

IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THREAT MITIGATION: LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD



**SIDE EVENT AT THE CCW 6TH REVIEW CONFERENCE
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VIRTUAL FORMAT ON WEBEX**



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Context

Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) continue to pose a grave threat, taking lives, hindering development and peacebuilding. According to the UN M&E mechanism, IED have accounted for thousands of casualties in past years, among them civilians, humanitarian workers and UN peacekeeping personnel. IED disrupt the return of displaced persons and refugees, as well as the path towards recovery and stabilization. Despite progress in the strategic, policy and operational management of IED, many challenges remain. The UN Secretary-General will report to the Security Council by 15 December on the “independent strategic review of United Nations peacekeeping operations’ responses to IED, assessing capabilities and measures necessary to better mitigate this threat”.

Objectives

At the last CCW Review Conference, UNMAS held a side event to discuss how to address policy and operational gaps in IED threat mitigation. Five years later, UNMAS is gathering leading experts and partners to take stock of progress, setbacks and lessons learnt in mitigating the threat of IED and raise awareness of the comprehensive approach developed by the UN.

All participants to the CCW Review Conference are warmly invited and can contact unmasgeneva@un.org if they have any questions or suggestions.