Annual Report

International Refugee Law
and Migration Law
Department
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By the end of 2019, there were over 70.8 million forcibly displaced persons worldwide. Among these, more than 25.9 million were refugees, 3.5 million were asylum seekers and 41.3 million were internally displaced persons (IDPs). While at least 10 million individuals are considered stateless nowadays and do not receive protection from any State, mixed movements make it increasingly difficult to identify vulnerable individuals, including migrants and refugees who require referral to appropriate services and assistance. As the number of persons in need of protection is incrementing and new emergencies are arising, an appropriate and inclusive response is fundamental. This requires adequate national, regional and international legal frameworks and effective protection mechanisms based on the involvement of key stakeholders at all levels, including refugees, asylum seekers, IDPs, stateless persons, and migrants (hereinafter, “persons of concern”).

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law (hereunder, “the Institute”), through its Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law (hereinafter, “the Department”) aims at filling the gaps in knowledge and skills of government and civil society officials engaged in work with people in need of protection. Through its training, capacity-building, and horizontal sharing of experiences, the Department advocates for the safeguarding of human rights in a way that complements and adds to the efforts of donors in the field of protection of refugees, IDPs, stateless persons and migrants.

The Institute is an independent, non-profit, humanitarian organization founded in 1970. Following years of quality courses, the Institute has earned an international reputation in the field of training and in the dissemination of all aspects of International Humanitarian Law, Refugee Law, Human Rights, and related fields of law. The neutral location of the Institute in Sanremo, Italy, and its well-known notoriety of independence, academic rigor and creative learning methodologies, attract a wide range of participants from different professional backgrounds and nationalities. Such diversity generates in-depth discussions and constructive exchanges of points of view.

Participants appreciate the logistic arrangements provided by the Institute’s staff and approachable team of lecturers and facilitators, who make them feel welcomed and valued. These factors create a unique multinational environment, which has come to be known as “the Spirit of Sanremo”.

Since 1982, the Institute’s Department has delivered courses on International Refugee Law, which reached its 100th edition in October 2019. During the last 15 years, the Department has also expanded its offerings to include training on Internal Displacement, Statelessness and Migration.

Global Compact on Refugees

On the occasion of the 1st Global Refugee Forum, which took place in Geneva on 16 – 18 December 2019, the Department presented its work and pledges to other relevant stakeholders, committing to: i) develop courses in line with the objectives, principles and areas in need of support of the Global Compact on Refugees, and provide scholarship opportunities to candidates from the Global South; ii) develop courses on refugee protection dedicated to government training institutions and the academia, supporting the latter in the realization of sound and sustainable teaching programmes on displacement, pursuant to the Global Compact on Refugees.
2019 Activities

In 2019 the Department organized 16 courses in Sanremo on: International Refugee Law; Internal Displacement; Statelessness; and Migration. In addition to this, tailored courses were implemented for government officials in Jordan (at the Dead Sea), Egypt (in Sharm el Sheik), and for representatives of the League of Arab States (in Tunis). The Institute also undertook ad hoc initiatives hosted in Sanremo, such as the Round Table for Lebanese Officials on the Lebanon Experience.

The courses benefitted mid and senior-level government officials, members of the civil society, including representatives of local and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the academia and staff of international organizations.

All the workshops organized by the Department shared the following overarching objectives:

**Increase** participants’ ability to apply the relevant international norms underpinning the protection of refugees, IDPs, stateless persons and migrants;

**Encourage** the sharing of experiences among participants with regard to policy, legislation, implementation and monitoring mechanisms;

**Promote** the respect for, domestication and implementation of the relevant corresponding human rights frameworks and instruments;

**Advocate** for governments to establish or improve existing legislation and policies on the protection of refugees, IDPs, stateless persons and migrants.
Key figures

2019 was a record year for the Institute’s Department, which witnessed an increase in the number of courses delivered and applicants and participants of the workshops, together with the consistent geographical and professional diversity of its audience.

A total of 2,063 applicants registered to the general and specific courses organized by the Department.

Among these, 617 participants were selected and attended the trainings on International Refugee Law, Internal Displacement, Statelessness, and Migration. This figure represents the highest achieved number of participants’ attendance in a year since the first course held in 1982.

A total of 124 countries were represented at the Department’s courses. Such a diverse participation, successfully achieved through the generous contribution of the Institute’s donors, added value to each training and encouraged fruitful exchanges of experiences and best practices among the audience.

Donors’ support allowed the granting of 246 scholarships to participants from the Global South (213 full and 33 half scholarships, as well as 40 fee exemptions).

Since its first Refugee Law Course in 1982, the Department has trained over 6,000 government officials and members of the civil society from more than 180 countries worldwide. These figures, together with the quality of the courses, have positioned the Institute as a reliable, neutral and independent institution supported by several donors, including different departments or ministries within governments, UN agencies, and universities.
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Out of the 16 courses held in Sanremo in 2019, ten were in English, two in Arabic, three in French, and one in Spanish.

**Courses on International Refugee Law:**
Eight courses held in Sanremo
Offered in English, French, Arabic and Spanish
254 participants
86 countries

**Courses on Migration:**
Three courses held in Sanremo
Offered in English and French
91 participants
58 countries

**Courses on Internal Displacement:**
Three courses held in Sanremo
Offered in English and French
80 participants
43 countries

**Courses on Statelessness:**
Two courses held in Sanremo
Offered in English and Arabic
63 participants
37 countries

**Specific courses delivered in loco (out of Sanremo):**
Offered in Arabic and attended by 129 participants (17 from Lebanon, 29 from Jordan, 23 from Egypt and 60 from League of Arab States institutions and Member States)

Two courses on International Refugee Law delivered in Sharm el Sheik for Egyptian government officials and at the Dead Sea for Jordanian government officials

Two Capacity-Building Courses on Statelessness and Internal Displacement delivered in Tunis for League of Arab States institutions and member States
Content, teaching methodology and evaluation

With the objective of ensuring a high quality of learning and satisfaction for its audience, the Department’s courses are constantly subject to rigorous review for content and relevance. Sessions and themes are regularly changed and updated based on specific needs, challenges, new policy standards, and most recent events. Feedback and suggestions provided by participants also contribute to the consistent development of the Department’s offerings.

The quality of the courses is likewise ensured by a selection of speakers with diverse backgrounds and fields of expertise. In 2019 the workshops were delivered by 96 facilitators and content experts (gender ratio: 42 male / 54 female) with notorious expertise on the covered topics. Among them were: representatives of different United Nations (UN) agencies (such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - UNHCR, the International Organization for Migration - IOM, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - OHCHR); members of international organizations (such as the International Committee of the Red Cross – ICRC, and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies - IFRC); officials of international NGOs and inter-agencies (such as the Norwegian Refugee Council – NRC, and the Joint IDP Profiling Service - JIPS); and members of the academia, such as professors of Law.

One of the key features of the Department’s courses is its participatory and creative teaching methodology, which enables the audience to simultaneously develop knowledge and skills, in a highly interactive way. Participants are engaged in simulations, case studies, group discussions and other practical activities led by the facilitators and have the opportunity to interact with practitioners and experts in the field of international protection. Every course strikes a balance between theory and practice, allowing the audience to exchange experiences and ideas and use their existing skills to deal with complex protection-related issues in a pragmatic manner.

The teaching methodology and the facilitators are frequently cited as highlights of the courses in the evaluations filled by participants. The impact of each workshop is assessed using the Kirkpatrick scale, Level 1 – Reaction – and Level 2 – Knowledge Learning. For Level 1, participants are invited to fill daily and final evaluation forms, covering different aspects of the training to measure their levels of satisfaction and active engagement. While the daily forms include a rating for each session of the day, as well as spaces for comments and suggestions for improvement, the final evaluations survey the course as a whole, including content, methodology, length, facilitation, logistics, and expected impact. For assessing Level 2, which measures the progress of the class in terms of knowledge, an e-voting software, the i-Clickers, is adopted to enable participants to respond to questions electronically and view the statistics of their answers in real time. This innovative tool is highly reviewed by the audience, who appreciates the added interactivity beyond paper evaluation forms.
Key achievements and trends

2019 was a record year for the Department, which reached the highest number of courses, participants and countries represented in the workshops since 1982.

In order to keep the same quality while increasing the offering, special attention and time was dedicated to review and update the content of the workshops, and to develop new sessions.

Four newly designed workshops were delivered for the first time in 2019:

1st Post-Graduate Programme Course on International Refugee Law (Sanremo, 20 – 23 March 2019). The training, which was offered in English, was specifically conceived for the students of the University of Nice, with the objective of building their knowledge on Refugee and Human Rights Law and on the issues faced by people in need of protection.

Course on Refugee Law – Special edition for Latin America (Sanremo, 14 – 18 October 2019). The workshop, delivered in Spanish in order to meet the capacity building needs of government officials and members of the civil society in Latin America, was attended by 30 participants from 15 countries.

100th Course on International Refugee Law – Special edition on the Global Compact on Refugees (Sanremo, 21 – 25 October 2019). The training, which celebrated the centenary of the Department’s Refugee Law courses, was delivered in English, benefiting 31 participants from 26 countries worldwide. Among the audience were: representatives of the academia and national training institutions; government officials; and practitioners of international organizations and the civil society.

18th Course on Internal Displacement (Sanremo, 26 – 30 November 2019). The Course, which was delivered in French in order to meet the increasing demand for capacity building from Francophone countries, welcomed 29 participants from 17 States, including government officials, members of national commissions of human rights, judges and lawyers.

In the final evaluations of each course, participants were asked to express their satisfaction with the workshops using a 1-10 scale. This resulted in an average grade of 9/10. The majority of attendees also emphasized the applicability of the acquired knowledge and skills to their professional roles.

The impact of capacity-building initiatives on topics such as international protection is always hard to measure, as the expected positive outcome does not exclusively depend on the participants who attended the courses. However, specific follow-ups demonstrated the positive effect of the 2019 workshops in practice. Participants contacted the Department after the courses with queries, some of them confidential, referred to: advice on individual cases, mostly refugee status determination and deportation; best practices from other countries; guidelines on procedures, in particular in relation to safeguards; development of Refugee Law curricula at universities; inputs on laws and by-laws related to refugees and migrants; and ratification of statelessness conventions.

In line with The New York Declaration’s call for a new whole of society approach with regards to international protection, the Institute extended the reach of its courses.
This allowed the Department to address a wider representation of entities, as demonstrated by the trends listed below.

**Demand for courses and countries of origin:**

- For the first time, the number of applicants reached more than 2,000 persons.
- Most of the candidates learnt about the Department’s offerings from former participants.
- Previous attendees applied for other courses, as they recognized the complementarity among the workshops offered by the Department.
- The number of applications from Latin American and European countries raised.
- The demand for courses in languages other than English increased, such as workshops on International Refugee Law in Russian, on Migration in Spanish and Arabic, and on Internal Displacement in Spanish.

**Profiles of applicants and participants:**

- The traditional attendance to the workshops by senior and mid-level government officials was reconfirmed in 2019. Among the officials, worth of notice was the increased participation of two groups: diplomats, in particular those appointed to Permanent Missions to the UN; and members of the judiciary, including judges and prosecutors.
- Practitioners, community representatives, and local NGOs were more represented in the 2019 workshops compared to the previous years.
- The number of applications from staff of international organizations, including UN agencies, such as UNHCR and IOM, has increased despite the fact that the Institute does not prioritize this profile of participants for scholarships.
- An emerging profile of attendees to the courses included professors interested in creating or developing Refugee Law clinics at their Law faculties.
Way forward for 2020

In 2020 the Department will increase its number of courses and languages of delivery, in order to reach out to a broader audience from diverse geographical areas. Besides English, French, Arabic and Spanish, for the first time, the Course on International Refugee Law will be delivered in Russian.

The Department, together with other specialized organizations, donors and experts, will undertake different curriculum mapping exercises to update, in a more detailed manner, some of the 2020 workshops. New sessions will be piloted, including: humanitarian advocacy skills; protection in mixed movements; the interrelation between statelessness and refugee-related situations; refugee and migrant children and access to education; groups with specific needs and sexual and gender-based violence; livelihoods and self-reliance; coordination mechanisms, with focus on the work of Clusters; migration and development; upholding international standards in migration management; and mechanisms for the return and reintegration of migrants in their countries of origin.

Based on the feedbacks received by the audience in 2019 and the discussions with key stakeholders and facilitators, the Department will continue to accompany theoretical content with an advocacy and pragmatic component, as this equips participants with a stronger skillset that can lead to changes in policy or practice.

In 2020, the Institute will endure to reach out to a diversified audience, providing a neutral forum for interaction between governmental and civil society actors. Identified as one of the priorities for 2020, the Department will continue to expand its offerings to members of the academia, in particular professors of Law
faculties, who aim at developing modules and curricula on refugee protection, statelessness, internal displacement and migration. Through this, the Department will contribute to raise awareness on the above mentioned topics among professors and university students, and to motivate them to become advocates for persons of concern.

The Department will continue to promote gender equality, in spite of the fact that the latter has yet to be reflected in many government structures, and to maximize its efforts to reach out to women by including a special mention to female participation in the 2020 call of applications.

Lastly, and as part of the commitment of the Global Compact on Refugees, participants from the Global South will be prioritized for the granting of scholarships.

In terms of implementation procedures, the Institute will develop a Multifunctional Management Platform, in order to reduce the amount of manual data input and transfer and to allow more efficient management of activity and delivery of courses. The Platform will allow the management of four components: i) participants; ii) budget and donors; iii) operation and country profile; and iv) evaluations and assessment. This new tool will constitute a step towards the concretization of the Standard Operating Procedures, which will formalize administrative processes within the Department, such as selection criteria and granting of scholarships, cancellation and reimbursement policies, and others.

The Department will enhance and continue its follow-up efforts with participants after workshops end in order to maximize impact. This will include piloting follow-up surveys for course attendees, as well as conducting post-training interviews. Focus will be placed on countries undergoing policy changes and playing key roles in the context of the Global Compact.

On the basis of the commitments made by the Institute at the 1st Global Refugee Forum in the form of pledges, the Department will continue to engage in global processes and initiatives such as the Academic Network on the Global Compact on Refugees.

Finally, in 2020 the Department will continue to seek the support of new donors and to maintain and strengthen its partnership with its traditional contributors.
International Refugee Law and Migration Programme

105th Course on International Refugee Law, 16 – 20 March (English)

2nd Course on International Refugee Law for Post-Graduate Students, 17 – 20 March (English)

106th Course on International Refugee Law, 30 March – 3 April (French)

107th Course on Refugee Law for Latin America, 31 March – 4 April (Spanish)

9th Course on Statelessness, 6 – 9 April (Arabic)

4th Course on the Rights of Migrant Persons, 25 – 29 May (French)

18th Course on International Migration Law, 1 – 5 June (English)

10th Course on Statelessness, 8 – 12 June (English)

108th Course on International Refugee Law, 15 – 19 June (Russian)

109th Course on International Refugee Law, 15 – 19 September (English)

2nd Course on the Global Compact on Refugees for Training Institutions, 20 – 24 October (English)

19th Course on International Migration Law, 26 – 30 October (English)

20th Course on Internal Displacement, 23 – 27 November (English)

21th Course on Internal Displacement, 24 – 28 November (French)

110th Course on International Refugee Law, 1 – 5 December (English)

111th Course on International Refugee Law, 7 – 11 December (Arabic)

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Contact us at: refugee.department@iihl.org
Detailed description of the courses

The following section provides further information on each course offered by the Department.

Courses on International Refugee Law

The general courses on International Refugee Law have been held since 1982. The five-day workshops, organized by the Institute in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration and the US State Department (Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration), are delivered in English, French, Arabic and Spanish. Different language options enable a wider number of participants from different regions to attend the workshops.

The International Refugee Law courses have been primarily developed to train senior and mid-level government officials involved in the formulation and implementation of legislation and policy affecting forcibly displaced persons. Over the years, the workshops have expanded their reach to different profiles, welcoming staff of NGOs and international organizations, as well as scholars, professors and researchers. Recently, the attendance of members of the judiciary and lawyers, including those doing pro bono work, has also sharply raised. This variety of professional and geographical backgrounds provides participants with the opportunity to exchange best practices and experiences.

The courses on International Refugee Law include sessions, case studies and interactive exercises on the international legal framework governing the protection of refugees, mixed movements, Refugee Status Determination, security concerns, detention and alternatives to detention, interviewing techniques, protection within the displacement cycle and groups with specific needs, protection of IDPs and stateless persons, seeking solutions, the Global Compact on Refugees, Law of the Sea, humanitarian negotiation, and advocacy techniques. The workshops conclude with the so-called “Capstone session”, a two-hour activity that allows participants to brainstorm, as they re-explore and recap the topics of the training in order to present them to the rest of the class.

The courses on International Refugee Law aim at:

- Promoting law, principles and policies relating to the protection of forcibly displaced persons;

- Developing a common understanding on the implementation and promotion of these legislations and policies 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 persons of concern.
Courses on Internal Displacement

The courses on Internal Displacement are organized by the Institute in collaboration with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, and with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and the US State Department (Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration). The courses are delivered in English and French.

The workshops meet the increasing demand for up-to-date information on internal displacement, on the applicable law, policies and standards, and on the coordination mechanisms for prompt and efficient protection responses. The courses have traditionally targeted government officials responsible for and dealing with IDPs-related issues. In recent years, the workshops have also received staff from international agencies, NGOs, and grass-roots organizations. The diversity among participants’ profiles allows the class to further acknowledge the importance of addressing internal displacement within a holistic and multi-stakeholder approach.

The courses cover, among all, the legal protection regime of IDPs, such as the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and the Kampala Convention, protection within diversity and IDP participation, sexual and gender-based violence in displacement, data collection for the protection of IDPs, durable solutions, humanitarian negotiation, law and policy drafting, and governance and coordination, with focus on the Cluster Approach. The workshops also explore specific protection issues, such as housing, land, property and civil documentation.

The courses on Internal Displacement aim at:

- Increasing participants’ understanding of the international norms and standards on the protection of IDPs;
- Encouraging the sharing of experiences among participants regarding international implementation and monitoring mechanisms;
- Promoting the use and implementation of the Guiding Principles of Internal Displacement;
- Encouraging governments to establish or improve existing legislation and policies on the protection of IDPs.
Courses on Statelessness

The courses on Statelessness are organized in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The workshops are delivered in English and Arabic to expand the reach to participants from the Middle East and North Africa. In recent years, the number of applications from Asia-Pacific candidates has also strongly increased.

The courses respond to the need of increased knowledge and capacity to prevent, reduce and resolve statelessness situations, and to identify and protect stateless persons. The programme of the workshops is mainly designed for government officials, NGOs, and practitioners dealing with statelessness and related issues.

The curricula of the Statelessness courses range from the adoption of the international conventions and development of national legislation, to the work with stateless persons in the field. Classes include lectures and case studies on key concepts and the international legal framework related to nationality and statelessness, causes and impacts of statelessness, the overview of stateless populations around the world, stateless children, the interrelation between statelessness and forced displacement, the #IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness, and an outlook on prospects for statelessness-related situations. One of the most appreciated sessions of the courses is dedicated to questions and answers with a stateless person, who shares his/her experience with the audience. This allows participants to get a close and pragmatic insight of the challenges and obstacles faced by those who are not recognized as nationals by any State.

The courses on Statelessness aim at:

• Increasing participants’ ability to deal with the phenomenon of statelessness;

• Encouraging the sharing of good practices among participants on how to reduce and prevent statelessness and protect stateless persons;

• Promoting the use and the implementation of UNHCR’s Global Action Plan to End Statelessness as part of the #IBelong Campaign;

• Encouraging governments to accede to the Statelessness Conventions, establish or improve safeguards against statelessness in nationality laws, and remove discrimination from nationality laws.
Courses on Migration

The courses on International Migration Law and on the Rights of Migrant Persons are organized with the support of the International Organization for Migration, the Organisation Internationale de La Francophonie, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration.

The workshops are delivered in English and French and are designed for government officials, representatives of NGOs and international organizations, and the academia. Due to the actuality of the topic, these courses have rapidly become among the most sought for of those offered by the Institute.

One of the key components of the workshops on Migration is their dynamism in terms of updated contents and exercises, which aims at responding to the volatile nature of the phenomenon. The courses cover topics such as rights and responsibilities of States and migrants, key concepts on international migration, universal and specific protection regimes, forced displacement and mixed movements, protection at sea, migrants’ rights (including labor, social and cultural rights), migrant children, family reunification, human trafficking and smuggling, access to the territory, detention and alternatives, expulsion and return, migration management and governance. The courses also include presentations and discussions on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

The courses on Migration aim at:

- Promoting law, principles and policies relating to the protection of migrants;
- Increasing participants’ ability to promote and implement good migration management systems;
- Enhancing the skills of participants in developing and applying policies and standards in conformity with international law;
- Encouraging the sharing of good practices among participants and the implementation of the acquired knowledge and skills in their countries of origin.
Tailored courses

The Institute organizes ad hoc tailored courses in loco at the request of donors, international organizations’ country offices, and key stakeholders.

These workshops respond to country and region-specific needs in the context of mixed movements and aim at:

- Promoting law, principles and policies relating to the protection of forcibly displaced and stateless persons;
- Encouraging government officials to adopt national legislation and policies in accordance to the relevant international legal framework;
- Supporting participants in the development and implementation of internal procedures in line with best practices and international standards;
- Fostering multi-disciplinary interaction among relevant stakeholders on the protection of persons of concern.
- Sharing information, practices and experiences on forced displacement and statelessness, while increasing the knowledge and skills of government officials and the local civil society.
2019
Detailed list of courses
Overview: The Course was offered in English and organized by the Department with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration of the US Department of State.

30 participants representing 24 countries worldwide attended the Course, comprising government officials, diplomats, including Representatives of Permanent Missions to the UN Office in Geneva, practitioners, members of NGOs and international organizations, judges, lawyers, and academics.

The workshop dealt with different topics on the international protection of refugees, such as: international legal protection framework; mixed movements; security concerns; Refugee Status Determination; communicating with and interviewing refugees; statelessness and the protection of stateless persons; protection of IDPs; protection within the displacement cycle and groups with specific needs; protection at sea; seeking solutions; and humanitarian negotiation.

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Keynote Speaker: Paolo Artini, Representative of UNHCR in France.

Teaching Staff: Silvia Colombo, Senior Staff Development Officer, Protection, Global Learning and Development Centre, UNHCR; Peter Swiniarski, Associate Human Rights Officer, Human Rights Liaison Unit/Protection and Legal Advice Section, Division of International Protection, UNHCR; Elizabeth J. Rushing, Senior Strategic Adviser, Policy & Research Department, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, Norwegian Refugee Council; Gábor Gyulai, Director of the Refugee Programme, Hungarian Helsinki Committee; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Course.

Average Course rating by participants: 9,2/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: heterogeneous representation of different nationalities; sharing of experiences and good practices; good balance between lectures and practical exercises; variety of topics covered; interactive simulations.

Most valued sessions and topics: mixed movements; differences and similarities among migrants, IDPs and refugees; Refugee Status Determination; protection systems and protection at sea; application of the 1951 Convention relating the Status of Refugees; key concepts of national security.

Suggestions for improvement: more focus on the legal aspects of refugee protection; increased time for interaction among participants.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 67%, able to a certain extent 33%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 100% and no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
Overview: The Course was offered in English and organized with the support of the Institut de Droit de la Paix et du Développement of the University of Nice.

The workshop, organized and delivered for the first time in 2019, was attended by 17 students of the University of Nice and aimed at building up the knowledge of the audience on Refugee and Human Rights Law and raise awareness on the issues faced by forcibly displaced persons.

The Course explored, among all: the evolution of the international legal protection regime; protection at sea; protection of stateless people and IDPs; groups with specific needs; and durable solutions. The training adopted a legal and sociological perspective, with focus on the correct terminology regarding forced displacement.

Course Director: Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Institute's Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.


Teaching Staff: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute's Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law; Silvia Colombo, Senior Staff Development Officer, Protection, Global Learning and Development Centre, UNHCR; Elizabeth J. Rushing, Senior Strategic Adviser, Policy & Research Department, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, Norwegian Refugee Council; and Gábor Gyulai, Director of the Refugee Programme, Hungarian Helsinki Committee.

Average Course rating by participants: 9.7/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: practical exercises; main concepts and use of correct terminology; exchanges with international experts; teaching methodology; interaction among participants.

Most valued sessions and topics: protection at sea; definition of asylum and other key concepts; difference between migrants and refugees' forms of protection; IDPs.

Suggestions for improvement: increase the duration of practical exercises; shorten the theoretical sessions, giving more time to speakers-students exchanges.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 40%; able to a certain extent 50%; able to a limited extent 10%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 94%; high-average satisfaction 6%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
7th Course on Statelessness [Arabic]
Sanremo, 16 – 19 April 2019

Overview: This four-day Course was offered in Arabic and organized by the Institute with the cooperation and support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The training welcomed 32 participants from 13 different countries from the Middle East and North Africa. The Course was delivered to government officials, police officers, prosecutors, members of international organizations, scholars and lawyers.

The objective of the workshop was to increase participants’ ability to better address the phenomenon of statelessness, by including sessions on: key concepts related to nationality and statelessness; overview of statelessness populations around the world; causes and impact of statelessness; the international legal framework; mapping partnerships; and good practices in addressing statelessness and finding solutions. The training was enriched by case studies and group discussions and encouraged the promotion and implementation of UNHCR’s Global Action Plan to End Statelessness within 10 years, as part as the #IBelong Campaign.

Course Director: Els Jellema, Regional Protection Officer, UNHCR Office of the Director, Middle East and North Africa Bureau (Jordan)

Teaching staff: Yousef Daradkeh, Protection Officer, UNHCR Pakistan; Fawzia Istaiteyah, Assistant Protection Officer/Legal Unit, UNHCR, Jordan; Hagir Musa, Senior Regional Protection Officer, UNHCR, Saudi Arabia.

Average Course rating by participants: 7,5/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: group work, discussions and participatory methodology; experience sharing; diversity of subjects and extended information; presence of various nationalities.

Most valued sessions and topics: causes and impacts of and solutions to statelessness; international legal framework; different national legal regimes; mapping partnerships.

Suggestions for improvement: avoid the repetition of essential concepts; decrease the length of some sessions; ensure participation of more countries.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 32%; able to a certain extent 55%; able to a limited extent 13%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high level of satisfaction 55%; average-high level of satisfaction 42%; low level of satisfaction 3%.
Overview: The five-day Course, delivered in French, was organized by the Institute with the 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, Refugees and Migration.

23 participants from 14 different States attended the training, including government officials, diplomats, practitioners, members of NGOs and international organizations.

The Course dealt with different topics on the international protection of refugees, such as: current issues and opportunities of international protection; mixed movements; Refugee Status Determination; security concerns; interviewing refugees; protection of IDPs and stateless people; solutions; and humanitarian negotiation. The workshop also allowed participants to exchange best practices and experiences and to implement the gained knowledge through different learning methodologies (case studies, simulations and role plays).

Course Director: Pierfrancesco Maria Natta, Senior Staff Development Officer at the Global Learning and Development Center of UNHCR, Hungary.

Keynote Speaker: Nabil Benbekhti, Senior Legal Officer at UNHCR HQ.

Teaching Staff: Cynthia Petrigh, Director of Beyond Peace; Sophie Crozet, Consultant Specialized in Training and Forced Displacement; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Course.

Average Course rating by participants: 8.6/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: practical exercises and work groups; experience sharing; interaction among participants; Course structure.

Most valued sessions and topics: Refugee Status Determination; mechanisms of international protection; negotiation techniques; IDPs.

Suggestions for improvement: increase attention towards European Law; insert additional audio-visual support material in the sessions; focus more on jurisprudence.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 91%; able to a certain extent 9%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 65%; average satisfaction 35%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
3rd Course on the Rights of Migrant Persons [French]
Sanremo, 27 – 31 May 2019

Overview: The five-day Course was held in French and organized in collaboration and with the support of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration.

The training was attended by 32 participants representing 24 countries. Among these were: government officials, representatives of human rights commissions, diplomats, practitioners, and police officers. The Course focused on the rights of migrant people and aimed at strengthening the knowledge of state authorities, institutions, and the civil society on: international migration legal framework; access to territory; forced migration; detention; family reunification; trafficking and smuggling of persons; children rights in the context of migration; depart: expulsion and return; the United Nations framework; and the two Global Compacts on refugees and migration.

For the first time, a study excursion took place at the Italian/French border in Ventimiglia. Participants engaged with the Italian border police and representatives of the Italian and Monegasque Red Cross, to understand the challenges and opportunities these actors encounter in their daily work with migrants and refugees.

Course Director: Jean-François Durieux, Senior Research Associate, Refugee Law Initiative, University of London.

Keynote Speaker: Léonie Guerlay, Head of Programmes at the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie.

Teaching Staff: Anne Althaus, Migration Law Specialist, IOM; Catherine-Amélie Chassin, Senior lecturer in Public Law, Co-Director of the Master Droit des Libertés and of D.U. Laïcité et République, Secretary-General of the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace, of the Faculty of Law of Caen, France; Sylvie Sarolea, Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, President of the International and European Law Center, European rights and migration team, Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium); and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Course.

Average Course rating by participants: 8,8/10

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: role plays and group exercises; sharing of experiences; excursion to the Italian-French border; theoretical sessions.

Most valued sessions and topics: United Nations framework; mechanisms of protection; rights of migrants; principle of non-refoulement; family reunification.

Suggestions for improvement: increase the time of the breaks; diminish the theory of some sessions; provide more background material.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 91%; able to a certain extent 9%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 74%; average-high satisfaction 4%; average satisfaction 22%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
Overview: The five-day Course was organized in English in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

32 participants from 26 different States attended the training, including government officials, diplomats, representatives of international organizations, lecturers and police officers.

The Course addressed several topics and concepts related to migration and human rights, such as: International Migration Law and systems of protection; human rights at international borders (principles surrounding entry, exit and return); protection of migrant workers and migration management; forced migration; the rights of migrant children; detention and alternatives; environmental migrants; trafficking and smuggling of persons; protection at sea; and the implementation of international standards at the national level using the GCM as a tool.

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Keynote Speaker: Eugenio Ambrosi, Chief of Staff of IOM Headquarters.

Teaching Staff: Kristina Touzenis, Head of the International Migration Law Unit (IML), IOM HQ; Alice Sironi, Migration Law Specialist of the IML Unit, IOM HQ; Kristiina Lilleorg, Regional Immigration and Border Management Specialist, IOM; Ariel Riva, Legal Officer of Protection Policy and Legal Advice, UNHCR HQ; Ryszard Piotrowicz, Professor at the Faculty of Law of Aberystwyth (United-Kingdom); Nicole Hoagland, International Migration Consultant in Australia; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Average Course rating by participants: 8.8/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: practical activities and case studies; sharing experiences of participants from all over the world; lecturers’ skills; interactivity.

Most valued sessions and topics: smuggling and trafficking; Law of the Sea; detention and alternatives; environmentally-induced migrants; Refugee Status Determination; principle of non-refoulement; children rights; migrant workers.

Suggestions for improvement: improve time management; target participants in relation to their backgrounds; provide additional pre-readings.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 59%; able to a certain extent 38%; able to a limited extent 3%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 88%; average satisfaction 12%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
Overview: The five-day Course, delivered in English, was organized with the support of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The workshop celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Kampala Convention and was attended by 22 participants from 18 States, including government officials, police officers, members of NGOs, and academics.

The Course’s main sessions included: Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and Kampala Convention; managing and reducing disaster displacement risk; data collection for the protection of the IDPs; protection within diversity and IDP participation; sexual and gender-based violence; durable solutions; transitional justice and reconciliation; humanitarian negotiation; and law, policy, governance and coordination.

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Keynote Speaker: Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs.

Teaching Staff: Martina Caterina, Legal Advisor to the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs, Division of International Protection (DIP), UNHCR; Nancy Polutan-Teulieres, Senior Protection Officer at the IDP Section, DIP, UNHCR HQ; Dalia Aranki, Global Coordinator, Housing, Land and Property of the Norwegian Refugee Council; Margharita Lundkvist-Houndoumadi, Profiling Advisor at the Joint IDP Profiling Service; Raphael Goncalves Alves, Legal Adviser at the International Committee of the Red Cross; Michelle Yonetani, Consultant on Forced Displacement in disaster contexts; and Melissa Amisano, Course Coordinator.

Average Course rating by participants: 9,3/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: socializing and sharing experiences with participants of different cultures; practical cases and interactive nature of the Course; keynote address.

Most valued sessions and topics: analysis of the Kampala Convention and its application; data and information collection; humanitarian negotiation; definition of IDPs and their protection; sexual and gender-based violence.

Suggestions for improvement: improve time management; avoid legally-complex concepts.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 67%; able to a certain extent 28%; able to a limited extent 5%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 95%; average satisfaction 5%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
8th Course on Statelessness [English]
Sanremo, 17 – 21 June 2019

Overview: The five-day Course was delivered in English and organized with the cooperation and support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The training was attended by 31 participants from 25 different States, including government officials, members of NGOs, representatives of human rights institutions, scholars, and practitioners.

The workshop included the following topics: key concepts related to nationality and statelessness; overview of statelessness populations around the world; international legal framework; causes and impact of statelessness; stateless children; refugee protection and statelessness; measuring and addressing statelessness; and statelessness status determination.

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Keynote Speaker: Melanie Khanna, Senior Legal Coordinator and Section Chief (Statelessness), Division of International Protection, UNHCR.

Teaching Staff: Radha Govil, Senior Legal Officer (Statelessness), Division of International Protection (DIP), UNHCR; Marcella Rouweler, Associate Protection Officer (Statelessness), DIP, UNHCR; Daniel Sziebert, Associate Staff Development Officer, Global Learning and Development Centre, UNHCR; Gábor Gyulai, Director of the Refugee Programme, Hungarian Helsinki Committee; and Helge Brunborg, International Consultant on Statelessness; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Course. The workshop was honoured by the presence of Maha Mamo, former stateless person, and now Brazilian national.

Average Course rating by participants: 9,3/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: simulations and practical exercises; testimony of the former stateless person; experience sharing; means and methods to prevent statelessness; general organization of the Course.

Most valued sessions and topics: statelessness status determination; international legal framework; causes and consequences of statelessness; statelessness measurement.

Suggestions for improvement: dedicate more time to experience sharing; improve audio quality in the room.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 77%; able to a certain extent 16%; able to a limited extent 7%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 90%; average satisfaction 10%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
Course on Refugee Law for Latin America [Spanish]
Sanremo, 14-18 October 2019

Overview: The five-day Course was delivered in Spanish and organised for the first time in 2019 with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration of the US Department of State.

A total of 30 participants from 15 Latin American countries attended the training, including government officials from different ministries and the Ombudsman Office, representatives of National Commissions responsible for refugees, military officers, NGO officials and academics.

The Course focused on the protection needs of forcibly displaced persons in region, by addressing the international and regional Refugee Law instruments, including the Cartagena Declaration and the Inter-American Human Rights System. The training covered: mixed movements; smuggling and trafficking; State security; durable solutions; groups with specific needs; regional application of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework.

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Keynote Speaker: Renata Dubini, Director of the Regional Bureau for the Americas at UNHCR.

Teaching Staff: Marco Formisano, Senior Protection Officer, Regional Bureau for the Americas, UNHCR; José Sieber Luz, Senior Protection Staff Development Officer, Global Learning and Development Centre, UNHCR; Ariel Riva, Legal Adviser, Division of International Protection, UNHCR; Maddalena Pezzotti, Senior CRRF Coordinator, UNHCR; Marisa L. Gómez Fernández, Expert on Refugee Protection; Eva García Bouzas, Head of the Global Protection Cluster Support Cell, Geneva; Clara de Haro Arbona, Course Coordinator.

Average Course rating by participants: 9.6/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: wide expertise of lecturers and engagement with the audience; exchange of practices and experiences; practical exercises; Course regional focus; learning methodology.

Most valued sessions and topics: Refugee Status Determination case study; applicability of the Cartagena Declaration; protection standards of the Inter-American Human Rights System; IDPs.

Suggestions for improvement: increase the Course length; avoid videoconferences because of limited interactivity; include a session on practical techniques for interviewing asylum-seekers.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 80%; able to a large extent 17%, able to a certain extent 3%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 72%; average 28%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
100th Course on International Refugee Law

Special Edition on the Global Compact on Refugees [English]
Sanremo, 21 – 25 October 2019

Overview: The five-day Course celebrated the centenary of the Refugee Law courses, first delivered by the Institute in 1982. The workshop, conducted in English, was organized with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Course benefitted 31 participants from 26 countries. The audience comprised representatives of the academia and national training institutions, government officials and members of the civil society from the Global South.

The workshop focused on the key components of the GCR, including: the international legal protection framework; protection within the displacement cycle; access to education; sexual and gender based violence and Age, Gender and Diversity approach; and the search for durable and sustainable solutions for refugees.

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Keynote Speaker: Grainne O’Hara, Director of the Division of International Protection at UNHCR.

Teaching Staff: Mamadou Dian Balde, Deputy Director of the Division of Resilience and Solutions (DRS) at UNHCR; Annabel Mwangi, Senior Policy Advisor of DRS, UNHCR; Ellen Maree Al Daqqa, Education Officer of DRS, UNHCR; Lobna Abdel Hadi, International Consultant on Refugee Protection; Gábor Gyulai, Director of the Refugee Programme, Hungarian Helsinki Committee; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Course.

Average Course rating by participants: 9,5/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: learning from international experts; drafting concrete pledges; learning different teaching and delivery methods; working in groups; analysing the GCR; debriefing sessions.

Most valued sessions and topics: implementation of UNHCR programs; objectives of the GCR; Refugee Law and protection; how to build a legal clinic; sexual and gender-based violence and the needs of vulnerable refugees.

Suggestions for improvement: improve the video conference settings; increase the lunchbreak duration; ensure consistency among facilitators’ teaching methodology.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 77%; able to a certain extent 23%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 100%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
Overview: The Course, delivered in English, was organized in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration and the US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

The audience comprised 42 participants from 25 countries and was composed by government officials, legal advisors, judges, immigration officers, representatives of training academies, practitioners and officials of international NGOs.

The Course covered the following issues: international legal protection framework; mixed movements; Refugee Status Determination; detention and alternatives; communicating with and interviewing refugees; statelessness and the protection of stateless persons; IDPs; protection within the displacement cycle: groups with specific needs; protection at sea; seeking solutions, including focus on the GCR; and humanitarian negotiation.

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s International Refugee Law and Migration Law Department.

Keynote Speaker: Stephane Jaquemet, Director of Policy of the International Catholic Migration Commission.

Teaching Staff: Jacopo Giorgi, Senior Staff Development Officer (Refugee Law), Global Learning and Development Centre, UNHCR; Ariel Riva, Legal Officer, Protection Policy and Legal Advice, UNHCR; Noura Altourky, Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR; Nina Murray, Head of Policy and Research, European Network on Statelessness; Lucy Hall, Lecturer on Human Rights, University of Amsterdam; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Course.

Average course rating by participants: 8.6/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: interactive discussions and practical exercises; clarity in definitions; multicultural group; Director’s examples and anecdotes.

Most valued sessions and topics: Refugee Status Determination and interviewing techniques; durable solutions; mixed movements; smuggling and trafficking; protection at sea; statelessness; international protection mechanisms.

Suggestions for improvement: expand the time for discussions; more focus on regional legal instruments; increase attention on the interrelation between climate change and forced displacement; add jurisprudence.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 58%; able to a certain extent 35%; able to a limited extent 7%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 80%; high-average 5%; average 13%; low 2%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
Overview: The five-day Course, delivered in English, was organised in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

31 participants from 20 different countries attended the training, which included the following topics: international legal framework; migration key concepts and migrants’ systems of protection; forced displacement; human rights at international borders; detention and alternatives; protection at sea; environmental migrants; migrant workers; trafficking and smuggling of persons; migration management; the rights of migrant children; and the GCM and partnership.

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Teaching Staff: Alice Sironi, Migration Law Specialist, International Migration Law Unit, IOM; Ariel Riva, Legal Officer, Protection Policy and Legal Advice, UNHCR; Liliana Sorrentino, Independent expert on human rights, migration, and modern slavery; Janeta Hanganu, Legal adviser, Office of the Special Representative on migration and refugees, Council of Europe; Michele Cavinato, Senior Legal Officer and Head of Asylum & Migration, UNHCR; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Average Course rating by participants: 8.4/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: case studies; interactive exercises; time management and balance between theory and practice professionalism of teachers and facilitators; interaction with other participants.

Most valued sessions and topics: GCM; protection at sea; trafficking and smuggling; detention alternatives; environmentally-induced migration; forced migration; legal framework; good practices; definition; the principle of non-refoulement.

Suggestions for improvement: increase the length of interactive exercises; add more days to the Course; augment interactivity of the videoconference.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 45%; able to a certain extent 41%; able to a limited extent 14%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 86%; high-average 7%; average 7%.
Overview: The five-day Course, which commemorated the 10th anniversary of the Kampala Convention, was organized by the Institute in cooperation with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The training welcomed 29 participants from 17 countries, among whom were government officials, members of the civil society, academics, humanitarian workers, as well as representatives of international organizations and lawyers.

The Course focused on the understanding of internal displacement mechanisms and applicable law and included: Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and Kampala Convention; managing and reducing disaster displacement risk; data collection for the protection of IDPs; protection within diversity and IDP participation; sexual and gender-based violence; humanitarian negotiation; law, policy, governance; and coordination mechanisms (role of Clusters).

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Keynote Speaker: Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs.

Teaching Staff: Sofia Khetib-Grundy, Deputy Coordinator at the Global Protection Cluster; Martina Caterina, Legal Advisor to the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs; Merita Ahma, Protection Officer, UNHCR; Jamila El Andellaoui, Durable Solutions Officer, UNHCR; Alexandra Ortiz, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross; Michelle Yonetani, Independent Consultant on Forced Displacement in disaster contexts; Natalia Baal, Coordinator, Joint IDPs Profiling Service; Julien Marneffe, Senior Protection Adviser, Norwegian Refugee Council; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Course.

Average course rating by participants: 8,5/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: interactive exercises; diversity of the audience; teaching methodology; facilitators’ expertise; experiences sharing; initial and final assessments.

Most valued sessions and topics: Guiding principles on Internal Displacement; humanitarian negotiation; durable solutions; rights of IDPs; House Land and Property; sexual and gender-based violence.

Suggestions for improvement: expand the duration of the Course for a deeper legal analysis; ensure geographical representation in the teaching staff; shorten the teaching hours per day; increase the complexity of certain case studies.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 59%; able to a certain extent 25%; able to a limited extent 12%; not able 4%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 73%; high-average 4%; average 20%; low 3%.
Overview: The five-day Course, delivered for the first time in French, was organized by the Institute in cooperation with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

29 participants from 16 countries benefitted from the training, including representatives of governments, academics, diplomats, practitioners and officials of NGOs and international organizations.

The Course sessions included: Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and Kampala Convention; managing and reducing disaster displacement risk; data collection for the protection of IDPs; protection within diversity and IDP participation; sexual and gender-based violence; humanitarian negotiation; law, policy, governance; coordination mechanisms (role of Clusters).

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Keynote Speaker: Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs.

Teaching Staff: Sofia Khetib-Grundy, Deputy Coordinator at the Global Protection Cluster; Christophe Beau, Cluster Coordinator (Protection), UNHCR Somalia; Jamila El Andellaoui, Durable Solutions Officer, UNHCR; Alexandra Ortiz, Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross; Tiziana Bonzon, Migration and Displacement Global Lead, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Julien Marneffe, Senior Protection Adviser, Norwegian Refugee Council; Devora Levakova, Profiling Advisor, Joint IDP Profiling Service; Pilar Palomino, Head of the Preparedness, Coordination and Response Unit, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Regional Office for West and Central Africa; Natália Ferreira de Castro, Human Rights Associate Officer, Office of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Course.

Average course rating by participants: 8,6/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: diversity of the audience; facilitator’s expertise; experiences sharing and discussions.

Most valued sessions and topics: Kampala Convention and Guiding principles on internal Displacement; humanitarian negotiation; rights and protection of IDPs; distinction between IDPs and refugees.

Suggestions for improvement: improve the audio for videoconferences; ensure balance between theory and practice.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 100%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 70%; high-average satisfaction 30%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
102nd Course on International Refugee Law [English]
Sanremo, 10 – 14 December 2019

Overview: The five-day Course, delivered in English, was organized in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

The Institute welcomed 49 participants from 38 countries, in particular government officials involved in the formulation and application of legislation and policies affecting people in need of protection, as well as members of civil society who advocate for and contribute to the protection of migrants and refugees.

Among the covered topics were: international legal protection framework, including protection in mixed movements; internal displacement; statelessness; protection at sea; humanitarian negotiation; protection within the displacement cycle; Refugee Status Determination and interviewing techniques; and durable solutions.

Course Director: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Keynote address: Erol Arduc, Chief of Mission at UNHCR Kosovo.

Teaching Staff: Ivana Jelic, Durable Solutions Officer, UNHCR Serbia; Alexandra Kaun, Staff Development Officer, UNHCR Global Learning and Development Centre, Hungary; Valeria Cherednichenko, International Expert on Statelessness; Kim Mancini, Senior Consultant on Forced Displacement; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

Average course rating by participants: 9,2/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: international environment; working groups; initial and final assessments; interaction with participants; teaching methodology; professionalisms and expertise of facilitators; practical exercises.

Most valued sessions and topics: protection at sea; statelessness; Refugee Status Determination; international protection mechanisms; mixed movements; humanitarian negotiation; definition of refugee; durable solutions.

Suggestions for improvement: increase the length of the Course; decrease the duration of lectures without interaction; provide more concrete real-life examples during the training; add advocacy techniques.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 74%; able to a certain extent 20%; able to a limited extent 6%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 87%; high-average satisfaction 11%; average satisfaction 2%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
Overview: The five-day Course was delivered in Arabic and organized by the Institute with the co-operation and support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration and the US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

A total of 35 participants from 11 countries attended the Course, including government officials involved in the formulation and application of legislations and policies affecting people in need of protection, and members of the civil society and international organizations.

The training focused on, among others: international legal framework for the protection of refugees; human trafficking and smuggling in the context of mixed movements; Refugee Status Determination; national security concerns and non-refoulement; simulation on the displacement cycle; protection of IDPs; statelessness; and durable solutions.

Course Director: Lobna Abdel Hadi, International Consultant on Refugee Protection

Teaching Staff: Ziad Ayoubi, Head of Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Unit, Division of Resilience and Solutions, UNHCR HQ; Malak El Hassan, Programme Associate, UNHCR Lebanon; and George Fahmy, Consultant on Refugee Protection and Internal Displacement.

Average Course rating by participants 9,3/10.

Feedback:

Most appreciated aspects: balance between theory and practice; diversity of the audience; facilitator’s expertise.

Most valued sessions and topics: definition of refugee; human trafficking and smuggling; durable solutions; statelessness; livelihoods.

Suggestions for improvement: increase the length of the Course to refer to more practical examples; widen the topics.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able 52%; able to a certain extent 37%; able to a limited extent 11%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course: high satisfaction 93%; average satisfaction 7%; no respondent expressed to be dissatisfied with the Course in the final evaluations.
Tailored courses

7th Capacity-Building Course on Statelessness for the League of Arab States [Arabic]

Tunis, 12 – 15 June 2019

Overview: The four-day Course was organized with the support of the League of Arab States and Arab Interior Ministers Council, and in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Office in Tunis.

The Course benefitted 40 participants, representing 15 governments of the League of Arab States. The agenda included various sessions, altering between theory and practice, which focused mainly on: international legal framework on statelessness; definition of stateless persons; mechanisms of identification and appropriate standard treatments; statelessness around the world, with focus on facts and statistics; root causes of statelessness; and good practices.

The training concluded with an exercise session on updating the existing Arab regional legal framework on nationality. Further, participants from different Member States suggested the support of UNHCR in providing an Arab model of nationality law in order to support them in amending their citizenship laws in accordance with international standards.

Course Director: Lobna Abdel Hadi, International Consultant on Refugee Protection.

Teaching Staff: Dr. Ibrahim Draji, Consultant, UNHCR Syria; Aseer Al Madaen Assistant Representative (Protection), UNHCR Egypt; Malak Al Hassan, Protection Associate, UNHCR.

8th Capacity-Building Course on Internal Displacement for the League of Arab States [Arabic]

Tunis, 16 – 19 September 2019

Overview: The four-day Course was organized with the support of the League of Arab States and Arab Interior Ministers Council, and in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Office in Tunis.

The Course brought together 20 participants, representing nine governments of the League of Arab States. The training mainly focused on: Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and Kampala Convention; protection and humanitarian needs of IDPs in the Arab world; non-refoulement principle; protection during displacement; preventive strategies for internal displacement; early recovery and access to justice; cooperation and collaboration among different stakeholders; role of national authorities; and Age, Gender and Diversity approach.

The Course’s methodology included lectures and group activities, which encouraged participants to share experiences and best practices related to the protection of IDPs from their countries.

Teaching Staff: Kahled Fansa, Head of Sub Office, UNHCR Nepal; George Fahmy, Consultant on Refugee Protection, Statelessness, and Internal Displacement.
1st Course on International Refugee Law for Egyptian Government Officials [Arabic]

Cairo, 22 – 26 September 2019

**Overview:** The Course was offered in Arabic and organized by the Institute in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Office in Egypt.

The training gathered 23 government officials from Egypt and focused on: international protection-related issues and topics, such as the GCR; the principle of non-refoulement; national and international protection mechanisms; rights and protection principles for refugees belonging to vulnerable categories; security concerns; alternatives to detention of refugees and other persons of concern; registration and Refugee Status Determination; protection of persons in mixed movements; and durable solutions. Besides adopting a global perspective, the Course also analyzed context-specific situations, such as the condition of refugees in Egypt and the right of asylum in Islam.

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**Teaching Staff:** Aseer T.E. Al-Madaien, Deputy Representative of the Commission, UNHCR; Dr. Ibrahim Daraji, Protection Advisor, UNHCR Syria; Rasha Elshahawy, Assistant Protection Officer, UNHCR; Yara Mohamed, First assistant Refugee Status Determination, UNHCR; Soha Shalaby, Administrative Assistant Affairs Officer, UNHCR.

Round Table on The Lebanon Experience [Arabic/English]

Sanremo, 4 – 5 October 2019

**Overview:** The two-day Round Table, which was delivered in English and simultaneously translated into Arabic, took place in Sanremo and was co-organized with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Lebanon.

17 Lebanese government officials and representatives of the civil society attended the Round Table, with the purpose of conducting a stocktaking exercise of best practices and potential future initiatives for the protection of refugees in Lebanon. The workshop addressed the following topics: presentation of the background to and purpose of the GCR and establishment of the GRF; stocktaking of the crisis response in Lebanon; review of good practices from Lebanon; pitfalls and suggestions for focus areas in future refugee responses; elements of a multi-stakeholder approach ("Whole of Society" response).
Overview: The three-day Course was offered in Arabic and organized by the Institute in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Office in Jordan.

The training gathered 29 government officials from Jordan and focused on: international protection-related issues and topics, such as forced migration and international legal framework; access to protection, with emphasis on the role of UNHCR and other institutions; sexual and gender-based violence; Age, Gender and Diversity approach; smuggling and trafficking; detention and other restrictions to the freedom of movement; entry arrangements and issues at borders; and durable solutions. The Course also highlighted context-specific situations, such as the condition of refugees in Jordan and the right of asylum in Islam.

Course Director: Lobna Abdel Hadi, International Consultant on Refugee Protection

Teaching Staff: Kamal Yunis, Assistant Training Officer, UNHCR Jordan; Zaina Dirani, Associate Refugee Status Determination Officer, UNHCR; Ihab Aboul-Serour, Reporting Officer, UNHCR Egypt; Professor/Judge Ashraf Omari, Jordanian Supreme Judge Department; Fawzia Istaiteyah, Assistant Protection Officer, Legal Unit, UNHCR Amman; Feras Al-Okour, Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR Jordan; Feras Hattar, Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR Jordan; Mohammad Aladammat, Assistant Protection Officer, UNHCR Amman; Anwaar El Batta, Assistant Resettlement Officer, UNHCR Jordan.
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