

# MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE LANDMINE WORKING GROUP (LWG)

**Date & Time: 14:00 -16:00, Wednesday 19 January 2022**

Location: Online meeting on Zoom

Co-Chairs: Nils Christensen – UNDP’s CTA

Helene Kuperman – MAG’s Country Director

Participants: over 30 representatives from ARMAC, CRS, GICHD, Halo Trust, UNDP, IC, ICRC, KOICA, MAG, NGO Center, NPA, PTVN, QTMAC, RENEW, VNMAC

Time	Activity/Updates/Follow up action	Facilitator
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; open remarks from Co-chairs – Review agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome all members to join the 1<sup>st</sup> LWG meeting in 2022</li> <li>- Thanks for the interest and participation of representatives from LWG members (NGOs) and observers (Government bodies and funding agencies)</li> </ul> <p>Following agenda for the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VNMAC updates on legal framework and activities conducted in 2021 and priorities for 2022</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> <li>• Updates from all members (2021 achievements and 2022 priorities)</li> <li>• Working priorities for the LWG for 2022</li> <li>• Co-Chairs mandate renewal for 2022</li> </ul>	<b>Helene &amp; Nils</b>
<b>14:05 – 14:20</b>	<p>VNMAC updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greetings from VNMAC to LWG members</li> <li>• VNMAC appreciation for the contributions from all mine action operators (local &amp; international)</li> <li>• Significant increase in BAC clearance and EOD in 2021, especially local funded project (i.e in Ha Giang)</li> <li>• New regulations on MA developed in 2021 (clearance/EOD SOP, IM SOP, cost norm, TCVN/QCVN aligned with IMAS)</li> <li>• VA: local authorities provide timely support to VA activities</li> <li>• International &amp; local supports for VA – timely meet the needs within limited resources, especially people in high risk areas (i.e KVMAP and VNMAC in Ha Giang and Quang Ngai)</li> <li>• Review the achievement of 10 years program 504 from local stakeholders and international organization</li> <li>• Unfortunately, the national conference has been postponed – expected after Tet holiday</li> <li>• Plan 2021-2025 is being submitted to the Government for approval</li> <li>• VNMAC supports administration procedures for international operators in Vietnam</li> </ul>	<b>Mr.Phuc - VNMAC</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VNMAC expect to see long term strategies/plans from international operators in Vietnam</li> <li>• Prioritized areas: South central province and Northern provinces with high contamination</li> <li>• Suggest international organizations to support VNMAC to invest in technology, conduct technology transfer/research on mine action operations</li> <li>• New projects approved in 2022: Senior Technical Advisor to the VNMAC which also manages the IM project (Central IM unit and national database, as well as building capacities in the provinces – Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Hue) funded by the US Gov</li> <li>• IM needs to be improved s by adopting new digital technology</li> <li>• Capacity building for provinces in IM and database system</li> <li>• VNMAC suggest to have dedicated IM staff/units in each province which can be dedicated resources or shared resources.</li> <li>• VNMAC will organize a national conference on IM system.</li> <li>• VNMAC continues to support international operators working in Vietnam – recommend improvement in information sharing with VNMAC for new potential project</li> </ul>	
<b>14:15-14:30</b>	<p>Q&amp;A</p> <p>Can VNMAC share an update on the timeline for approval of the TCVN and QCVN?</p> <p>Mr.Phuc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VNMAC confirm that QCVN will be approved in Jan'22. VNMAC sent the final revised version 3 weeks ago to the Ministry of Science &amp; Technology (MOST) in response to their comments.</li> <li>• The MOST raised concerns on the TCVN. There will be a workshop to address the concerns on risk management and VA and collect inputs from related ministries before submitting the final version to MOST.</li> </ul>	<b>Participants</b>
<b>14:30- 15: 50</b>	<p><b>Updates from LWG members - 2021 achievement &amp; 2022 priorities</b></p> <p>The co-chairs would like to suggest forming sub-technical working groups or task force (with a lead person) to work on particular technical areas (i.e Capacity development, EORE, VA, Environmane, etc.)</p> <p>Among priorities, we can see growing interest and focus from mine action stakeholders on the impact of mine action on the environment and how natural disasters/climate change is having an impact on mine action operations.</p> <p>Co-chairs shared a reminder on the upcoming celebration of 4 April 2022 – International Mine Awareness Day. UNDP and UNMAS have planned event around the world. Co-chairs invite members to share ideas of joint celebration for Vietnam. Ex of event in the UN: <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/mine-awareness-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/mine-awareness-day</a></p>	<b>LWG Members</b>

	<p>Members shared updates on their work (see presentations in annex)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICRC – represented by Ms Kiona: sharing the KAP survey outcomes in Ha Giang (report soon to be released – will be sent to the LWG when available), suggestions for LWG &amp; priorities 2022</li> <li>• Update from UNDP that KVMAP project was completed in Dec’21– Ms.Tra, UNDP: UNDP completed the final evaluation report confirming the success of the project. Copy of the report can be found at: <a href="https://erc.undp.org/evaluation/evaluations/detail/13269">https://erc.undp.org/evaluation/evaluations/detail/13269</a></li> <li>• Updates from KOICA on new Korea-VietNam Peace Village Project (KVPVP) for TT-Hue, Binh Dinh &amp; Quang Ngai (2022-2026). The project is pending final sign-off to start.</li> <li>• Update from CRS – Ms Nguyet: presented highlights of the WRA project on EORE implemented in five provinces. CRS is also completing a final evaluation of the FCDO-funded project on the delivery of EORE through Youth Union in Quang Tri. Conclusion and report will be shared with the LWG in April.</li> <li>• MAG – presented by Helene: presented the result of the phase 1 of the Digital EORE project in Quang Binh &amp; Quang Tri. For 2022 MAG will pilot community focal points approach.</li> <li>• NPA presented by Ms Linh updates on the IM project and training delivered to representatives of 28 provinces (North Vietnam). Additional training sessions plan for Central Vietnam and South Vietnam provinces</li> <li>• PTVN presented by Ms Ha: achievements in Quang Tri and Quang Binh provinces with increased focus on development tasks.</li> <li>• USARPAC presented by Col. Larsen: introduce himself and his project funded by the US Government Defense Department to deliver EOD level training</li> <li>• UNDP presented by Nils shared UNDP’s new Guidelines on Capacity Building in mine action (See handbook in annex of the minutes).</li> </ul>	
<b>15:50 – 16:00</b>	<p>Co-Chairs voting and selection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nils and Helene leaving their roles in Vietnam in Jan’22 and Apr 22 respectively. Both organizations (UNDP and MAG) are willing to remain co-chairs of the LWG</li> </ul> <p>MAG and UNDP are re-elected for a one-year mandate as co-chair of the LWG.</p>	<b>Nils, Helene and members</b>
<b>16:00</b>	<p><b>Closing remarks from Co-Chairs</b> A survey will be shared to LWG members to register their interest on specific technical working groups.</p> <p><b>Closing remark from Mr.Phuc – VNMAC</b> Thanks Co-chairs and appreciate LWG members efforts and contributions for Vietnam in 2021</p>	<p><b>Helene/Nils</b></p> <p><b>Mr.Phuc</b></p>

	VNMAC will soon share long term strategy for MA in Vietnam VNMAC sends best wishes for new year to all LWG members	
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**Attachment:**

- Presentations from members