

GENERAL PROFILE OF THE COURSES

The General Courses on International Refugee Law have been held since 1982. The courses are organised by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and with the support of the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration and the US State Department (Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration).

The Refugee Law Courses have been developed primarily to benefit government officials who are involved in the formulation and application of legislations and policies affecting people in need of protection. Likewise, the courses are open to members of civil society, particularly those who advocate for and/or contribute to the protection of forcibly uprooted people.

In general, the International Refugee Law courses aim at

- promoting law, principles and policies relating to the protection of persons in need of protection;
- developing a common understanding among participants on how these legislations and policies can be promoted and implemented at the national level by a variety of stakeholders;
- enhancing the skills of participants in developing and applying policies and standards in conformity with principles of international law;
- developing a positive attitude among participants towards the protection of refugees and other uprooted people.

During the five-day course in Sanremo, participants have the opportunity to interact with practitioners and experts on refugee protection, who facilitate various thematic sessions of the programme. Different learning methodologies are used to encourage participants to apply their acquired knowledge and skills in their country operations in a practical and pragmatic manner.

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PROGRAMME

Organised with the co-operation and support of



the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration,

and the U.S. Department of State (Bureau of Population)

Tuesday 17 April 2018

08.45–09.00	Welcome address
09.00–10.00	Outline of the course Introduction of participants
10.00–10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30–11.00	Initial assessment and setting expectations
11.00–12.30	Refugee protection regime Claudio Delfabro
12.30–13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13.30–15.00	Refugee protection regime: interactive exercise
15.00–15.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.15–16.30	Protection in mixed movements: refugees and migration José Sieber Luz
16.45	<i>Welcome cocktail Villa Ormond</i>

Wednesday 18 April 2018

08.45–09.00	Recap of day 1
09.00–10.30	Refugee status determination: criteria Claudio Delfabro
10.30–10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45–12.15	Security concerns and refugee protection José Sieber Luz
12.15–13.30	<i>Group picture – Lunch break</i>
13.30–15.00	Refugee status determination: case study
15.00–15.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.15–16.00	Refugee status determination: case study
16.00–16.30	Interviewing techniques Claudio Delfabro

Thursday 19 April 2018

08.45–09.00	Recap of day 2
09.00–10.00	Protection of internally displaced persons Lucy Hall
10.00–10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:15–12:30	Protection within the displacement cycle: groups with specific needs Lucy Hall
12.30–13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>

Free Afternoon

Friday 20 April 2018

08.45–09.00	Recap of day 3
09.00–10.30	Addressing statelessness Rewa El-Oubari
10.30–10.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.45–12.30	Seeking solutions José Sieber Luz
12.30–13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13.30–15.00	Humanitarian negotiation: interactive exercise Claudio Delfabro
15.00–15.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.15–16.45	Humanitarian negotiation and advocacy techniques
20.00	<i>Official Dinner</i>

Saturday 21 April 2018

08.45–09.00	Recap of day 4
09.00–11.00	Capstone session
11.00–11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15–11.45	Final assessment
11.45–12.30	Final evaluations and closing ceremony
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>