



23RD COURSE IN
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
FOR HUMANITARIAN PROFESSIONALS
AND POLICY MAKERS

17-22 March 2019 - Naivasha, Kenya

Intensive training in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) for humanitarian professionals and policy makers from NGOs, state agencies, international organisations and humanitarian donor agencies.



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OVERVIEW

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. However, such agencies have to deal with questions of life and death for their beneficiaries and their staff while working in such situations. On a daily basis, they must draw on a variety of tools to further their work and protect their personnel. One of these tools is International Humanitarian Law (IHL).





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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.

The ICRC's 23rd course in IHL for humanitarian professionals and



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policy makers is designed to acquaint participants with the international rules, principles and instruments applicable in times of armed conflict. It offers participants practical knowledge in IHL applicable in their fieldwork and their decision-making processes.

THEMES

The course will provide in-depth instruction in the following broad themes:

- Relevance of IHL and other legal regimes, such as human rights law, refugee law and laws concerning internally displaced persons, for humanitarian practitioners.
- How IHL protects persons in the power of a party to the conflict.
- How humanitarian professionals may contribute to ensuring better respect for the law.
- Contemporary challenges surrounding regulation of weapons and methods of warfare.
- Challenges to humanitarian action in light of the changing nature of armed conflicts and other situations of violence.

The course will follow a methodology combining theory and practice. Participants will be provided with both expert lectures and participative exercises based on the ICRC's experience in more than 150 years of humanitarian

action and IHL. The course draws on the participants' collective experience to further illuminate the role and importance of IHL in the daily work of their respective organisations.

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 respective organisations at the national, regional or global level.

A legal background is not required and the course is open to participants from any country. Completed forms should be sent to the ICRC Regional Delegation in Nairobi to reach before 31st December, 2018. Participants are strongly urged to send their applications by email using nai_com@icrc.org. The application form can be obtained from the ICRC Kenya webpage. Successful applicants will be notified by 11 January, 2019.



PRACTICAL DETAILS

Location: Naivasha, Kenya.

Dates: 17–22 March 2019.

Course fees: \$1200 USD.

Course fees cover full board accommodation, return transport from Nairobi to Naivasha, course materials and course activities.

Payment: Payments will only be made after the selection process. Selected applicants will be given a bank account in which to deposit the money.

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

Transport: Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to

and from Nairobi. A bus will depart the ICRC Regional Delegation on Denis Pritt Road, Nairobi at 1pm on Sunday 17 March. It will return at around 6pm on Friday 22 March, (depending on traffic). Flights should not be booked before 9pm if you wish to depart Kenya on 22 March.

Language: All participants must have good understanding of English as all working sessions will be in this language.

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

Pre-course work: A pre-course online training programme is required to be completed. A link will be sent to selected participants.

“The simulation exercise enabled us to identify the needs of people affected by armed conflict and how to address them. The course was professionally run with the instructors providing a balance between theory and practical scenarios. It also provided an avenue for networking and learning from people working in various contexts such as Iran, Iraq and Somalia.”

Linda Gerald, Protection Manager
Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Canberra, Australia

We help people around the world affected by armed conflict and other violence, doing everything we can to protect their dignity and relieve their suffering, often with our Red Cross and Red Crescent partners. We also seek to prevent hardship by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and championing universal humanitarian principles. People know they can count on us to carry out a range of life-saving activities in conflict zones and to work closely with the communities there to understand and meet their needs. Our experience and expertise enable us to respond quickly, effectively and without taking sides.

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