



## **24<sup>th</sup> Course in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) for Humanitarian Professionals and Policy Makers**

**DATES:** 4 – 7 OCTOBER 2021

**PLACE:** SAWELA LODGE, NAIVASHA, KENYA.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)'s 24<sup>th</sup> course on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) for humanitarian professionals and policy makers will be held from 4 to 7 October at Sawela lodge, Naivasha, Kenya.

The course will focus on the international law and standards applicable during armed conflict. It is designed to help the participants to find, understand and apply the IHL framework to achieve their humanitarian objectives. It offers participants practical knowledge in IHL applicable in their fieldwork and decision-making processes.

### **Background**

Sadly, in many parts of the world, we are constantly confronted by the suffering and loss caused by armed conflict and other situations of violence. Humanitarian agencies can bring some relief to protect life and health and uphold human dignity during armed conflicts. Daily, such agencies must draw on a variety of tools to further their work, protect their personnel and affected populations. One of these tools is International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

IHL consists of rules that, in times of armed conflict, seek to protect people who are not or are no longer participating in the hostilities, and to restrict the means and methods of warfare. It provides a normative framework to facilitate humanitarian action for actors and agencies engaged in bringing relief to mitigate suffering

caused by armed conflict. Therefore, it is desirable that humanitarian professionals and policy makers are familiar with the basic concepts of IHL and how they work in practice.

## **Themes**

The Course will cover the following main themes:

Origins, structure, principles and rules of IHL, as well as contemporary challenges and issues.

IHL and Pandemics

IHL and Counter-Terrorism Operations

IHL and Internal Displacement

Relevance of IHL and other legal regimes, such as human rights law and refugee law, for the victims of armed conflict.

Role of humanitarian professionals in ensuring better respect for international law and standards during armed conflict.

## **Methodology**

The course will combine theory and practice. Participants will be provided with both expert lectures and participative exercises.

The course is an opportunity for the participants to share, peer-to-peer, their experiences, challenges and good practice related to the application of international law and standards to their daily work.

## **Participants**

The course is open to senior representatives of non-governmental organisations, international organisations, state agencies and humanitarian donor agencies. Applicants should have decision making roles in their organisations. A legal background is not required. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, this year, the course is only open to participants who **will already be residing/physically present in Kenya on 4 October 2021.**

Application forms should be completed before **20 August 2021**. Successful applicants will be notified by **31 August 2021**.

### **Venue**

Sawela Lodge, Lake Naivasha, Kenya.

### **Dates**

4– 7 October 2021

### **Course fees**

KES 60,000

Course fees cover full board accommodation, return transport from Nairobi to Naivasha, course materials and course activities. Upon selection, the participants will be provided with a bank account in which to deposit the course fees. Payment details will be sent to the successful course applicants.

### **Accommodation**

Full board accommodation will be provided at Sawela Lodge, Lake Naivasha.

### **Transport**

Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangement to the the ICRC Regional Delegation offices on Denis Pritt Road, Nairobi. A bus will depart for Naivasha at 12pm on Monday 4 October. A bus will return to Nairobi at around 5 pm on Thursday 7 October.

### **Language**

The course is conducted in English.

### **Programme**

A detailed programme for the course and other practical details will be sent to the selected participants.

## **Pre-course work**

A preparatory online training (approximately 5 hours) will be sent to the participants prior to the course.

For further information, please contact:

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Please complete the application form by **20 August 2021**.