of norms.

### **Track 2.2 Strategic outreach on the strength of the norm and the prevention logic of the Convention**

Key activities may include:

Undertake targeted outreach (in coordination with the universalization Coordinators) to:

- States not Party to reinforce a shared understanding of the Convention's preventative logic and humanitarian impact.
- Support peer to peer exchanges between States parties on the value of the stigma and the Convention's preventative logic and humanitarian impact.

### **Track 2.3 Cross cutting regime reinforcement of humanitarian disarmament norms**

Key activities may include:

Strengthen collaboration across treaty regimes regarding the promotion of the protection of norms established by the humanitarian disarmament treaties and IHL more broadly and across humanitarian efforts and to promote consistent approaches to:

- Protecting the norm
- Strengthening stigma and
- The preventative dimension of legally binding humanitarian disarmament treaties.

Encourage mutually reinforcing narratives across meetings, statements, and side events where appropriate.

### **Track 3: Inclusive implementation and Gender Focal Point role**

This track focuses on strengthening gender and diversity mainstreaming as a component of effective and inclusive implementation, embedded across thematic work. This work will be aimed at supporting States Parties in enhancing implementation quality in a context-sensitive manner.

Key activities may include:

- Convening cross-thematic exchanges to strengthen practical understanding of how gender and diversity considerations can be integrated across implementation areas.
- Supporting informal consultations with States parties and stakeholders to identify practical needs and expectations regarding inclusive participation and implementation both in the review of the LAP and in the light of a new Action Plan.
- Where feasible, supporting evidence -informed discussion across humanitarian disarmament treaties and other instruments, including through relevant partners on practical approaches that help move from policy commitment to implementation practice.
- Continue work with UNIDIR and other stakeholders, support research initiatives and outreach programmes to enhance gender and diversity considerations in CCM-related work, including through issue-specific dialogues and events and in relation to synergies between the CCM and the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, which is referenced in the Convention's preamble.

### **Expected Outputs (2025 -2026)**

During the 2025-2026 cycle, the Coordinators aim to contribute to the following outputs:

Output 1: Improved cross-thematic coherence within the Coordination Committee:

- A clearer shared understanding among thematic coordinators of cross cutting linkages and sequencing needs.
- More consistent cross-reference of relevant LAP actions across thematic areas

Output 2: Practicable deliverables supporting continuity and follow up

- At least one concise “cross-cutting reflections” note prepared in coordination with the ISU and relevant coordinators capturing
  - recurring cross cutting implementation issues raised by States parties and
  - Practical options for follow up in the lead up to the 3RC

Output 3: Building Increased shared understanding among States parties regarding current pressures on CCM norms, and strengthened coherence in messaging to reinforce stigma:

- Stronger perspective within the CCM Coordination Committee on the possibilities of how to better protect the humanitarian norms established by the CCM, including through structured cooperation with relevant actors and stakeholders.
- Stronger public call to uphold the humanitarian norms of the disarmament conventions
- Engage with regional groups, multistakeholders, survivors and civil-military engagements on lessons learnt and positive experiences in the implementation of the Convention

Output 4 Strengthened integration of inclusive and gender responsive approaches

- A short set of practical considerations or suggested messaging to support integration of gender and diversity considerations across thematic work and meetings, building on existing commitments under the Convention, aligned with existing agreed commitments.
- Support issue-specific dialogues and events with UN partners and stakeholders to assess gender and diversity considerations in the LAP and in the run up to the 3RC

Output 5: At least one structured exchange supporting implementation learning.

- One focused dialogue /side event/ informal briefing (as appropriate) enabling States parties and stakeholders to exchange experience on cross-cutting implementation themes relevant to inclusive and effective implementation.

### **1. Timeline of activities in the lead up the 13th MSP**

#### **First Quarter of 2026**

- Targeted consultations with thematic coordinators to map cross cutting issues requiring coordinated handling (overlaps, sequencing, shared messaging).
- Meeting with the other CCM coordinators, esp. universalization, of the Working Groups to discuss concrete ideas for future cooperation

- Meeting with the ISU and UNIDIR to discuss possible action on gender and synergies with the WPS agenda.
- Together with UNIDIR prepare and hold an online workshop on the implementation of the Lausanne Action Plan and lessons learnt for the upcoming Review Conference.

### **Second Quarter of 2026**

- Develop with ISU support, a short set of shared reference points (politically useable, non-legalistic) on protecting CCM norms in public messaging and interventions.
- Draft a short research document/discussion product that takes stock of, inter alia the following findings of the stakeholder's dialogues held during the past work cycle
- Support an event by UNIDIR on the launch of their report on implementation of the Lausanne Action Plan with regard to gender and diversity considerations

### **Third Quarter of 2026**

- Prepare cross-cutting reflections with support of the ISU and other Committees capturing recurring cross cutting implementation issues raised by States parties and practical options for follow up in the lead up to the 3RC
- Assist Presidency and ISU with the finalization of documentation for the 3RC by ensuring coherence throughout the documents.
- Other actions in preparation of the 3RC as identified and agreed during the second quarter with the respective partners.