

Newsletter

SWIRMO day four

The day started with the daily wrap-up by SWIRMO director.

The workshop' highlights

The first three days of the workshop involved a wrap-up of topics and theory about International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL). From today, participants start two full days of practical exercises denominated Brigade Exercises (BRIGEX).

A fictitious situation is proposed to participants: An armed group has taken control of an island and carries out piracy acts in the region it controls. An international force is to carry out a combat operation whose objectives consist of overcoming the enemy, take control of the island and reestablish law, order and security for the local population, and subsequently end the piracy activity.

In the operation two moments need to be distinguished: First, a purely military moment and a second one, the reestablishment of law, order and governance.

The challenge for participants is to plan the operation in absolute respect of the applicable legal frame, i. e. IHL and IHRL.

One of the organizers considers this part of the workshop the most fruitful one. The conceptual, doctrinal and mental framework of the participants, - shaped out on the reality of their own armies and field – is confronted to other perspectives and ways of solving challenges. Participants coming from many different backgrounds face the opportunity to learn from different perspectives and experiences. They identify alternatives, learn from international best practices and push themselves to conceive and plan their lab mission in full respect of the applicable legal framework of IHL IHRL.

Tomorrow

Participants continue with Brigade Exercises (BRIGEX).

Tomorrow's social events

A dinner hosted by the ICRC and the Colombian Ministry of Defense will be offered to participants as closing event before closure on Saturday.