



International Institute of Humanitarian Law
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International Disaster Law Course

Sanremo (Italy), 25–29 September 2023

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL), in cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and with the support of the Italian Red Cross, will host the 8th Disaster Law Course from 25th to 29th September 2023.

Course Venue

The International Disaster Law (IDL) Course will be held at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Villa Ormond – Corso Cavallotti 113, 18038 Sanremo, Italy.

Course Profile

The course on International Disaster Law will offer participants a unique opportunity to analyse one of today's most important legal challenges: the prevention and management of disasters. Lectures will be delivered by distinguished speakers including Eduardo Valencia-Ospina (former Special Rapporteur of the ILC on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters and current ILC Member), Isabelle Granger (Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC), Gian Luca Burci (Adjunct Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Former Legal Counsel, WHO), Giulio Bartolini (Editor-in-Chief, Yearbook of International Disaster Law) and Walter Kälin (University of Bern, Former Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons), along with other high-level speakers from academia and distinguished experts from International Organizations such as the International Organization for Migration.

The programme seeks to offer a comprehensive overview of the main practical, humanitarian and military issues related to the legal aspects of disaster prevention and management activities. Topics will be covered using a plenary-based approach complemented by practical exercises designed to test the participants' ability to find outcome-oriented solutions through the application of relevant IDL provisions.

Course Directors

Isabelle Granger (Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC), Giulio Bartolini (Full Professor of International Law, Roma Tre University and Editor-in-Chief, Yearbook of International Disaster Law), Rachel Macleod (Senior Disaster Law Officer, IFRC) e Tommaso Natoli (Disaster Law Focal Point for Europe, IFRC and Italian Red Cross)

Target audience

The course is tailored towards practitioners (e.g. staff of public administrations, international organizations, Armed Forces; staff of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; NGOs) involved in disaster management and humanitarian assistance; graduate and post-graduate students with an interest in International Disaster Law and humanitarian issues; and professionals with an academic background in the areas of law, security studies, international relations, humanitarian assistance or other related fields, eager to expand their knowledge on International Disaster Law.

Application

Applicants are kindly requested to complete the registration form available [HERE](#).

Please fill in all the mandatory fields before submitting the form. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and prospective participants are therefore encouraged to apply early in order to secure a place. Applications will be reviewed by the Course directors. Unless all places are taken earlier, the final deadline for application is 9th September 2023. The Course is open to a maximum of 35 participants.

Participation fee

Participation fee is € 850. A reduced registration (€650) is destined to personnel of the National Societies of Red Cross and Red Crescent (thanks to the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies).

The fee can be paid to the International Institute of Humanitarian Law by credit card through our web page <https://iihl.org/online-payment/> or bank transfer:

- Account holder: Istituto Internazionale di Diritto Umanitario
- Bank name: BANCA INTESA SAN PAOLO, Filiale 55000
- Bank address: Piazza Paolo Ferrari 10, 20121 Milano, Italy
- Bank codes:

IBAN: IT53 R030 6909 6061 0000 0012 348

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Bank fees and other bank charges must not be subtracted from the participation fee. All bank communications must state the name of the person to be enrolled and the purpose as "Participation fee for the International Disaster Law Course".

The fee covers the following for participants onsite:

- Course materials;
- Lunches and coffee breaks on Course days;
- Reception drinks and Course dinner;
- Course photo;
- Official Course certificate.

The fee does not cover any additional or sundry expenses incurred by participants such as hotel laundry or telephone calls nor travel, accommodation, or any other per diem incidentals. Participants must ensure that they bring with them sufficient funds to cover their additional needs for the duration of the course or have access to funds in Sanremo via their bank.

Cancellation policy

- Candidate participants whose cancellation request is received in excess of 14 days prior to the start date of the training activity will incur no liabilities except for bank charges;
- Candidate participants whose cancellation request is received within 8 to 14 days prior to the start date of the training activity will incur an administration fee equal to 50% of the participation quota;
- Candidate participants whose cancellation request is received within 7 days prior to the start date or after the commencement of the training activity will incur an administration fee equal to 100% of the participation quota.

Accommodation

The participation fee does not include hotel accommodation in Sanremo nor dinners during the event (only the official closing dinner). Nevertheless, the IIHL will provide participants with information on hotel rates and contact details.

Course Timetable

The Course will start at 9 am on Monday 25th September (registration procedure will start at 8.30) and will finish around 3 pm on Friday 29th September 2023. Sessions will start at 9 am and run through 5 pm. Please ensure that your travel plans enable you to arrive in time to attend the opening session and to depart after the closing ceremony.

Language

The Course will be held in English. It is essential that participants have a good command of English in order to be able to follow the lectures, get involved in the practical exercises and participate in the class discussion.

Course Certificate

All participants who attend all the course sessions will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Course Materials

All course materials and documents required during the course will be provided by the Institute.

PRACTICAL INFO

Travel and Visa Requirements

Participants will meet their own travel expenses and make all necessary reservations.

All participants requiring a visa are responsible to obtain a multiple entry Schengen visa before departure. Please note that it can take up to three weeks to obtain a visa. Please be aware that a visa is also required for transit via the United Kingdom and the United States of America. It is not possible to get a visa on arrival at the border.

Arrival/Departure

Sanremo is located in the northern part of Italy, approximately 140 km west of Genoa and 60 km east of Nice, France, where the nearest international airport is located (1 hour drive). A consolidated collective shuttle service from Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport will be organised by the Institute for course participants who request it. The cost is 50 Euro each way (100 Euro return).

Please make sure that you inform us of your arrival time and wish to take advantage of the transport service well in advance of travel so that you can be included in the shuttle transfer list.

Please note that participants may have to wait for a period of time at the Nice airport while other participants are gathered from a number of arriving/departing flights.

Insurance

The organisers do not provide medical insurance and cannot cover medical fees. All participants are required to purchase international medical insurance in their home country before leaving.

Dress code

During the Course, participants may dress informally.

Currency

The Euro is the only currency accepted in Italy. We strongly advise participants to change their money before arriving in Sanremo, considering that, for example, US dollars can be changed only at the post office. Major credit cards (e.g. Visa, MasterCard) are accepted.

Telephone Communications

All international and local phone calls are at the participants' own expenses. All hotels have international telephone facilities, but the purchase of a telephone card is recommended, as they offer more affordable rates. International calls: 00 + country code + area code + number.

Internet

A Wi-Fi connection service will be made available on the course premises free of charge by IIHL.

Logistics

Information and support can be obtained from Ms Sara Rossi (phone +39 0184 541848, ext. 206, email address: sara.rossi@iihl.org).