

The United Nations, One World Human Rights Film Festival and the Swedish Embassy present:

The Deminer

This screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring:



Hogir Hirori

Hogir Hirori was born 1980 in Duhok, Iraqi Kurdistan. In 1999, he fled to Sweden and has lived since then in Stockholm. He works as a freelance photographer, editor and director. He runs his own production company Lolav Media. Hogir has been involved in several film projects such as 'Victims of IS' and 'The Girl Who Saved My Life', and continues to make gripping projects. The latest such project follows the life of Fakir in Iraq, as he works tirelessly to disarm various mines in order to make his country a safer place.



Liesbet van Wijk

Liesbet helps to spread the word of APOPO and educate the public about their fantastic work, especially their efforts to tackle mines across the globe with unique Hero Rats which aid in detection. She also has 9 years experience in human resources, working mainly as a consultant for various assignments in recruitment, selection, development, coaching and outplacement. She has a background in commercial activities such as prospecting and account management for a wide range of clients, both locally and internationally active. Liesbet has a Masters degree in Translations.



Annick Hiensch

Before her appointment at UNLOPS, Annick Hiensch worked for the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs in the UN Secretariat in New York. Prior to that, she worked for the European Commission's Development Directorate in Brussels, the World Food Program in Rome, and NGOs in London and Amsterdam. Annick holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.



Deborah Seward

Deborah is Director of the United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC) in Brussels. Prior to arriving in Brussels, she served as Director of the Department of Public Information's Strategic Communications Division at UN Headquarters New York. Before joining the United Nations in 2011, Ms. Seward was an international journalist for nearly 25 years, with postings in Berlin, Bonn, Moscow, New York, Paris, Prague and Warsaw. She holds an honours degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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UNMAS collaborates with 11 UN departments, agencies, programmes and funds to ensure an effective, proactive and coordinated response to the problems of landmines and explosive remnants of war, including cluster munitions. UNMAS coordinates the Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action, which brings together working-level representatives of UN organizations involved in mine action to develop or revise policies and strategies, set priorities among UN players and share information.



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APOPO currently has mine action programmes in Angola, Cambodia, and Mozambique and is preparing operations in Zimbabwe and Colombia.

This year we celebrate APOPO's 20th birthday! APOPO and the mine detection rats have helped to find and clear more than 100,000 landmines and other explosive items, getting hundreds of thousands of people back on their land and their lives on track.



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