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**30th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT**

Geneva, Switzerland,
26-30 November 2007

**AGENDA
AND PROGRAMME**

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Together for humanity

26 - 30 November 2007
International Conference Centre of Geneva

AGENDA AND PROGRAMME

Monday, 26 November 2007

15:00 – 18:50

OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome addresses

- Chairman of the Standing Commission
- President of the Swiss Confederation

Reading of the Fundamental Principles

1. Opening of the Conference

FIRST 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

4. Keynote addresses

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

5. Collaborative action and partnerships to address humanitarian challenges

Panel discussion (not part of the formal agenda of the Conference):

- *environmental degradation, including climate change*
*panelist 1: **Dr Han Seung-Soo**, United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy on Climate Change*
- *international migration*
*panelist 2: **Ms Ndioro Ndiaye**, Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration*
- *violence in urban settings*
*panelist 3: **Dr Sima Samar**, Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC)*
- *emergent and recurrent diseases and other public health challenges*
*panelist 4: **Dr David Heymann**, Assistant Director General of the World Health Organization*
- *voice of the Red Cross and Red Crescent youth on partnerships and humanitarian challenges*
*panelist 5: **Mr Shaban Mawanda**, Member of the Youth Commission, Uganda Red Cross Society*

*Panel discussion facilitated by **Ms Lyse Doucet**, presenter and special correspondent, BBC World*

18:50 – 21:00

RECEPTION

(not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)

- Welcome address by the authorities of the Republic and Canton of Geneva and of the City of Geneva

Reception offered by the Swiss Federal Council and the authorities of the Republic and Canton of Geneva and of the City of Geneva

Tuesday, 27 November 2007

9:30 – 13:00
14:30 – 18:00
(18:00 – 21:00)

SECOND PLENARY MEETING

3. Organization of work (continued)

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

5. Collaborative action and partnerships to address humanitarian challenges (continued)

- Summary of the panel's presentations
- General debate on partnerships to address the humanitarian consequences of:
 - ✓ *environmental degradation, including climate change*
 - ✓ *international migration*
 - ✓ *violence in urban settings*
 - ✓ *emergent and recurrent diseases and other public health challenges*

18:00 – 19:00

Meet the candidates for the election to the Standing Commission
(not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)

10:00 – 13:00
14:30 – 18:00

DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 28 November 2007

9:30 – 13:00

COMMISSIONS (debate in parallel Commissions A and B)

Commission A: **The specific nature of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in action and partnerships and the role of National Societies as auxiliaries to the public authorities in the humanitarian field**

- ❖ introduction
- ❖ discussion

Commission B: **Reaffirmation and implementation of international humanitarian law: preserving human life and dignity in armed conflict**

- ❖ introduction
- ❖ discussion

14:00 – 18:00

COMMISSIONS (debate in parallel Commissions A and C)

Commission A: **The specific nature of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in action and partnerships and the role of National Societies as auxiliaries to the public authorities in the humanitarian field** (continued)

- ❖ introduction
- ❖ discussion

Commission C: **Strengthening the legal frameworks for international response to disasters**

- ❖ introduction
- ❖ discussion

18:15 – 20:00

WORKSHOPS (please refer to the separate programme of workshops)
(not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)

9:30 – 13:00
and
14:30 – 18:00

DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 29 November 2007

9:00 – 13:00

***WORKSHOPS (please refer to the separate programme of workshops)
(not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)***

14:00 – 18:00

THIRD PLENARY MEETING

6. Election of the members of the Standing Commission

- ❖ roll call
- ❖ launch of the election

**5. Collaborative action and partnerships to address humanitarian challenges
(continued)**

- Report on the general debate

7. The specific nature of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in action and partnerships and the role of National Societies as auxiliaries to the public authorities in the humanitarian field

- Report on the work of Commission A

8. Reaffirmation and implementation of international humanitarian law: preserving human life and dignity in armed conflict

- Report on the work of Commission B

9. Strengthening the legal frameworks for international response to disasters

- Report on the work of Commission C

10. Follow-up to previous conferences

- 28th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: implementation of the Declaration and Agenda for Humanitarian Action and of the pledges
- 29th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: follow-up to the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding of 28 November 2005 between the Palestine Red Crescent Society and the Magen David Adom in Israel.

6. Standing Commission election (continued): Proclamation of results or continuation of election in the evening of Thursday 29 November or in the morning of Friday 30 November (9 a.m.)

9:30 – 13:00
and
14:30 – 18:00

DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Friday, 30 November 2007

10:00 – 12:00

FOURTH AND FINAL PLENARY MEETING

- 11. Overview of the workshops**
- 12. Overview of the pledges made at the 30th International Conference**
- 13. Report of the Drafting Committee**
- 14. Adoption of the resolutions of the Conference**
- 15. Closing ceremony**