



## Programme

### **Landmine clearance in Angola: experiences, challenges and implications for national development and international reputation**

Monday 4 – Thursday 7 November 2019 | WP1724

To be held in Valley Lodge, South Africa

Angola has encountered some particularly difficult challenges in landmine clearance. This was evidenced very strongly at the FCO-DfID sponsored Wilton Park conference in 2018, when the Head of International Relations from the Angolan National Intersectoral Commission for Demining and Humanitarian Assistance gave a presentation to the meeting on achieving the 2025 aspiration to be landmine free. DfID's second phase of its Global Mine Action Programme, announced in September, includes provision for Angola and there is now a consortium including the HALO Trust along with Mines Advisory Group (MAG) and Norwegian People's Aid working in various provinces across the country. The question of how to develop Angola's own willingness and capacity to focus on the policy of demining and their commitments under the Convention is therefore a priority

Angola faces major clearance challenges, particularly in terms of reaching the 2025 aspiration. Building its own engagement and capacity to address and overcome these challenges as well as working in conjunction with external actors is a priority for HMG and other partners. By convening international stakeholders and experts with their local and regional counterparts, the meeting will focus conversation on ways to further develop Angolan capacity, alongside education and awareness raising of mines and their dangers, reintegration of victims into society, stimulating economic activity post clearance and alternative financing models for mine clearance programmes.

**In association with British Embassy Luanda and Mines Advisory Group (MAG)**  
(Speakers invited and themes proposed \* denotes to be confirmed)

### **Monday 4 November**

1900

Reception followed by dinner

### **Tuesday 5 November**

0800-0900

Breakfast

In association with:



0900-0915

## Welcome and introduction

### Mark Smith

Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

### Jessica Hand

HM Ambassador to Angola and São Tomé e Príncipe, Luanda

0915-1015

## 1. Keynote addresses: Angola's 2025 aspiration: state of play and challenges to come

### General Santana André Pitra Petroff

President, National Intersectoral Commission for Demining and Humanitarian Assistance, Luanda

### General Lucio Goncalves Amaral

Secretary of State for Social Affairs, Luanda

1015-1100

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1100-1300

## 2. Angola: The mine action programme's strategic orientation: opportunities and challenges

What is needed, and from whom, to implement an independent Angolan strategy for successful demining?

### Adriano Gonçalves

Head of International Relations, National Intersectoral Commission for Demining and Humanitarian Assistance, Luanda

### Åsa Massleberg

Adviser, Strategic Management, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), Geneva

1300-1430

Lunch

1430-1600

## 3. Reintegration for victims in the post-clearance economy

With an estimated 88,000 victims in Angola, what is needed to re-skill and re-integrate survivors into the post-clearance workforce? What would a strategy for sustainable inclusion of victims and survivors? How can strategies be tailored for transferrable skills, gender, etc?

### Margaret Orech

Director, Uganda Landmine Survivor Association, Kampala

### \*Florinda André

Head of Department, National Intersectoral Commission for Demining and Humanitarian Assistance (CNIDAH), Luanda

1600-1630

Tea/coffee

1630-1800

## 4. Post-clearance economic stimulation

What is needed and in what areas for the stimulation of economic activity, especially for Angola's rural poor?

### Alex Vines

Research Director, Risk, Ethics and Resilience; Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House, London

### Sarah Njeri

Research Associate, Africa Leadership Centre, School of Global Affairs, King's College London

1830

Reception followed by dinner

## Wednesday 6 November

0800-0845

Breakfast

0915-1045

### 5. The evolving funding models and donors

#### **Stanley Brown**

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Director, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PMWRA), US Department of State, Washington DC

#### **Koen Höcker**

Foreign Policy Officer, Directorate Stability and Humanitarian Aid Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

### 6. Non-traditional actors and funding models

With an estimated \$40m needed annually to achieve the 2025 aspiration, and a draw down in sponsorship from traditional funders, what new financing mechanisms are needed and from whom?

#### **Karen-Marie Hyland**

Vice President, Communications and External Affairs, BP Angola, Luanda

#### **Camille Wallen**

Director of Strategy, The HALO Trust, Dumfries

1300-1415

Lunch

1430-1600

### 7. Breakout groups

- (i) What will Angola do/need to do before and at the Review Conference?
- (ii) What can the international community do to assist now and at the Review Conference?
- (iii) What does Angola need from the Review in order to progress its clearance goals?

#### **Facilitators**

##### **Jeanette Dijkstra**

Country Director, Mines Advisory Group (MAG), Luanda

##### **Ralph Legg**

Programme Manager, Angola Programme, The HALO Trust, Luanda

##### **Robert Iga Afedra**

Capacity Development Adviser, Norwegian Peoples Aid, Luanda

1600-1630

Tea/coffee

1630-1730

### 8. Report from working groups

Each working group will report back in a plenary session where participants will have the opportunity to discuss their findings.

1730-1800

Tea/coffee

1800-1815

### 9. Evaluation survey

Completion of online survey

1815-1845

## 10. Towards the Review Conference: conclusions and next steps

**Chris Loughran**

Policy and Influence Director, Mines Advisory Group (MAG), Manchester

1845-1915

## 11. Closing keynotes

**Baroness Lindsay Northover**

UK Trade Envoy to Angola, House of Lords, London

**\*Paula Francisca Coelho**

Minister of Environment of the Republic of Angola, Luanda

1930

Reception followed by dinner

## Thursday 7 November

0800-0845

Breakfast and checkout

0915

Participants depart