The road to Nairobi
Nairobi Summit: When?

- “A Review Conference shall be convened five years after the entry into force of this Convention.”
- In September of 2003 decisions taken to hold the First Review Conference at the United Nations facilities in Nairobi from 29 November to 3 December 2004.
Nairobi Summit: When?

- 1999: Entry into force of Convention
- 2004: First Review Conference
- 2009: First deadlines for clearance
Nairobi Summit: Who?

Participants:
- “All States Parties to this Convention shall be invited to each Review Conference.”

Observers:
- “States not parties to this Convention, as well as (relevant organizations) may be invited to attend each Review Conference as observers.”

Other:
- “The Review Conference shall be held in public unless the Conference decides otherwise.”
Nairobi Summit: How much?

- “Costs of (...) Review Conferences shall be borne by the States Parties and States not parties to this Convention participating therein, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately.”

- Nairobi Summit cost estimates: US$ 435,100.

- In addition the host country shoulders a sizeable responsibility; On a bilateral basis it is seeking support in covering the costs of such responsibilities.
Nairobi Summit: Purpose

- To review the operation and status of the Convention.
- To adopt, if necessary, conclusions related to the implementation of the Convention;
- To consider the need for future Meetings of the States Parties; and,
- To take decisions on submissions of States Parties according to Article 5*

*This refers to extensions on deadlines to clear mined areas. However, only 5 years after entry into force of the Convention, this provision likely will probably not be applicable.
Nairobi Summit: Expectations

- Not be a just a normal “Review Conference”, but rather an emphasis on being forward-looking.

- A focus on progress made, challenges that remain and actions to overcome these challenges related to:
  - assisting the victims
  - clearing mined areas
  - destroying stockpiles
  - universalizing the Convention’s prohibitions.

- A strong political message: The Convention is working; More needs to be done!
Nairobi Summit: Opportunity

The Nairobi Summit: A vital opportunity...

- To bring the landmine issue back into the public consciousness.
- To renew political and resource commitments to successfully implement the Convention.
- To further seize the responsibility to clear mined areas and assist victims.
- To establish a concrete action plan to fulfill the Convention’s aims between 2005 and 2009.
- To increase acceptance of the Convention.
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...a process to...

- encourage States Parties on a regional basis to identify the challenges and the actions to overcome them.

- encourage leaders at the highest possible level to participate in the Nairobi Summit.

- urge those States that have not yet done so to accede to the Convention in time for the Nairobi Summit.
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Support from the United Nations:

- UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan pledges the full support of the UN system for the Nairobi Summit

- Will urge participation at the highest possible level in the Nairobi Summit high-level session.
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Nairobi Summit: Outcomes

Decisions / Actions

- A final report containing the decisions and actions on the basis of key documents.

Review
- A document assessing progress made / challenges that remain in pursuing the Convention’s core aims.

Action Plan

Future meetings
- A document containing inter alia
  • (a) a plan for future MSPs;
  • (b) future intersessional work programme
  • (c) timing of the Second Review Conference.

Declaration
- A concise, powerful declaration adopted at the high level session of the Conference.
Second Preparatory Meeting

- Examined draft documents (i.e., review, action plan, future meetings); Provided concrete suggestions on these documents.

- Affirmed that the declaration should be powerful, concise and memorable.

- Took note of the President-designate’s request that delegations provide written comments by 15 July.

- Took note of the President-designate’s intention to convene a one-day informal meeting on 24 September.

- Took note of the President-designate’s commitment to distribute draft documents well in advance of 24 Sept.
24 September Meeting

- **Aim:** For the States Parties to indicate their informal agreement to as much of the draft Review Conference documentation as possible.

- **High-level participation =** The Nairobi Summit needs to be prepared well in advance.

- **There are only 92 days left until the opening of the Summit!**
# Nairobi Summit Programme

|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| **MORNING** | Survivors Summit | • Meeting opens  
• President elected  
• Procedural matters  
• Substantive discussions | • Substantive discussions | • Substantive discussions | • High Level Session | • High Level Session |
| 10K Road Race | Opening Ceremony convened by the President of the Republic of Kenya | • Substantive discussions | • Substantive discussions | • Substantive discussions | • High Level Session | • Address by distinguished guest(s) |
| **AFTERNOON** | Premier of the documentary *Disarm* | Reception hosted by President | Reception hosted by GIChD | Nobel Laureates Forum | Youth activity: Dancing without fear |
| **EVENING** | Reception hosted by Host Country |

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Nairobi Summit: Conclusions

- While incredible progress has been made, much work remains.

- Because the job is not yet done, the Nairobi Summit takes on a special significance.

- Its significance rests in assessing progress made, identifying challenges and establishing an action plan to overcome these challenges.

- Its potential rests in it being a platform for commitments and a springboard for action.
Thank you!

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