

## A race against antipersonnel mines

- Antipersonnel mine survivors, people with disabilities, delegates from the International Community and national authorities, as well as over five thousand people will run through the main streets of Cartagena as an introduction to the Summit.
- The Vice-President of Colombia, Francisco Santos Calderón, will start the race from the Plaza de la Aduana on Sunday, November 29th, at nine in the morning.

**Cartagena, November 29th.** For the first time in the walled city's history, over five thousand people will leave their mark for a mine-free world in the 'Cartagena 5K' circuit. This sporting event is part of a series of activities framed within the context of the 'Second Review Conference of the Mine Ban Convention', to be held in that city from November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>.

At 9 in the morning Vice-President Francisco Santos Calderón will welcome and start off the race for athletes in the category of people with disabilities in Plaza de la Aduana.

Kerry Brinkert, Director of the Convention's Implementation Support Unit (ISU), said that the "The Cartagena 5K is an excellent opportunity for Cartagena Summit guests and officials to mix with the community that has welcomed us so warmly. Equally, it is a chance for the people of Cartagena to feel more a part of this important world event taking place in their beautiful city."

A white-coloured human river will take over the old city's main streets, with the participation of antipersonnel mine survivors, people with disabilities, delegates from the international community, national authorities, members of civil society organizations working on the matter and over five thousand people among tourists and Cartagena's community.

The Vice-President of Colombia, Francisco Santos Calderón, will be present at the start and finish line, together with Andrés Dávila Ladrón de Guevara, Director of the Presidential Program for Mine Action (Paicma); members of Unicef and the United Nations Mine Action Service (Unmas); and María Victoria García Borrero, wife to the Vice-President of Colombia.

The Cartagena 5K has the support of UNMAS and UNICEF.

Find all information related to the event as well as the technical recommendations at:

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