



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AU MINE ACTION STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

21ST INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF NATIONAL MINE
ACTION DIRECTORS AND UN ADVISORS (NDM UN 21)
14 FEBRUARY 2018, GENEVA

POLICY FRAMEWORK

- Res. (CM/Res 1593) of the 62nd Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers on the CCW, June 1995
- Kempton Park Plan of Action *“Towards a Landmine-Free Africa: The OAU and the Legacy of Anti-Personnel Mines”*, May 1997
- African Common Position on anti-personnel mines in preparation for the 1st RevCon of APMBC, September 2004
- Communique of the 584th meeting of the Peace and Security Council, March 2016



Project Document

The African Union Mine Action and Explosive Remnants of War Strategic Framework

April 2014 – December 2017



Advocacy

**Technical and
Operational
Assistance to
Peace Support
Operations**

**Technical and
Operational
Assistance to
Member States**

PARTNERSHIPS: APPROACHES AND PRINCIPLES

National
ownership

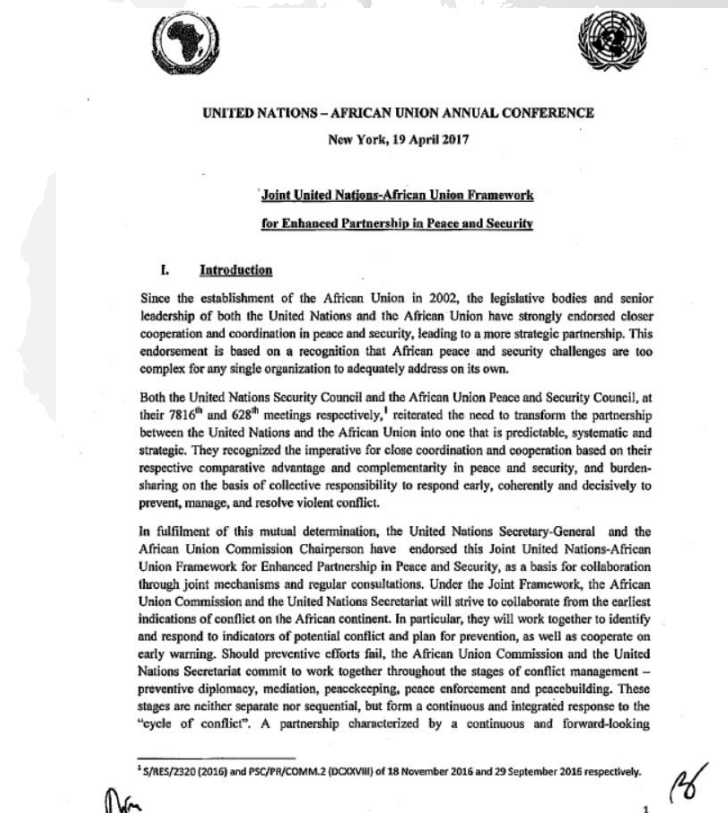
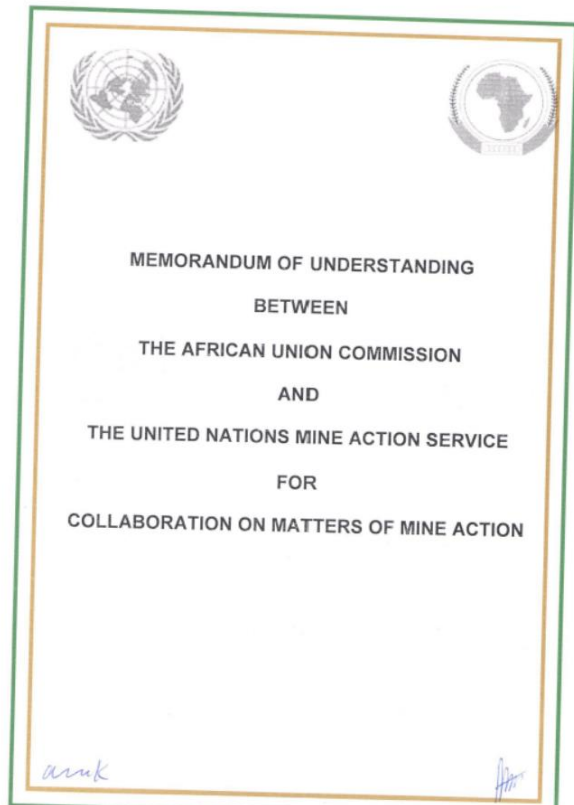
Efficiency &
Sustainability

Integrated
approaches

Institutional
building

Inter-agency
coordination

AU-UN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



UNOAU Mine Action advisor to the AU since 2012
providing day-to-day assistance and support

INFORMATION SHARING AND ADVOCACY



AU – ICRC Workshop on addressing key challenges to meeting clearance deadlines, 5-7 March 2013 -Addis Ababa

Consultative Meeting on Assistance and Coordination in Implementing Articles 5 & 4, 6-7 December 2016 - Addis Ababa

AMMUNITION SAFETY MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE



(1) Sensitization and stakeholder consultation workshop (August 2017, Bissau)



(2) Rapid TAMs to ammo storage sites (August 2017)

(3) Ammunition Practitioner Training Course
4-8 December 2017, Bissau



PARTNERSHIPS FOR BUILDING AND SUSTAINING TECHNICAL CAPACITIES

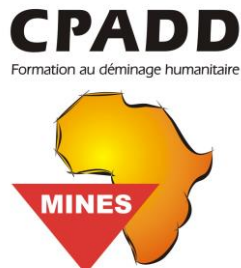


Training of practitioners from Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan and Zimbabwe on EOD 1 & 2 October 2014, Kenya

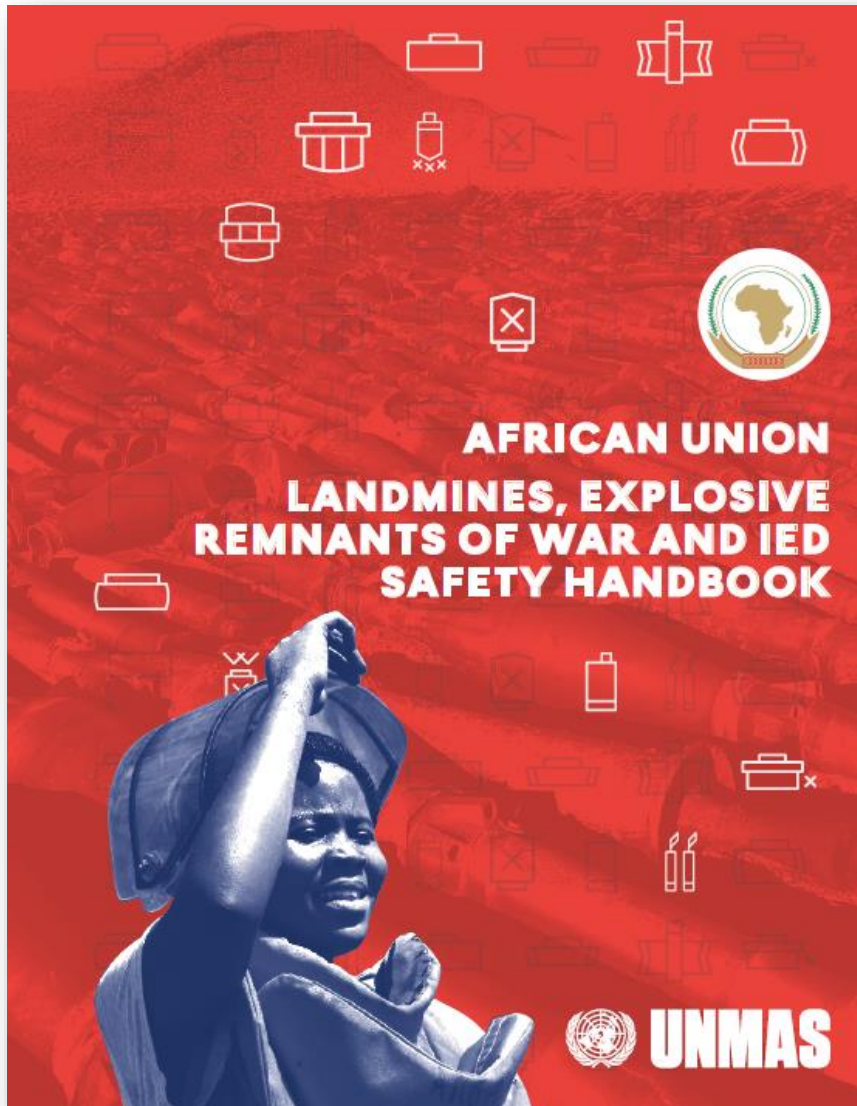


International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC)

Training on PSSM for the AU Roster of Practitioners (2018)



ASSISTANCE TO PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS



*1,000 copies distributed to 7
AU and UN missions in 2017*

AU INTER-AFRICAN COOPERATION INITIATIVE

- AU Mine Action Member State Survey - February 2017
- Aims to identify
 - a. Mine Action resources and capabilities
 - b. Explosive threats and treaty progress
 - c. Mine Action needs and challenges
- Enable the AU Commission match-make assistance needs and offers and coordinate the exchange of expertise and resources.

CHALLENGES TO STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

- Deprioritization of mine action support in Africa by donors in favor of support to new conflicts;
- Mine Action “competing” with other thematic issues;
- The challenge of maintaining strategic focus and long-term engagement;
- Growing IED threat and associated assistance and coordination challenges.

OUTSTANDING ARTICLE 5 COMMITMENTS

Angola 31 Dec 2025

Chad 1 Jan 2020

DRC 1 Jan 2021

Eritrea 1 Feb 2020

Ethiopia 1 Jun 2020

Mauritania 1 Jan 2021

Niger 31 Dec 2020

Senegal 1 Mar 2021

Somalia 1 Oct 2022

South Sudan 9 Jul 2021

Sudan 1 Apr 2019

Zimbabwe 31 Dec 2025

Not including other affected AU Member States that are not party but making progress in clearance

CHALLENGES IN MEETING ART. 5 COMMITMENTS

Common challenges as outlined in extension requests analysis and MSP decisions

- Absence of detailed annual work plans for survey and clearance
- Unjustified/unclear financial requirements
- Need for enhanced resource mobilization strategies and national funding
- Insecurity and unconducive environment for operators

SUPPORTING THE MAPUTO COMMITMENT: NEXT PHASE

- Technical assistance in developing clear and justifiable national plans for surveys and clearance;
- In-country missions to sensitize decision-makers and raise visibility and resources for national programs;
- National/regional donor conferences and assistance in developing resource mobilization strategies;
- Facilitating inter-African cooperation;
- C-IED support to AU-PSOs and Member States as part of stabilization efforts.

Thank you

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Announcement:

Meeting of AU and International Partners
Thursday, 15 February
08:00 – 09:30 am
Room XXII