

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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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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Tuesday 29 October 2019

- 08.45–09.00 **Welcome address**
Prof. Fausto Pocar, president, IHL
- 09.00–10.00 **Outline of the course**
Introduction of participants
- 10.00–10.30 *Coffee break*
- 10.30–11.00 **Initial assessment and setting expectations**
- 11.00–12.30 **Keynote: “Current international protection challenges and opportunities”**
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch break*
- 13.30–15.00 **International Legal Protection Framework**
- 15.00–15.15 *Coffee break*
- 15.15–16.30 **Protection in Mixed Movements**
- 16.45 *Welcome cocktail Villa Ormond*

Wednesday 30 October 2019

- 08.45–09.00 **Recap of day 1**
- 09.00–10.30 **Who is a refugee?**
- 10.30–10.45 *Coffee break*
- 10.45–12.15 **Security concerns and refugee protection**
- 12.15–13.30 *Group picture – Lunch break*
- 13.30–15.00 **Refugee status determination (case study)**
- 15.00–15.15 *Coffee break*
- 15.15–16.00 **Case study debrief and procedures of Refugee Status Determination**
- 16.00–17.00 **Communicating with and interviewing refugees**

Thursday 31 October 2019

- 08.45–09.00 **Recap of day 2**
- 09.00–10.30 **Statelessness and the International Protection of Stateless Persons**
- 10.30–10:45 *Coffee break*
- 10:45–12.30 **Protection of internally displaced persons**
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch break*
- Free Afternoon

Friday 1 November 2019

- 08.45–09.00 **Recap of day 3**
- 09.00–11.00 **Protection within the displacement cycle: groups with specific needs**
- 11.00–11.15 *Coffee Break*
- 11.15–12.30 **Protection at Sea**
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch break*
- 13.30–14.30 **Seeking solutions**
- 14.30–14.45 *Coffee break*
- 14.45–16.45 **Humanitarian negotiation (interactive exercise)**
- 20.00 *Official Dinner*

Saturday 2 November 2019

- 08.45–09.00 **Recap of day 4**
- 09.00–11.00 **Capstone session (interactive exercise)**
- 11.00–11.15 *Coffee break*
- 11.15–11.45 **Final assessment**
- 11.45–12.30 **Final evaluations and closing ceremony**
- 12.30 *Lunch*