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31st International Conference of the Red Cross Red Crescent
Geneva, 28 November–1 December – For humanity



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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
AND TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

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Monday, 28 November (morning)

OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome addresses

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

Reading of the Fundamental Principles

1. Opening of the Conference

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

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

4. Keynote addresses

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

Monday, 28 November (afternoon) – Wednesday, 30 November

THEMATIC PLENARIES OR WORK IN COMMISSIONS

5. THEMES

5.1 Strengthening international humanitarian law (IHL)

- Ø Strengthening legal protection for victims of armed conflicts
- Ø IHL and the challenges of contemporary armed conflicts
- Ø Four-Year Action Plan for IHL

5.2 Strengthening disaster laws

- Ø Implementing the International Disaster Response Laws (IDRL) Guidelines
- Ø Strengthening domestic legislation for disaster-risk reduction
- Ø Addressing challenges related to property rights in providing emergency and transitional shelter solutions to persons displaced by disasters

5.3 Addressing barriers to health care

- Ø Health Care in Danger: Respecting and protecting health care in armed conflict and other situations of violence
- Ø Addressing equitable access to health services

5.4 Strengthening local humanitarian action

- Ø Improving the conditions of National Societies' and their volunteers' operational environment
- Ø Migration
- Ø Enhanced partnership – stronger National Societies
- Ø Promoting a culture of non violence and peace

WORKSHOPS

Themes and times to be confirmed
Not part of the formal agenda of the Conference

Tuesday, 29 November

18:30 – 19:30

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

PLENARY MEETING

6. Election of the members of the Standing Commission

- Ø Roll call
- Ø Launch of the election

7. Follow-up issues

- Ø Thirtieth 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

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

DRAFTING COMMITTEE - CONSOLIDATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Thursday, 1 December (morning)

PLENARY MEETING

9. Report of the Drafting Committee

10. Report and adoption of resolutions on:

- Ø strengthening IHL
- Ø strengthening disaster laws
- Ø addressing barriers to health care
- Ø strengthening local humanitarian action

11. Overview of pledges made at the 31st International Conference

12. Closing