

The 2nd International Conference on **«MINE ACTION - THE PATH TO REACHING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS»**



24 - 26 May 2023

21 February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are honored to invite you to the 2nd International Conference on «MINE ACTION - THE PATH TO REACHING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS» which will be held in Baku and Aghdam, Azerbaijan, from 24 to 26 May 2023. The Conference is organized by the Mine Action Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (ANAMA) jointly with the United Nations (UN).

Mine action is crucial to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It facilitates postconflict recovery and plays a key role in enabling longer-term sustainable development. Although great progress has been made, demining remains a major challenge for Azerbaijan as the country undertakes historic reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in its conflict-affected territories.

Based on the discussions and outcomes of the 1st International Conference held in Azerbaijan in the spring of 2022, the 2023 Conference will further deepen the understanding of existing synergies between the SDGs and mine action and explore new partnerships and financing to accelerate the achievement of a minefree world. It would also highlight the Government's ongoing efforts to advocate for a new SDG on mine action. This event would bring together a wide range of practitioners, policymakers and international organizations working on mine action, offering a strategic dialogue platform to discuss challenges and realities, as well as the vital role of mine action as a precursor to sustainable development and peace.

We would highly appreciate if you could confirm your participation in the 2023 Conference by email to: international.conference@anama.gov.az no later than 21 April 2023. Should you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Gular Mustafa: Tel: (+994 70) 223 62 60; email: gular.mustafa@anama.gov.az.

Please note that a limited number of sponsorships are available to cover the travel and accommodation costs of participants. If you are interested in receiving such financial support, please notify the organizers via the email above.

We are looking forward to your active participation and contribution to the Conference.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan: On behalf of the UN: