

## **IMAS Review Board Progress Update**

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

### Meeting Minutes

- IMAS Review Board (04th February 2019)  
[https://www.mineactionstandards.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Files/IMAS/Meeting\\_Minutes/20190305\\_Minutes\\_IMAS\\_Review\\_Board\\_Meeting\\_Feb\\_2019\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.mineactionstandards.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Files/IMAS/Meeting_Minutes/20190305_Minutes_IMAS_Review_Board_Meeting_Feb_2019_FINAL.pdf)
- IMAS Steering Group (22nd May 2019)  
[https://www.mineactionstandards.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Files/IMAS/Meeting\\_Minutes/20190530\\_IMAS\\_SG\\_22May-meeting\\_minutes\\_Final.pdf](https://www.mineactionstandards.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Files/IMAS/Meeting_Minutes/20190530_IMAS_SG_22May-meeting_minutes_Final.pdf)

### **IMAS Governance Evaluation**

An external evaluation of the governance of IMAS was commissioned by the IMAS Steering Group in 2019. The evaluation was carried out by EY Paris between August and December. A final report was submitted to the Steering Group on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### **IMAS Proposals**

In 2019 the Steering Group accepted proposals for the development of IMAS on Human Remains and on Accident Investigation.

### Revised Standards, TNMA and T&EP

The following new/updated standards have been uploaded to the IMAS website in 2019.

- IMAS 04.10 Glossary of Mine Action Terms and Definitions (Ed. 2, Am.10)
- IMAS 05.10 Information Management for Mine Action (Ed. 2)
- IMAS 07.14 Risk Management in Mine Action (Ed. 1)
- IMAS 09.13 Building Clearance (Ed. 1)
- IMAS 09.31 Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (Ed. 1)
- T&EP 09.31/2019 IEDD Competency Standards (Ed. 1)
- 09.41 Accreditation and Testing of animal detection systems and handlers (DRAFT - temporary approval)
- TNMA 10.40/01/2019 – Medical Support (Ed. 1)

### Substantive Amendments:

#### **IMAS 05.10 Annex C “Minimum Data Requirements for Mine Action”**

A final draft of the document was distributed on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The document includes an update to the EO anteposition section following consultation between members at a meeting in Geneva on 14th October and following additional feedback from UNMAS New York. The final draft will be considered for adoption at the RB meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **IMAS 10.40 “Medical Support to Demining Operations”**

ICRC are amending the document based on feedback provided during consultations in 2019. An updated draft standard will be considered for adoption at the RB meeting in February.

#### **IMAS 12.10 – “Explosive Ordnance Risk Education”**

The MRE working group are currently incorporating all of the feedback that was provided by members in Q4 2019. An updated draft standard should be ready in time for consideration at the RB meeting in February.

### **IMAS 13.10 – “Victim Assistance”**

The VA working group completed its mandate and provided a draft VA standard which was distributed to the Review Board on 23rd November. The document will be considered for adoption at the RB meeting in February.

### **Expert Thematic Working Groups**

Working groups were established in 2018 and 2019 and have been coordinated by member focal points (FP). The IEDD Competencies, Victim Assistance, Risk Education and Land Release working groups completed their mandate in 2019 and have been disbanded.

### **Building IEDD Working Group (focal point: Ms. Tammy Hall / Mr. Rob White)**

The group is considering an additional paragraph on buildings for insertion to IMAS 08.10 Non-technical Survey. Any new text they agree will be put forward to the RB in February.

### **ADS Working Group (focal point: Mr. Stanislav Damjanovic)**

Regular working group meetings have been held via WebEx since February 2019 (15<sup>th</sup> April, 04<sup>th</sup> June, 03<sup>rd</sup> September 14/15<sup>th</sup> October). Two draft standards have been developed, one in Series 7 and the other in Series 9, they will be put forward for consideration in February. The group is also working on supplementary annexes that will not be ready in time for the meeting.

### **Accident Investigation (focal point: Mr. Roly Evans)**

The first meeting was conducted via WebEx on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, an update on the process will be provided to the RB in February.

### **Technical Notes for Mine Action**

- The final draft of TNMA 07.10/01 (Residual Risk Management) was provided to the Board on 16<sup>th</sup> January and will be considered for adoption at the meeting in February.
- TNMA 07.10/02 (All Reasonable Effort). An update and presentation on this TNMA will be provided to the RB at the meeting in February.
- TNMA (Land Release KPIs). An update and presentation on this TNMA will be provided to the RB at the meeting in February.

### **AOB/Outstanding Issues**

#### **IMAS Website**

The public part of the new IMAS website was launched on 20<sup>th</sup> March.  
<https://www.mineactionstandards.org/>

The back-end part of the website, which will facilitate the Board’s deliberations on standards is currently being piloted with selected members.

#### **IMAS Translations**

The standards approved by the IACG-MA in Q1 and Q2 were translated into Arabic in Q4. A validation workshop with the Directors of Arabic speaking national mine action authorities was held in Amman on 8-10<sup>th</sup> December, the translations are now available on the IMAS website.

#### **Minor Amendments**

- TNMA 12.10/01/2018 Risk Education for Improvised Explosive Devices (provisional draft) will be updated based on the terminology agreed by the Board in 2018 and 2019.
- Secretary to prepare a report on all the instances of ‘Search’ within the IMAS series.
- A minor amendment to principle j) in IMAS 07.11 is being developed by UNMAS.