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Geneva, 28 November–1 December – **For humanity**



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**Provisional Agenda  
and *Programme***

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**Monday, 28 November (morning)**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

**Reading of the Fundamental Principles**

**1. Opening of the Conference**

**Welcome addresses**

- Ø Chairman of the Standing Commission
- Ø President of the Swiss Confederation (tbc)

**PLENARY MEETING**

**2. Election of the chairperson, vice-chairpersons, secretary-general, two assistant secretaries-general and other officers of the Conference, and establishment of the Conference's subsidiary bodies (Commissions, Drafting Committee)**

**3. Organization of work**

- Ø Workshops, side events, pledges
- Ø Procedure for electing the members of the Standing Commission

**4. Keynote addresses**

- Ø President of the International Committee of the Red Cross
- Ø President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

**Monday, 28 November (afternoon)**

**PLENARY MEETING**

**5. Themes**

**5.1 Strengthening international humanitarian law (IHL)**

- ∅ Strengthening legal protection for victims of armed conflicts

**COMMENCEMENT OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE – WORK**

**Tuesday, 29 November (whole day)**

**COMMISSIONS**

**5. Themes (continued)**

**5.2 Strengthening local humanitarian action**

***Commission A***

Migration: ensuring access, dignity, respect for diversity and social inclusion

***Commission B***

Furthering the auxiliary role: partnership for stronger National Societies and volunteering development

**5.3 Addressing barriers to health care**

***Commission C***

Health Care in Danger: Respecting and protecting health care in armed conflict and other situations of violence

***Commission D***

Health inequities: reducing the burden on women and children

**5.4 Strengthening international humanitarian law (IHL) (continued)**

***Commission E***

Humanitarian access and assistance

**Tuesday, 29 November (evening)**

18:30 – 19:30

***Meet the candidates for election to the Standing Commission***

*(Not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)*

**Wednesday, 30 November (morning)**

**PLENARY MEETING**

**6. Election of the members of the Standing Commission**

- Ø Roll call
- Ø Launch of the election

**7. Follow-up issues**

- Ø 30th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: Implementation of the Declaration “Together for Humanity,” the resolutions and pledges
- Ø Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding of 28 November 2005 between the Palestine Red Crescent Society and the Magen David Adom in Israel

**Wednesday, 30 November (afternoon)**

**PLENARY MEETING**

**8. Standing Commission election: Proclamation of results or continuation of election.**

**5. Themes (continued)**

**5.5 Strengthening disaster laws**

- Ø Implementing the International Disaster Response Laws (IDRL) Guidelines
- Ø Strengthening domestic legislation for disaster-risk reduction
- Ø Addressing regulatory barriers to providing emergency and transitional shelter in a rapid and equitable manner after natural disasters

***DRAFTING COMMITTEE - CONSOLIDATION OF RESOLUTIONS***

***WORKSHOPS***

***Monday 28 November and Wednesday 30 November  
(after the plenary session in the afternoon)***

*Not part of the formal agenda of the Conference*

**Thursday, 1 December (morning)**

**9. Report on the work of the Conference**

**10. Report of the Drafting Committee**

**11. Adoption of resolutions**

**12. Overview of pledges made at the 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference**

**13. Closing**