



Americas Regional Mine Action Seminar
“En Camino hacia un Hemisferio Libre de Minas Antipersonal”
Lima, Peru 14th–15th August 2003

AGENDA

Thursday August 14

Plenary Session: Inauguration

09:00–09:30 **Opening Statements**

- *Deputy Minister and Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru, Ambassador Manuel Rodriguez*
- *Canadian Ambassador to Peru, Ambassador Hugues Rousseau*
- *Director of the Office of the Secretary General of the Organisation of American States (OAS) Dr. Ronalth Ocheata and General Coordinator of the Comprehensive Action Against Antipersonnel Mines Program of the OAS Colonel (r) William A McDonough*

09:30–10:00 Coffee Break

Plenary Sessions Planning and Priority Setting

10:00–13:30 **National Planning and Priority Setting (Delegation Statements)**
Peru to Chair

- Presentation on General Status and Operations of the Ottawa Convention in the Americas *President of the Fourth Meeting of States Parties, Ambassador Jean Lint*
- Presentation on general status and operation of mine action programs in the Americas *General Coordinator of the Comprehensive Action Against Antipersonnel Mines Program of the OAS Colonel (r) William A McDonough*
- National delegation presentations.

13:30–15:00 **Lunch**

15:00–16:30 **Regional Planning and Priority Setting**
Canada to Chair

- Identify methods to reinforce/strengthen the role of the OAS (Committee, resolutions) *Minister Councillor of the Mexican Embassy in Peru, Amando Arriázola Peto Rueda*

- Mobilizing political momentum and commitment, OAS Portfolio as a mechanism for communicating short term needs, regional cooperation (clearance-VA) and south/south (Africa), targets for 2004 *General Coordinator of the Comprehensive Action Against Antipersonnel Mines Program of the OAS Colonel (r) William A McDonough*

- Discussion

16:30–17:00

Coffee Break

17:00–18:30

Resource Mobilization
OAS to Chair

- Private/Public Partnership building on the USA experience, what can countries do? *Multilateral Programs Officer, Ms. Donna Hopkins*
- Mainstreaming Mine Action into National development initiatives *Coordinator of the Canadian Mine Action Team, Mr. Andrew Shore*
- Importance of National spokesperson, engaging national authorities *Deputy Minister of Defence of Nicaragua and Executive Secretary of Nicaragua's National Demining Commission, Mrs. Maria Auxiladora Cuadra*
- Discussion

19:00

Reception

Friday August 15, 2003

Working groups: To facilitate and focus discussions participants will be divided in 2 different working groups. Each working group will have a rapporteur who will on behalf of the group present in plenary their conclusions (identified problems/solutions and goals for 2004)

08:30–10:30

Clearing mined land/Mine Risk Education (Working group 1)
Co-Chair OAS and Honduras

- Take stock of programs, experiences, what is working, what isn't and draw lessons learned from the more mature programs in Central America and see how these can translate to the more recent programs in South America. Explore the role of the military, international monitors. *Senior Specialist of the Comprehensive Action Against Antipersonnel Mines Program of the OAS Colonel (r) Carl Case.*
- Integrating MRE to mine clearance activities—lessons learned *Technical Secretary of Nicaragua's National Demining Commission Dr. Juan Umaña Loaisiga*

- Discussion

Victim Assistance (Working group 2)

Co-Chair Colombia and Chile

- General scene setting presentation VA in the Americas. *Representative of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Member of CIREC Colombia Mr. Richard Villadiego*
- Nicaragua/ Case Study (accident to socio-economic reintegration.) National Mine Action Commissions and Regional organizations and Civil Society working hand in hand. *National Coordinator of the Comprehensive Action Against Antipersonnel Mines Program of the OAS in Nicaragua Mr. Carlos Orozco*
- Discussion

10:30–11:00

Coffee Break

11:00–12:30

Destroying stockpiled mines (working group 1)

Co-Chair Guatemala/Ecuador

- To identify any needs for outside assistance that may be required on the part of countries that are still in the process of destroying mines. Talk about regional cooperation, and south/south cooperation. Reducing quantities of AP mines retained for training as a regional confidence and security building measure. *Military Advisor to the Canadian Mine Action Team, Lieutenant Colonel (r) John MacBride*
- Discussion

Exchanging information (working group 2)

Co-Chair Argentina/Trinidad and Tobago

- To share best practices in the provision of information in annual reports required under Article 7 of the Convention/OAS transparency reports. *Manager of the Implementation Support Unit Mr. Kerry Brinkert*
- Information Management/Data Collection *National Coordinator of the Comprehensive Action Against Antipersonnel Mines Program of the OAS in Ecuador Colonel (r) Guillermo Leal and National Coordinator of the Comprehensive Action Against Antipersonnel Mines Program of the OAS in Peru Mr. Jaime Toso*
- Article 9 obligations: National Legislation: *Legal Advisor to the Regional Delegation for Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Ms. Marisela Silva Chau*

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| 12:30–14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00–15:30 | Summary of working group chairs |
| 15:30–16:00 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00–17:00 | Developing consensus on Regional Priorities and Targets to be met by 2004 and Concluding Remarks. |
- Calendar of events, regional and national tasks and targets to be met by 2004. *Peru/Canada/OAS*