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Activities and Priorities for Implementation 2026-2027[*],[**]

Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

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I. Activities of the Committee

1. In 2026, the Committee focused on advancing the cooperation and assistance commitments of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 through strengthened partnerships, support to States Parties facing implementation challenges, promotion of National Mine Action Platforms, and enhanced coordination with donors and relevant stakeholders. The Committee also implemented new mandates entrusted to it by the Fifth Review Conference, including support to the Committee on Article 5 Implementation in matters related to assistance requirements and resource mobilisation.

2. The Committee first met on 19 January 2026 to discuss its work plan for 2026. During this meeting, the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) provided the Committee with an overview of the Committee's mandate as adopted by the Fifth Review Conference and presented a calendar of key dates to inform the Committee's work plan for 2026.

3. In implementing its mandate to appoint a focal point among its members to provide advice on gender mainstreaming and ensure that the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities are taken into account in the implementation of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan 2025-2029 (SRAAP), Slovenia was selected as gender focal point.

4. On 26 March 2026, the Committee, together with the President and representatives of the Coordinating Committee, contributed to a workshop aimed at improving compliance with Article 7 reporting obligations (by 30 April 2026), as well as commitments of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan, and strengthening the quality of information provided by States Parties concerning implementation challenges, assistance needs, cooperation efforts, gender considerations and the diverse needs of affected communities.

5. The Committee implemented its new mandate, as adopted by the Fifth Review Conference, to support the Committee on Article 5 in their analysis of submitted requests for extension as concerns matters related to expressed requirements for assistance (e.g. budgets, resource mobilisation plans). This included a kick-off meeting on 27 April 2026 with the

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Committee and the ISU. The Committee provided feedback on requests to the Committee on Article 5 Implementation to support their engagement with requesting States Parties and their analysis efforts. Furthermore, during the 15-18 June 2026 Intersessional Meetings, the Committee joined the Article 5 Committees during engagement with States Parties due to submit requests in 2027.

6. In the lead-up to the Intersessional Meetings, the Committee developed preliminary observations[1] based on information submitted by States Parties in their Article 7 transparency reports. The methodology for the preparation of preliminary observations was based on the Committee's mandate to review relevant information provided by the States Parties on implementation of cooperation and assistance commitments contained in the SRAAP, as well as on matters regarding gender and the diverse needs of affected communities. The preliminary observations served as a tool to assist States Parties in identifying gaps, challenges, and opportunities to strengthen implementation of cooperation and assistance commitments under the Convention.

7. The Committee carried out various initiatives to better understand successful practices and challenges in strengthening regular national dialogue amongst national stakeholders through the establishment of National Mine Action Platforms including the following:

(a) On 18 May 2026, the Committee launched a targeted survey to mine-affected States Parties and States Parties in a position to provide assistance. The survey aimed at exploring the practices of mine-affected States Parties and States Parties in a position to provide assistance in sustaining a regular dialogue concerning the implementation of the Convention. Responses to these surveys were received by 9 mine-affected States and 4 States in a position to provide assistance.

(b) In follow-up to the questionnaire, during the Intersessional Meetings, the Committee organised two thematic breakfast discussions with mine-affected States and States in a position to provide assistance entitled “"strengthening national-level coordination and regular dialogue with national and international stakeholders" which were moderated by Cameroon, as Chair of the Committee. The aim of the discussions was to inform the Committee's ongoing research on current practices in cooperation and assistance, with a particular focus on the extent and quality of regular dialogue between national and international stakeholders at the country level. The discussions also offered an opportunity for the Committee to gain insight into best practices and challenges in establishing NMAPs.

(c) Likewise, in the lead-up to the Intersessional Meetings, the Committee prepared a thematic panel discussion entitled *Advancing our Shared Commitments Through Strengthened Partnerships, National Mine Action Platforms and Coordinated Donor Engagement*. The objective of the panel was to explore how the cooperation and assistance commitments can be fully realised, what progress has been achieved, what challenges remain, and how the establishment of national mine action platforms (NMAPs) can contribute. The panellists included donor States, Japan and the United Kingdom, and a representative of the United Nations Development Programme, which offered feedback on their cooperation and assistance efforts as well as their consideration of the importance of national mine action platforms. Panellists also included representatives of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre as well as the Lebanese Mine Action Centre, to provide two examples of existing national mine action platforms and the challenges they face, the Board of Donors and the Lebanese Mine Action Forum, respectively. The discussion highlighted the importance of nationally led coordination mechanisms, sustained donor engagement, and regular dialogue among stakeholders as key elements for effective implementation of Convention obligations. The discussion can be found on the Intersessional Meetings web page on the Convention's website:

https://www.apminebanconvention.org/en/intersessional-meetings/im26

8. The Committee aims to continue its research on strengthening dialogue between mine-affected States Parties and States Parties in a position to provide assistance, in particular through the establishment of NMAPs, in the lead-up to the 23MSP with the aim of developing

[1] https://www.apminebanconvention.org/en/intersessional-meetings/im26/documents-1

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guidance for the implementation of Action 42 of the Siem Reap-Angkor Action Plan and strengthening their approach to implementation of their mandate to “facilitate the fostering of partnerships between States Parties seeking to receive assistance and those in a position to provide such assistance" and to “encourage and support the establishment of Mine Action Platforms to strengthen partnerships and coordination among all stakeholders.”

9. In 2025, the Committee supported Sudan in holding an Individualized Approach (IA) meeting on the margins of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the States Parties. The meeting offered an opportunity to strengthen dialogue between national authorities, donors and implementing partners, increase awareness of implementation challenges, and identify potential avenues for cooperation and assistance. In 2026 the Committee supported Sudan in finalizing the final report of this meeting and ensuring its uploading to Sudan’s page on the Convention’s website:

https://www.apminebanconvention.org/en/membership/sudan

10. The Committee supported South Sudan in holding an Individualized Approach (IA) meeting on the margins of the 15-18 June 2026 Intersessional Meetings. The meeting offered an opportunity to strengthen dialogue between national authorities, donors and implementing partners, increase awareness of implementation challenges, and identify potential avenues for cooperation and assistance. The final report of this meeting can be found on South Sudan’s page on the Convention’s website:

https://www.apminebanconvention.org/en/membership/south-sudan

11. Following an expression of interest from the delegation of Mauritania to host an Individualized Approach meeting on the margins of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the States Parties (23MSP), the Committee began supporting the preparations of the Individualized Approach.

12. The Committee received one formal request concerning the use of the Cooperation and Assistance Fund. While discussions with the State Party concerned are ongoing, the Committee remains committed to supporting interested States Parties and will continue promoting the Fund as a mechanism to facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices.

13. In the lead-up to the 23MSP, the Committee will be engaging with donors and affected countries to understand further their situation concerning cooperation and assistance and to gain greater insight into cooperation and assistance practices.

II. Priorities of the Committee

14. The Committee will continue to encourage and support States Parties in taking advantage of the Individualised Approach during the 2027 Intersessional Meetings as well as on the margins of the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the States Parties (24MSP).

15. In light of the small number of States Parties reporting on efforts to establish national mine action platforms, the Committee will continue to prioritise support for the establishment and effective functioning of National Mine Action Platforms as a means to strengthen national ownership, improve coordination among stakeholders and facilitate sustainable partnerships between affected States Parties and donors. This will include continuing engagement with mine-affected States and States in a position to provide assistance in order to fully understand the obstacles to establishing national mine action platforms and strengthening partnerships.

16. The Committee will continue promoting the Cooperation and Assistance Fund to support the exchange of best practices and facilitate cooperation between affected States Parties. The Committee will encourage the submission of further requests to the Cooperation and Assistance Fund, with the aim of enabling a second use of the Fund, in line with its intended purpose of facilitating peer-to-peer exchanges, study visits and the sharing of expertise among States Parties.

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17. The Committee will further encourage States Parties to provide comprehensive information on assistance needs, resource mobilisation efforts, and partnership requirements in order to facilitate more targeted cooperation and assistance. The Committee will also continue encouraging States Parties to report on matters related to the consideration of gender and the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities in their cooperation and assistance efforts.

18. The Committee will continue to support the Committee on Article 5 Implementation throughout the extension request process, in accordance with its mandate, and to coordinate its work with the Convention's other Committees and stakeholders.

19. To further its mandate to promote cooperation and assistance under the Convention, the Committee will take advantage of the European Union Council Decision support to ensure that matters related to cooperation and assistance are included in national and regional dialogues on mine clearance and victim assistance and will organise or encourage the organisation of multilateral, regional or national dialogues on cooperation and assistance, in Geneva or elsewhere.

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