

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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DRAFT PROGRAMME

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the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration,

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

Tuesday 28 March 2017

- 08.45–09.00 **Welcome Address**
- 09.00–10.00 **Outline of the Course
Introduction of Participants
Case Study Presentation**
- 10.00–10.30 *Coffee break*
- 10.30–12.00 **Background of refugee protection (history)
and challenges**
- 12.00–13.00 **Basic concepts**
- 13.00–14.00 *Lunch break*
- 14.00–15.30 **Refugee protection and applicable legal
framework
Who is a refugee?**
- 15.30–15.45 *Coffee break*
- 15.45–17.30 **Refugee Status Determination Case Study
Debrief**
- 17.30–18.15 *Welcome cocktail Villa Ormond*

Wednesday 29 March 2017

- 08.45–09.00 **Recap of Day 1**
- 09.00–10.30 **Refugee Status Determination Interview
(role play)**
- 10.30–10.45 *Coffee break*
- 10.45–12.30 **Refugee Status Determination Procedure**
- 12.30–13.30 *Group picture – Lunch break*
- 13.30–15.00 **Protection in Displacement: Age, Gender
and Diversity. Prevention of and Response
to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence**
- 15.00–15.15 *Coffee break*
- 15.15–17.30 **Specific protection needs: children and
elderly**

Thursday 30 March 2017

- 08.45–09.00 **Recap of Day 2**
- 09.00–10.30 **Protection of Internally Displaced Persons**
- 10.30–11.00 *Coffee Break*
- 11.00–12.30 **An Introduction to Statelessness**
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch break*
- Free Afternoon

Friday 31 March 2017

- 08.45–09.00 **Recap of Day 3**
- 09.00–10.30 **Security Concerns and Refugee Protection**
- 10.30–11.00 *Coffee Break*
- 11.00–12.30 **Comprehensive Solutions**
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch break*
- 14.00–15.30 **Humanitarian Negotiation: identifying
solutions (include parts on mixed
migration)**
- 15.30–16.00 *Coffee break*
- 16.00–17.30 **Humanitarian Negotiation: conclusions**
- 20.00 *Official Dinner*

Saturday 1 April 2017

- 08.45–09.00 **Recap of Day 4**
- 09.00–10.30 **Capstone**
- 10.30–11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11.00–12.00 **Open forum**
- 12.00–12.30 **Final Evaluation and Closing Ceremony**
- 12.30 *Lunch*