



International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

In 2024 to commemorate the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (April 4), the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS) is advocating for a greater awareness of the needs and rights of all people with disabilities in conflict and peacebuilding settings. The 2024 campaign theme is “Protecting Lives. Building Peace.” [Click here to learn more.](#)

The United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) protects people from the threat of explosive ordnance, enables humanitarian access, early recovery and the productive use of previously contaminated land, helps build national mine action capacity and facilitates the inclusion of persons with disabilities, including those injured by explosive ordnance, in peacebuilding processes.

Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. [Lloyd Axworthy](#) was instrumental in the creation of the Mine Ban Convention and former US Senator [Patrick Leahy](#) was a key player in funding mine action.

For a Mine Free World, a photo exhibit at the UN, shows the scourge of mines on human lives and their crippling effect on economic development; it also highlights the positive result of 20 years of campaigning for a world free of the danger of landmines and other explosive remnants of war. This, and other digital exhibits [can be viewed online here.](#)

In our turbulent world, mine action is a concrete step towards peace.



Photo: Mine action in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. PHOTO:UNMAS DRC