

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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Monday 16 March 2020

08.45–09.00	Registration
09.00–09.15	Welcome address
09.15–10.15	Outline of the course Introduction of participants
10.15–10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45–11.00	Initial assessment and setting expectations
11.00–12.30	Keynote: “Current international protection challenges and opportunities”
12.30–13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13.30–15.00	International Legal Protection Framework
15.00–15.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.15–16.30	Protection in Mixed Movements
16.45	<i>Welcome cocktail Villa Ormond</i>

Tuesday 17 March 2020

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

Thursday 19 March 2020

08.45–09.00	Recap of day 3
09.00–10.30	Statelessness and the Protection of Stateless Persons
10.30–10.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.45–12.30	Protection at Sea
12.30–13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13.30–14.30	Seeking solutions
14.30–14.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
14.45–16.30	Humanitarian negotiation (interactive exercise)
20.00	<i>Official Dinner</i>

Wednesday 18 March 2020

08.45–09.00	Recap of day 2
09.00–10.30	Protection of internally displaced persons
10.30–10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45–12.30	Protection within the displacement cycle: groups with specific needs
12.30–13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
	Free Afternoon

Friday 20 March 2020

08.45–09.00	Recap of day 4
09.00–11.00	Capstone session (interactive exercise)
11.00–11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15–11.45	Final assessment
11.45–12.30	General Feedback and closing ceremony
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>