

Dear Mine Action Colleagues

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a series of meetings UNOPS, UNDP and UNMAS will be having at the UN Gigiri compound in Nairobi the week 19th – 23rd October. Although the sessions for the last 3 days and some of the sessions on the first 2 days will only be open to UN employees and invited guests a number of the sessions on days 1 and 2 (19th and 20th) will be open to other participants who register an interest (a limit of 3 people per organization unless a suitable justification is provided please!).

The topics we are looking to cover in open discussion during the 19th and 20th are:

- Risk Management in Mine Action (what is risk management, how should it be applied, how is it being applied, what tools and methodologies might be of use in facilitating more effective risk management)!
- Uses of Mechanical Assets to reduce Risk
- Use of Mechanical Assets to release ground and what follow up if any is needed and in what situations!
- The Implementing Partner perspective on the use of machines and productivity
- Land release
- An introduction to IMSMA 5
- Survey technology to support IMSMA
- The pre-selection/accreditation process to work on UNOPS contracts
- Upcoming RFP's to be launched by UNOPS for 2009/10 on behalf of the UN system

The UN will not be able to provide any financial support for non UN attendees (although we will provide light refreshments during the day).

As the meeting is in a Secure UN compound you will need to be on a pre approved list to be able to attend the meetings therefore please send to Matt Williams mattheww@unops.org the details (Name, Nationality, Passport number and a scanned copy of their passport) of any participant you would like to attend (and if the number is over 3 justification for the additional people) and if they will attend only day 1, only day 2 or both days! The tentative schedule is outlined on the next page!

Timings	Monday 19th Oct	Tuesday 20 th Oct
0830 –10:00	Risk management in mine action & Mechanical mine clearance Workshop	Land Release
10:30 –12:30	Pre selection for UNOPS contracts and local accreditation.	IMSMA 5
13:30 –15:30	Upcoming RFP's!	Survey technology to support IMSMA
15:30 –18:00		Open time to meet with suppliers and peers discussions on other topics

We may ask some of the participant to be panel members once we have an indication of who is coming. If you know of somebody or an organization who is interested in attending but has not been directly contacted by me please ask them to contact me asap on paulh@unops.org

Regards

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