

INVITATION

Pax Mondial would like to invite you to a round-table discussion on:

“Capacity-Building in Africa: Towards a Stronger Partnership”

WHEN: Tuesday 10:00 – 12:00, March 27, 2012

WHERE: Stanhope Hotel, Handelsstraat 9, Brussels, 1000

REGISTRATION: You can register via our website, [here](#).

FULL AGENDA: See [here](#).

Pax Mondial presents the key developments of their de-mining and medical services programme in Africa, and requirements for related capacity.

Towards a Stronger Partnership with Africa

Pax Mondial is a crisis response, stabilisation and development organisation in operation in Africa and around the world. Its overarching goal is to help individuals and institutions build safe, stable and productive societies and, to this end, it delivers integrated operational support services to enable its partners to build capacities and operate effectively in high-risk environments. Pax Mondial believes strongly that partnership and local ownership of the activities they support are crucial to the long-term success of those efforts, and have therefore developed enduring relationships with local partners in all the African countries they operate in (including Zambia, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Somalia, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, Guinea, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria).

Helping to Secure Africa’s States

Landmines - brutal and indiscriminate weapons - are depressingly common in many parts of the world; Africa is certainly no exception. Every year Landmines and the Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) kill or injure up to 10,000 people, many of whom are civilians, including children. Despite international efforts to eliminate Landmines & ERW, approximately 65 countries are still affected by Landmines and unexploded ordnance. Some 26 countries in Africa suffer from Landmine contamination of varying degrees: the socio-economic consequence of this being that there is a significant hindrance to the return to normality for many subsistence communities. The loss of agricultural subsistence farming areas, caused by the proliferation of hazardous ordnance, is also a major debilitating factor for indigenous communities.

The appalling casualties caused by Landmines and ERW and their impact on human security prompts Pax Mondial's action in this area. Pax Mondial's Mine Action Division, MAT Mondial, include the provision of Area Survey, ERW Risk Assessments, Specialist K9 Area Reduction & Detection, and clearance of Landmines & ERW in areas recovering from conflict. Moreover, MAT Mondial specialises in technical training of African nationals to be proficient and qualified to International Standards. Pax/MAT Mondial has staged successful operations in Angola, considered to be the most mine-infested country in Africa, in Mozambique, the Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda, Eritrea and Sierra Leone. In total, its record is one that is 100% accident and incident-free.

Improving Remote Medical Provision in Africa

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set by the UN at the turn of the century made up the most aspirational development programme ever devised. Successive progress reports, however, underline the necessity for sustained urgent action in the field of medical provision for the goals to be met by the target date of 2015. Parts of Africa today suffer from a triad of inter-related burdens - food insecurity, disease (most commonly HIV/AIDS) and a constriction on the provision of basic services due to the continent's, often, large geographical disparities and the logistical problems that naturally arise as a result. Due to their remote location and lack of government funding, numerous clinics throughout Africa severely lack basic medical supplies, heavily restricting the services medical personnel are able to provide.

Pax Mondial, recognising these challenges, has responded with means to strengthen and safeguard the continent's health and wellbeing. The organisation's medical services include rescue services (which have been deployed in Nigeria and Somalia); evacuations and the supply of urgent medication (Côte d'Ivoire); managing flexible and high-quality Medical Clinics to meet the needs of international and local personnel; and on-the-ground Health and Safety Management of specific projects, including the staffing and equipping of qualified personnel and the assumption of all medical legal risks (Sudan).

Registration Details:

Go to www.iscintelligence.com and click on the 'Events' section. Further click into the event entitled '*Capacity-Building in Africa: Towards a Stronger Partnership*' and scroll down to registration at the bottom of the page. When the itemised fields have been filled (name, surname, nationality etc.), click on '*send registration form*'.

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