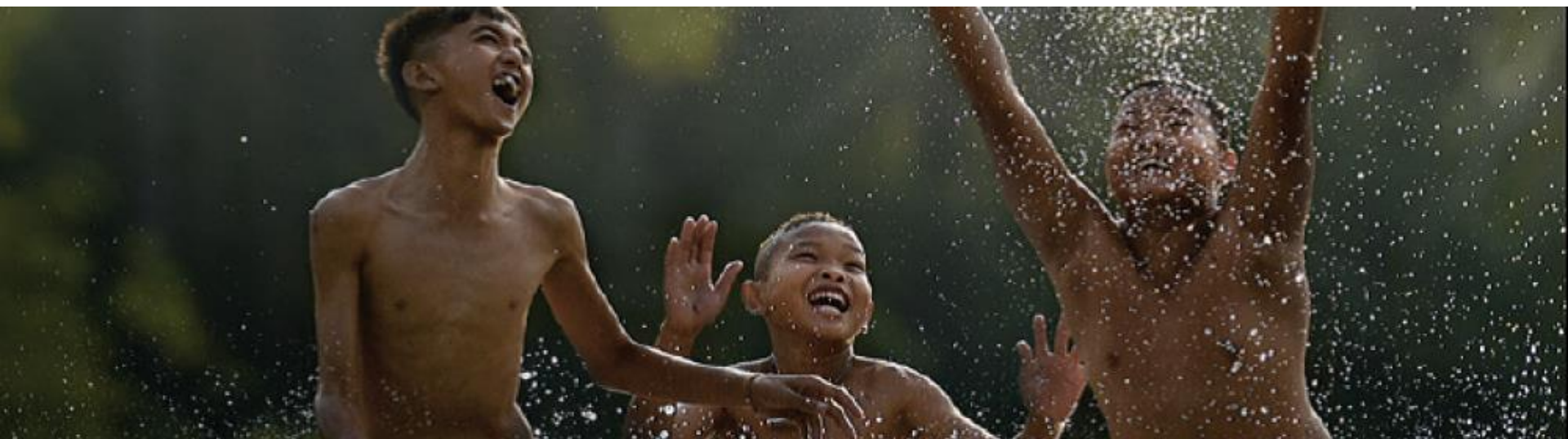


Overview of the Convention on Cluster Munitions



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WHY THE CCM?



International concern about the humanitarian effects of cluster munitions, particularly following their use in **Afghanistan, Chechnya, Iraq, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya and most recently in Syria and Yemen.**

- ❖ Angola, Chad, DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Libya, Mauritania, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia

Why do cluster munitions cause '**unacceptable harm**' to civilians:

- ❖ Their **wide-area effect** means an increased likelihood of civilian victims
- ❖ Their **high failure rate** means that hundreds of bomblets become lethal devices
- ❖ Significant adverse **socio-economic consequences**

The CCM in brief



- ✓ **The Oslo Process** : Norwegian Initiative of Feb. 2007
- ✓ **ADOPTED** in May 2008 and opened for signature in December 2008
- ✓ Entered into force on **1 AUGUST 2010** when the Convention became binding international law
- ✓ The Convention prohibits all use, production, stockpiling and transfer of cluster munitions
- ✓ Total of **119** States have committed to the Convention, **101** as States Parties and **18** as signatories – **13 in Africa**
- ✓ **8 key operative Articles**

KEY OPERATIVE OBLIGATIONS



✓ *Never use, produce, stockpile or transfer cluster munitions*



✓ *Destroy existing stockpiles*



✓ *Clear contaminated land*

KEY OPERATIVE OBLIGATIONS



- ✓ *Assist victims*
- ✓ *Provide technical, material and financial assistance to other States Parties*
- ✓ *Undertake transparency measures*
- ✓ *Adopt national implementation measures (imposition of penal sanctions)*
- ✓ *Promote universal adherence to the Convention/Compliance*



CCM IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP TO 2020



DUBROVNIK ACTION PLAN:

- **Action 1** - Universalization
- **Action 2** - Stockpile Destruction
- **Action 3** - Clearance and Risk Reduction Education
- **Action 4** - Victim Assistance
- **Action 5** - International Cooperation and Assistance
- **Action 6** – Transparency Reporting
- **Action 7** – National Implementation Measures

CCM IMPLEMENTATION ACHIEVEMENTS



- ✓ Total of **101** States parties and **18** Signatories
 - **34** Europe; **30** Africa; **24** Americas; **7** Pacific; **3** Middle East; **3** Asia
- ✓ **Central America** is the first cluster munitions-free sub-region
- ✓ **29** States Parties have reported the completion of **stockpile destruction** (Art. 3)
- ✓ **6** States Parties have completed their obligations on **clearance and destruction** of cluster munition remnants (Art. 4)
- ✓ **9 of 11** States Parties reported to have obligations on **victim assistance** (Art. 5) are taking the prescribed steps
- ✓ **48** States have implemented requisite measures under **National Implementation measures** (Art.9)

CONVENTION STATUS BY OBLIGATION

STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION

10 States

1. **Botswana (2019)**
2. Bulgaria (2019)
3. Croatia (2018)
4. Cuba (2024)
5. **Guinea Bissau (2019)**
6. Peru (2021)
7. Slovakia (2024)
8. **South Africa (2023)**
9. Spain (2018)
10. Switzerland (2020)

CLEARANCE

10 States

1. Afghanistan (2022)
2. Bosnia & Herzegovina (2021)
3. **Chad (2023)**
4. Chile (2021)
5. Croatia (2020)
6. Germany (2020)
7. Iraq (2023)
8. Lao PDR (2020)
9. Lebanon (2021)
10. Montenegro (2020)

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

11 States

1. Afghanistan
2. Albania
3. Bosnia & Herzegovina
4. **Chad**
5. Croatia
6. **Guinea Bissau**
7. Iraq
8. Lao PDR
9. Lebanon
10. Montenegro
11. **Sierra Leone**

IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES



1. **Inadequate resources** – *financial, technical, legal, material*
2. **Low Reporting** – *qualitative, quantitative*
3. **Need for enhanced cooperation** – *bilateral, multilateral, regional and global levels*
4. **Limited Access** – *local terrain*
5. **Operational** – *appropriate methodologies*

Implement all by 2030?



✓ **Achievable – with current SPs**

?Many contaminated States still not party

✓ **Enabling environment**

- ✓ Enhanced partnerships

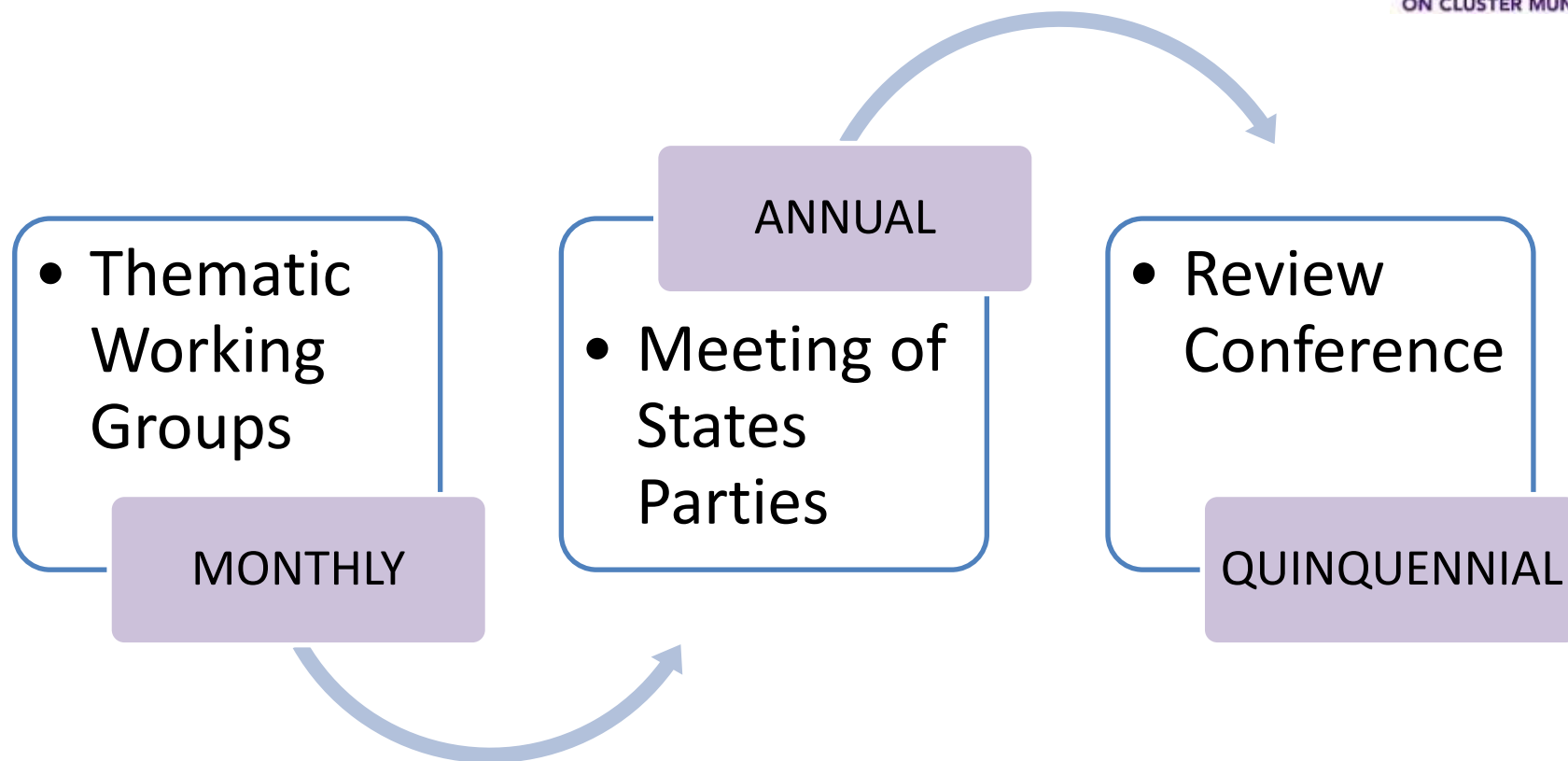
- ✓ Political Will

- ✓ Use of appropriate methodologies; NTS,TS,LR

- ✓ Resource Prioritization

✓ **Preventive mode**

CONVENTION ARCHITECTURE



COORDINATION COMMITTEE



Role of the ISU

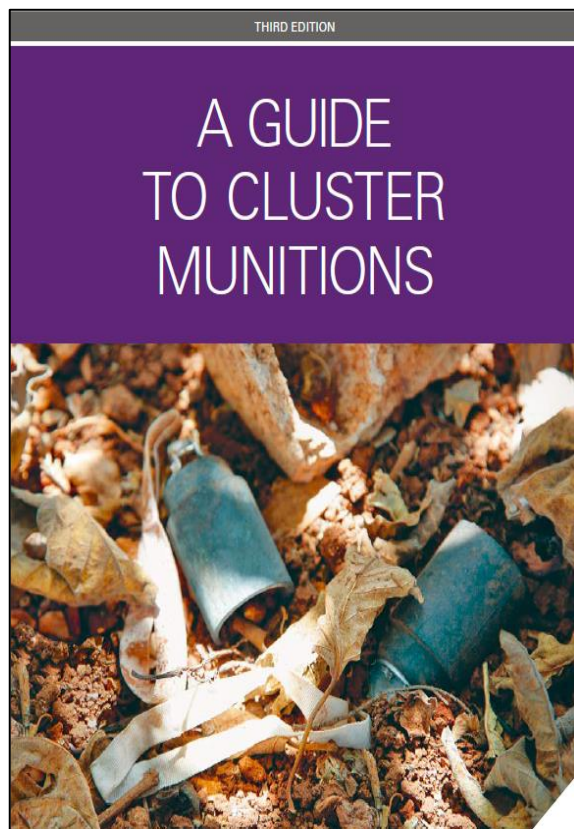


Provide support to States Parties on the implementation of the CCM

- ✓ **Support to States Parties** through the Convention's machinery;
- ✓ **Providing advice and technical support**
- ✓ **Record Keeping**
- ✓ **Facilitating communication** amongst States Parties and other relevant actors, cooperate and coordinate amongst these;
- ✓ **Maintaining public relations** - to promote universalization;
- ✓ **Interface** between the States Parties and the international community on issues related to the implementation of the CCM



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