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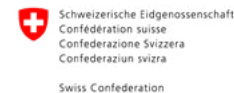


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Foreword



DEAR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS,

It is with great pride that, in my first year as President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, I pen these opening remarks for the 2023 Annual Report of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law. As we reflect on the past year, we are aware of the significant challenges faced by millions of civilians, humanitarian workers, and protection providers worldwide. The statistics speak volumes: a 12% increase in conflicts, surpassing 114 million forcibly displaced persons, and a staggering 41% rise in disaster displacements compared to the annual average of the last decade compel the international community to look into new and alternative solutions to recent and protracted humanitarian crises. In 2023, more than ever, our collective commitment to the principles of humanity and international solidarity has been tested, and a call for action reverberates louder than ever before. Amidst these formidable challenges, 2023 marked a significant milestone for the Department as it celebrated its 40th anniversary and a year of unmatched results.

Over these four decades, the Department welcomed over 13,000 participants from nearly every country in the globe and further pursued its mandate to advance international law and protect the rights of migrants, refugees, internally displaced, and stateless persons. Its commitment to inclusivity and diversity has evolved, reflecting its expanding scope and dedication to a holistic approach to protection. Additionally, in the year of its 40th anniversary, the Department further advanced the Sanremo Institute's posi-

tion as a neutral convener for policymakers and its role as a global human rights advocate by engaging in international high-level forums.

A diversified portfolio of capacity-sharing programs, both online and in person, tailored initiatives, and high-level events was developed and implemented in eight languages with the support of more than 260 international experts. This richness in diversity of formats and programs resulted in the highest-ever number of participants and attendees benefiting from the Department's 52 activities. Most importantly, out of the 2392 participants, we are proud to report that 50% were women—a testament to our efforts to promote gender equality and empower women in policymaking and international protection. Geographically, our global reach was also remarkable, with 143 countries represented and 79% of attendees originating from the Global South. Additionally, benefiting from the lifting of travel restrictions and capitalizing on the longstanding partnerships with relevant international organizations, the Department resumed the organization of tailored in-person capacity-sharing initiatives not only at our headquarters in Sanremo but also in various locations across Africa, Europe, and the Middle East.

It is in this framework of action that, in 2023, two relevant milestones were achieved. Based on the adoption of a specific internal strategy, the Department further enhanced its meaningful engagement with individuals with lived experience of forced displacement and statelessness. At the same time, its extensive commitment to

promoting academic excellence in refugee law and related fields led the Sanremo Institute to be appointed a global Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair. All of the above contributed to increasing the quality of the Department programs, which was reflected in the feedback from our participants, amounting to 9.2 out of 10.

Lastly, a few lines must be dedicated to the team of the Department, which has been the bedrock of our success. Their dedication, expertise, and passion have propelled us forward, enabling us to navigate the complexities of the global refugee and migration landscape with resilience and determination.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to our participants, partner organizations, and donors for their unwavering dedication and support. Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to the principles of humanity and solidarity and embrace the challenges ahead with courage and conviction.

With warm regards,



Giorgio Battisti

Lt. Gen. (ret) Giorgio Battisti

President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law

2023 in Review

The Department's Mission in Today's Protection Space

Standing on a 40-year-old tradition and reputation, the Department is committed to further consolidating its role as a center of excellence in quality training programs and advancing its position as a global protection advocacy actor.

Its mission of enhancing the expertise and competencies of government and civil society personnel involved in assisting forcibly displaced and stateless individuals is achieved through various means, including on-

line training initiatives, customized support for universities and government training institutions, high-level events, and engaging with external stakeholders.

Educating women on the importance of getting birth certificates in Kenya.
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“
Amazing work,
Sanremo Institute.
Continue helping
the world change
the world!,”

Staff of NGO



Group discussions during the Tailored Workshop on Statelessness for MENA Region, May 2023 ©IIHL

Distinguished for its **independence, academic excellence, and innovative teaching methodologies**, the Department draws participants and renowned experts from diverse professional backgrounds and nationalities. Governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and refugee- and stateless persons-led organizations are physically and virtually welcomed in a neutral environment where their unique diversity enriches **profound discussions and constructive exchanges of perspectives**.

Furthermore, the Department facilitates a horizontal sharing of experiences through a mix of theory and practice. **Combining international legal frameworks, advocacy, and practical skills**, the audience is equipped with the necessary tools to address today's complex protection-related issues. The interactive teaching approaches, the knowledgeable guest speakers and experts, and the approachability of the Department's team contribute to creating a distinctive **multicultural environment known as "the Spirit of Sanremo."**

Simultaneously, the Department advocates for the protection of human rights and the advancement of protection standards in a manner that complements the endeavors of its partner organizations and donors. In fact, the Department conducts meticulous analyses of global trends in both statelessness and forced displacement, as well as **extensive outreach activities to monitor patterns, challenges, and developments in the field**. The insights gathered from such analyses are thoughtfully incorporated into the Department's activities. By doing so, the Department aims to ensure that its **programs remain relevant, responsive, and effective in addressing the evolving needs of forcibly displaced persons, stateless populations, and migrants**.

In 2023, global trends in displacement, migration management, and statelessness continued to reflect the complex interplay of various factors such as conflicts, human rights violations, persecution, adverse effects of climate change, and socioeconomic challenges.

Ongoing armed conflicts remained a primary driver of displacement, particularly in regions like the Middle East, Africa, and parts of Asia. Remarkably, **12% more conflict occurred in 2023 compared to 2022**, resulting in one in six people living in an active conflict area¹. In terms of displacement, at the end of June 2023, an estimated 110 million people remained forcibly displaced from their places of origin. However, UNHCR estimates that by the end of the year, this global number is likely to have exceeded **114 million people**².

Up to 1.7 million people (over **75% of the population**) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip³, and more than 7.4 million people in Sudan (about 15% of the population) have fled their homes since the conflict started, making **Sudan the largest displacement crisis in the world**⁴. While the number of forcibly displaced Syrians declined slightly during the first six months of 2023, they continue to be the largest group (13.3 million), as has been the case for a decade.

1. [ACLED Conflict Index](#), Accessed on 15 February 2024

2. [UNHCR, Midyear trends, 2023](#)

3. [UNRWA Situation Report #777 On The Situation In The Gaza Strip And The West Bank Including East Jerusalem](#) – 14 February 2024

4. [UN OCHA, Situation Report, Sudan](#), Accessed on 15 February 2024

Migrants come ashore on the Chucunake River after crossing the Darién jungle between Colombia and Panama. © IOM 2023 / Gema Cortes



At mid-2023, nearly half of Syria's population remained displaced as well as a quarter of Ukraine's as a result of the ongoing invasion⁵.

These numbers are just the final addition to the ongoing protracted humanitarian crises that have displaced many in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Haiti, and Colombia. On top of this, hitting the highest figure in a decade, in 2022, 32.6 million people fled due to the adverse effects of climate change, resulting in **41% more disaster displacements** than the annual average in the last 10 years.

Statelessness remained a relevant protection issue, affecting, by mid-2023, an estimated **4.4 million people** living mainly in Bangladesh, Côte D'Ivoire, Myanmar, and Thailand⁶.

Adding to these challenges, 2023 confirmed the existing trend of **border restrictions** with

top destination countries for migrants enforcing policies to limit access to asylum or stop unauthorized migration before it reaches their borders⁷. Migrants and asylum seekers see no other option but to embark on **perilous journeys** through extremely dangerous and often deadly routes such as the Central Mediterranean or the Darién Gap. With mixed **movements representing a new reality of human mobility**, a renewed "*whole-of-route*" approach, taking account of protection needs and states responsibilities throughout the displacement phases, is needed more than ever.

Hence, it is important to adopt a "whole-of-society" approach to protection and migration management. Through innovative capacity-sharing models and tailored advocacy intervention, **non-traditional protection actors can also effectively contribute to the safeguarding of human rights while individuals with lived**

experience of displacement or statelessness are empowered to meaningfully participate in decision-making and policy drafting processes.

As remarked by the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres during his briefing to the General Assembly on Priorities for 2024,

“ For millions of people caught up in conflict around the world, life is a deadly, daily, hungry hell. Record numbers are fleeing their homes in search of safety. They are crying out for peace. We must hear them, and act.”⁸

⁵ UNHCR, *Mid-year trends, 2023*
⁶ UNHCR, *Mid-year trends, 2023*

⁷ Migration Policy, *Top 10 Migration Issues of 2023*

⁸ Secretary-General's remarks to the General Assembly on Priorities for 2024, 07 February 2024






Executive Summary and Key Figures

In 2023, the Department developed a diversified portfolio of capacity-sharing programs and tailored initiatives, which can be categorized into the following four sets of activities:






REGULAR PROGRAM

 **24** Online Courses
  **3** In Situ Workshops
 **2170** Applicants
  **1052** Participants
 **135** Countries Represented
 **5** Languages



ACADEMIC UNIT PROGRAM

 **7** Online Courses
  **3** In Situ Workshops
 **711** Participants
  **3** Languages
 **86** Countries Represented

TAILORED INITIATIVES

 **2** Online Lectures
 **7** Initiatives in Sanremo
 **6** In Situ Initiatives
  **629** Participants
 **5** Languages

EXTERNAL AND HIGH-LEVEL INITIATIVES

 **9** High Level Initiatives
  **4** Locations

REGULAR PROGRAM

In response to the growing demand for high-quality capacity-sharing opportunities, the Department has strengthened its regular course catalog by diversifying its delivery format. Designed to be accessible to individuals working in remote locations and practitioners with demanding schedules or travel limitations, the Regular Program featured **six core topics** delivered in cooperation with international partners through **both online and in-person formats**. The Regular Program consisted of:

- 8 Online Courses on **International Refugee Law**;
- 4 Online Courses on **International Migration Law**;
- 3 Online Courses on **Internal Displacement**;
- 3 Online Courses on **Statelessness**;
- 1 Online Course on **Teaching Refugee Law**;
- 1 Online Course on **Advocacy for Protection**;

- 1 Online Course on **Climate Change and Forced Displacement**;
- 1 *In situ* workshop on **Statelessness**.

Moreover, in cooperation with the Global Protection Cluster and its Areas of Responsibility, the Department delivered:

- 3 Online editions of the **Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination**;
- 2 *In-situ* workshops of the **Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination**.

The Regular Program is tailored around the learning needs of its **global audience**, mainly composed of government officials, personnel of international organizations, staff of non-governmental and grassroots organizations (NGOs), members of forcibly displaced and stateless communities, and human rights advocates. The Regular Program is delivered in **five different languages** (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, and Russian) **across four different time zones**.

HIGHLIGHTS

 **52**
 COURSES AND INITIATIVES

 **2392**
 ATTENDEES

 **143**
 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

 **8**
 LANGUAGES

 **265**
 LECTURERS AND FACILITATORS

“ The Course has exceeded my expectations in every way possible, it was such a well-organized and informative program. One of the main reasons for my satisfaction with the Course is the quality of the expert speakers who shared their expertise with us. They were knowledgeable, engaging and clearly passionate about the subject matter. Their presentations were delivered in a way that was both accessible and informative, making it easy to follow along and understand the complexities of the refugee law. The course was well-structured, and the provided resources and assignment quizzes were useful in enhancing the learning experience.”

Staff of NGO

ACADEMIC UNIT PROGRAM

Through the consolidation and establishment of cooperation frameworks with universities and training centers worldwide, the Academic Unit coordinated the organization and supported the development of *ad hoc* lectures, curricula, and international forums, welcoming an audience mainly composed of members of academia, university students, and representatives of governments.

The Academic Unit Program featured:

- 5 Online Lectures;
- 1 International Forum on Complementary Pathways for Admission to Third Countries;
- 1 Academic Forum on the Promotion of Refugee Law;
- 3 *In situ* workshops across 2 locations.

TAILORED INITIATIVES

In 2023, the Department further advanced its program by enhancing its collaboration with regional and country offices of international organizations to implement tailored initiatives through online sessions as well as in person, both in the field and at the Sanremo Institute headquarters in Italy. Based on a very specific instructional design and developed to align with the advocacy strategy of the Department's counterparts on the field, the tailored initiatives were delivered to government officials and staff of international and non-governmental organizations. These entailed:

- 2 Online Initiatives;
- 7 Initiatives in Sanremo;
- 6 *In situ* workshops across 6 locations.

EXTERNAL AND HIGH-LEVEL INITIATIVES

With the aim of strengthening the Department's position in the global discourse on protection policies, both as a neutral convener and a dedicated advocate, in 2023, the Department continued to expand the Sanremo Institute's longstanding humanitarian commitment and efforts to promote the rights of migrants, forcibly displaced, and stateless persons by engaging in:

- 9 High-level Initiatives across 4 locations.

This richness in diversity of formats and programs resulted in the highest-ever number of individuals benefiting from the Department's 52 activities throughout the year. 50% of the 2392 members of the audience were women.

Profile diversity of the audience:

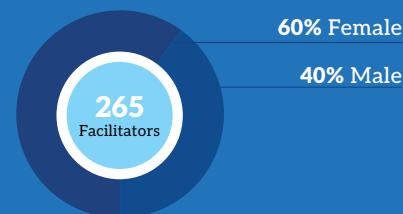


Gender ratio:



PARTICIPANT'S PROFILE

FACILITATORS' PROFILE



Countries of origin:  **70+**

The selection of participants for the Courses was meticulous, considering geographic, gender, and professional representation criteria. To achieve the most effective protection outcomes, emphasis was given to profiles that could positively influence decision-making and policy drafting processes as well as locally and internationally advocate for solutions to critical displacement and statelessness contexts globally.

Apart from the Department's traditional target audience of **mid-level and senior government officials**, diplomats, and **staff from international organizations**, since 2020, there has been a steady increase in the diversity of participant profiles, including professionals from **refugee-led organizations and grassroots non-governmental organizations**, human rights advocates, leaders of displaced and stateless communities, as well as **journalists and media practitioners**.

Along with the diversity of professional backgrounds, one of the main highlights of the Department's set of activities is the global representation of the target audience. Notably, in 2023, **143 countries were represented** by the Department's audience, with a remarkable **79% of the attendees originating from the Global South**. In line with its mandate of expanding capacity-sharing opportunities and achieving impact where it is most needed, at the local level, since its first Refugee Law Course in 1982, the Department saw the participation of representatives from more than 200 countries worldwide.

The map on [page 14](#) visually represents the reach of the Department regionally across the globe in 2023.

Throughout the year, participants of the capacity-sharing program and attendees of high-level

and tailored events benefited from the professional expertise and knowledge of a total of **265 international experts (60% of whom were women)** from various UN agencies, universities, research centres, refugee-led organizations, and governmental and non-governmental organizations in more than 70 countries. Advancing the Department's meaningful engagement of individuals with lived experience of forced displacement or statelessness, this year's faculty was further enriched by the **expertise and first-hand knowledge of refugees, former refugees, internally displaced persons as well as stateless individuals who contributed both to the programs' instructional design and facilitation**. This diversity in profiles and fields of expertise contributed to fostering impactful exchanges of best practices on a global scale as well as enriching discussions on common protection challenges and shared solutions.

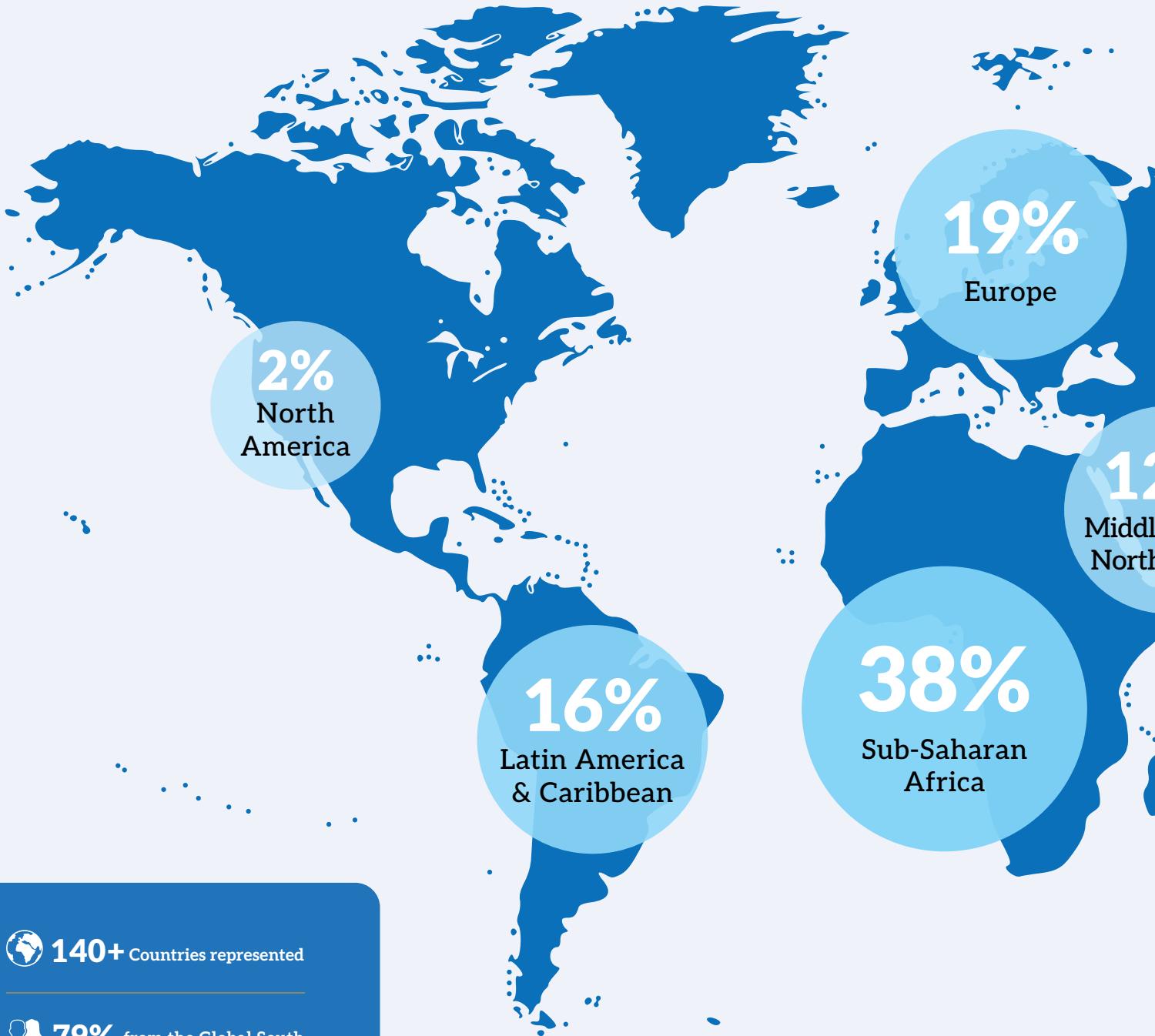
To achieve the Department's mission, the quality and relevance of its capacity-sharing program are meticulously monitored through a set of detailed **data collection mechanisms that consider participants' direct feedback and long-term impact**. In 2023, the quality of the Department's online and in-person courses received a **rating of 9.2 on a scale from 1 to 10**, confirming the successful trend of the last years. Additionally, cooperating with international partners in the organization of tailored events allowed the Department to enhance its role of neutral convener, while participation in prominent external engagements advanced its advocacy at global and national levels.

These elements, together with the Department's traditional commitment to advance adherence to international standards related to the protection of forcibly displaced and stateless

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Collaborating with the Sanremo Institute on their courses Climate Change and Forced Displacement and Internal Displacement courses gives us at PDD a unique forum to regularly engage with a diverse network of policy-makers and practitioners from all over the world on issues related to disaster displacement. This continued partnership represents a great opportunity to actively bridge the awareness and implementation gap between global policy frameworks and national-level efforts.”

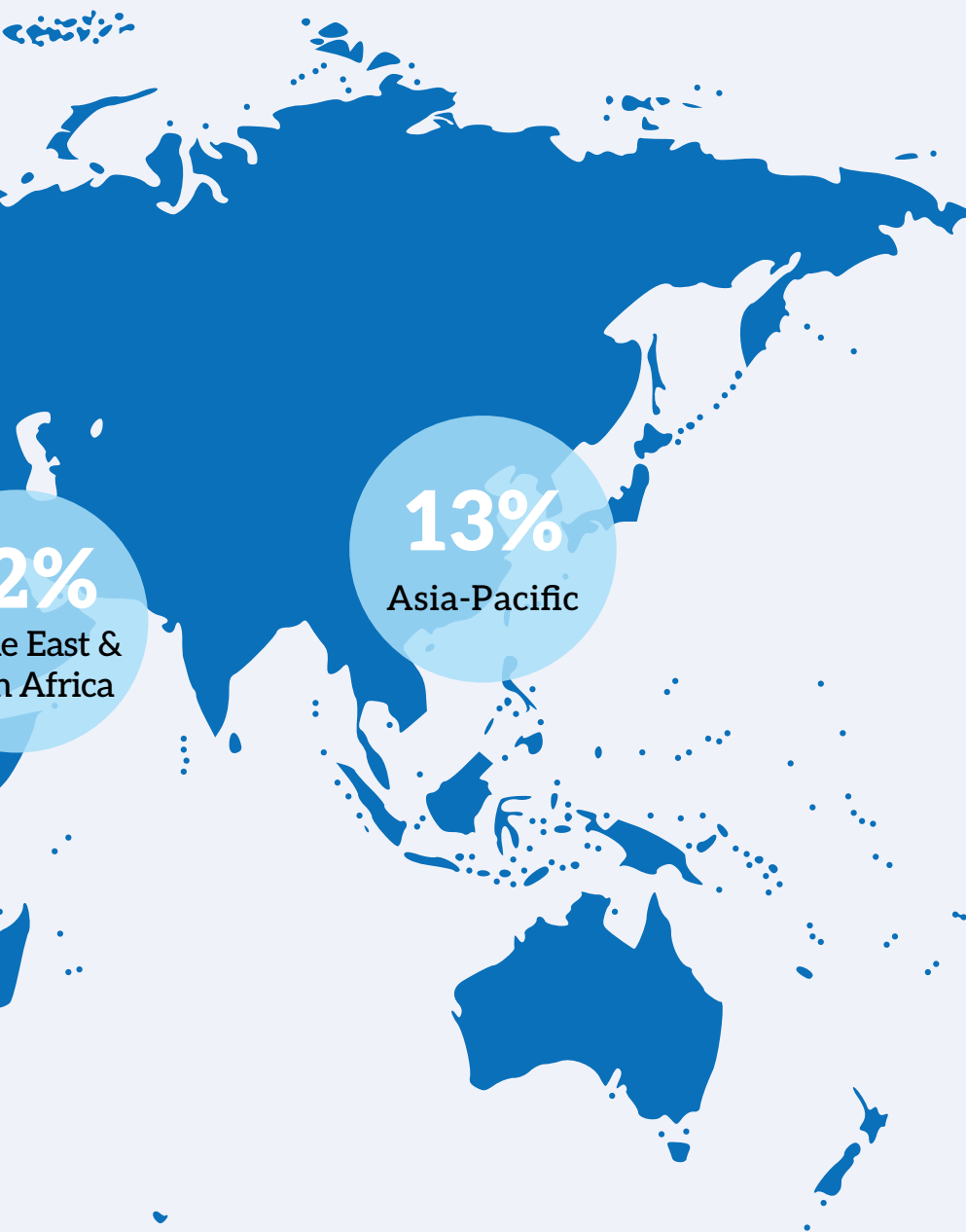
Secretariat – Platform
 on Disaster Displacement

persons, position the Sanremo Institute as a leader in designing and implementing worldwide training programs and awareness-raising initiatives. Ultimately, the Sanremo Institute's reputation for neutrality, independence, and reliability has earned the trust of various donors, including governments, UN agencies, and universities, for the development and delivery of tailored capacity-sharing programs and high-level initiatives.



 **140+** Countries represented

 **79%** from the Global South



“ The facilitators all had excellent knowledge of their expertise. They also really showed their passion for their topics, which was great to see. Also, having the participation of colleagues in the field was great. The diversity of the participants was excellent. I feel that often European/Western-focused training draws only white participants from the Global North. It was good to have a diverse classroom.”

Independent Expert,
24th Online Course on
International Refugee Law

The Department's 2023 calendar of activities is reported in the table below:

REGULAR PROGRAM

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATES	PAX	COUNTRIES
24 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	English	30 January – 23 February	50	24
25 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	Arabic	6 February – 2 March	19	7
11 th Online Course on Internal Displacement	English	13 February – 10 March	36	22
7 th Online Course on Statelessness	English	13 March – 6 April	58	30
8 th Online Course on Statelessness	Russian	20 March – 14 April	36	11
11 th Online Course on International Migration Law	English	25 April - 19 May	46	31
12 th Online Course on International Migration Law	French	25 April - 19 May	29	14
12 th Online Course on Internal Displacement	French	2- 26 May	34	11
26 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	French	29 May – 22 June	41	12
11 th Specialisation Program on Protection Coordination	English	30 May - 6 September	31	1 (Operation)
7 th Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law	English	5 June - 7 July	30	16
27 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	Spanish	12 June – 7 July	39	14
28 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	English	19 June – 14 July	60	32
13 th Specialisation Program on Protection Coordination	French	21 August – 23 November	28	3 (Operations)
29 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	Russian	18 September - 13 October	36	11
14 th Specialisation Program on Protection Coordination	Spanish	18 September - 29 November	21	5 (Operations)
9 th Online Course on Statelessness	English	26 September - 19 October	67	32
13 th Online Course on International Migration Law	Spanish	2 – 27 October	42	15
30 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	French	16 October - 10 November	37	15
Online Course on Climate Change and Forced Displacement	English	17 October - 9 November	68	46
14 th Online Course on International Migration Law	English	23 October - 16 November	57	38
31 st Online Course on International Refugee Law	English	13 November – 8 December	51	32
13 th Online Course on Internal Displacement	Spanish	14 November – 7 December	31	9
3 rd Online Course on Advocacy for Protection	English	21 November - 7 December	36	23

IN SITU

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATES	PAX	COUNTRIES
Tailored Workshop on Statelessness for MENA Region	Arabic	22 - 25 May	31	11
12 th Specialisation Program on Protection Coordination (Sanremo)	English	26 June - 19 September	18	11
15 th Specialisation Program on Protection Coordination (Ethiopia)	English	24 November - 21 January	20	1 (Operation)

ACADEMIC UNIT

ONLINE

IN SITU

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATES	PAX	COUNTRIES
Specialists' Course on International Refugee Law (Uni Belgrade / UNHCR Serbia)	English	14 March - 9 June	43	17
Lecture on 'Who cannot be a Refugee' for the Catholic University of Santos (UNISANTOS)	English	7 March	17	1
Lecture at the University of Pretoria, South Africa	English	25 May	13	2
Online Course on International Refugee Law for Postgraduate Students - Cote'd Azure University, Nice	English	26 - 30 June	14	1
2 nd International Forum on Complementary Pathways for Admission of Refugees to Third Countries	English	10 - 27 July	152	68
VII International Congress of International Environmental Law: Global Environmental Governance Under Examination	Spanish/ Portuguese	26 October	270	3
Academic Forum on the Promotion of Refugee Law	English	30 October - 17 November	34	23
Statelessness sessions with UNHCR North Macedonia, South-East European University	English	12 April - 29 May	106	1
Basic Training Module on International Refugee Law for Attorneys (Skopje)	Macedonian	4 - 5 October	34	1
Training of Trainers on Complementary Pathways (Sanremo)	English	21 - 24 November	28	26

TAILORED INITIATIVES

ONLINE

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATES	PAX	COUNTRIES
UNHCR and Government of Malaysia Capacity-sharing Program: Phase 3 - Refugee Status and Security Considerations	English	15 March	23	1
Parliamentary Solidarity for Refugee Inclusion in Education	English	13 November	59	/

	COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATES	PAX	COUNTRIES
IN SANREMO	Humanitarian dialogue as a form of leadership, 2023 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)	Italian	22 March	17	1
	2023 Inter Agency Coordination Course (IACC) Emergency Roster Group	English	23 - 26 May	26	17
	Cross-Regional Forum on Implementing Laws & Policies on Internal Displacement	English	6 - 9 June	31	10
	23 rd Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law	English	3 - 14 July	19	12
	46 th Round Table on Current Issues of IHL on "Strengthening IHL compliance: the conduct of hostilities, the protection of essential services and humanitarian assistance in contemporary armed conflict"	English	14 - 15 September	200	/
	Live Session on the Protection of Refugees and Migrants in Disaster Contexts (8 th Disaster Law Course)	English	26 September	15	14
	Training of Trainers on the Words into Action on Disaster Displacement Workshop	English	24 - 27 October	25	15
IN SITU	Capacity building programmes on Asylum and Refugee Law and on the Protection of Internally Displaced Persons, State of Equatorial Guinea	Spanish	23 January - 1 February	19	1
	Course on Advocacy for Protection with UNHCR Bosnia & Herzegovina, Sarajevo	English	14 - 16 June	22	1
	Tailored Workshop on International Refugee Law (Jordan)	Arabic	17 - 19 July	24	1
	Masterclass on Protection, Geneva	English	22 August	45	/
	IDP Law and Policy Workshop in Mozambique	Portuguese	22 - 24 November	59	1
Consultation Workshop on Promoting a Human Rights-based Approach to Migration Management in Ethiopia	English	8 December	45	/	

“ Teaching at the Courses of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo is always a privilege and a learning experience, not only due to the fact that the institute is a renowned institution for global learning on the issues of migration and refugee law, but also given the quality of its students who are also interested, well-prepared and inquisitive, many times coming from positions that let them apply the knowledge acquired in their practice, allowing for thought provoking and in-depth discussions that can actually have positive impacts on the lives of refugees and other forced migrants.”

Dr. Liliána Lyra Jubilut, Professor of the Universidade Católica de Santos and Co-Chair of the Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network

Key Achievements

The continued efforts by the Department's team in **expanding its outreach, diversifying its activities, and innovating its methodologies** resulted in the following accomplishments throughout the year 2023.

» Highest Number of Activities and Attendees

In 2023, the Department capitalized on the wide accessibility of online learning and the strength of its relationships with field operations of international organizations to deliver a series of innovative capacity-sharing activities. Achieving **unparalleled global engagement**, the Department organized and conducted **52 courses and initiatives**, each meticulously crafted to address the diverse and evolving needs of the audience, which was composed of **2392 attendees** (50% women, 50% men) from diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise representing **143 countries** worldwide. Over the year, the courses and initiatives were delivered and facilitated in **eight languages** (Arabic, English, French, Italian, North Macedonian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish) by more than **260 expert guest lecturers**, representing more than 70 countries and a network of **over 80 organizations and academic institutions**. Additionally, the significant presence of **women among facilitators and**



lecturers, accounting for **59% of the cohort**, as well as individuals with lived experience of **forced displacement and statelessness**, underscored the Department's commitment to amplifying diverse voices. This indeed contributed to the success of our programs, further evidenced by the exceptional participants' feedback. With an average **course rating of 9.2/10**, **97% of the Department's audience** expressed their **willingness to recommend the online courses to colleagues**. Equally impressive was the overwhelming vote of confidence in the applicability of knowledge gained, with **96% reporting they would be able to implement it effectively**.

» Meaningful Engagement with Individuals with Lived Experience of Forced Displacement or Statelessness

In 2023, in a continuous effort to provide a space where the voices of refugees, internally displaced, and stateless persons could be heard and amplified, as well as to be at the forefront of the adoption of best practices in the promotion of genuine and meaningful participation, the Department adopted its first *"Strategy for the Meaningful Integration of Individuals with Lived Experience of Forced Displacement or Statelessness in the Department's Work."* This strategic document outlines how to **scale up the Department's meaningful engagement**

with individuals with backgrounds of lived displacement or statelessness. As a result, 26 expert refugees, stateless persons, IDPs, and representatives of refugee-led organizations were actively involved in the instructional design and facilitation of sessions delivered in the context of the regular Online Program. In the same context, specialists with lived experience of forced displacement provided feedback on written assignments of the participants. Additionally, the Department also continues to contribute to awareness-raising and capacity-sharing initiatives organized by refugee- and stateless-led organizations. In particular, in 2023, the Department was honored to support UNIA - Italian Union of Stateless Persons, recipient of the 2023 UNHCR's Refugee-Led Innovation Fund Award, with the development of an awareness-raising toolkit on key concepts on statelessness, delivered in five Italian universities that signed together with UNHCR Italy the Manifesto on an Inclusive University. Additionally, ahead of the Global Refugee Forum (GRF), the Department joined R-SEAT (Refugees Seeking Equal Access to the Table)'s 2023 GRF Advocacy Training Program for Refugee Leaders. This online program focused on preparing refugee leaders attending the GRF by enhancing their advocacy skills in international contexts as an important component to promote meaningful refugee participation globally. Lastly, applicants to the Department's program with lived experience of forced displacement or statelessness are prioritized during the selection process and provided with a full scholarship to attend the capacity-sharing programs offered by the Department.



» Resuming tailored organization of in-person initiatives

Benefiting from the lifting of travel restrictions and the direct support of regional and country offices of partner international organizations, the Department developed and delivered tailored in-person capacity-sharing initiatives not only at its headquarters in Sanremo, Italy, but also in various locations across Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. Drawing on its extensive communication network with over 90 field operations and country representations of international organizations, the Department gained valuable insights into protection capacity needs globally. These insights guided the crafting of strategic recommendations to customize the content of its activities further, thereby advancing protection at the national level and maintaining advocacy as a central focus. Marking a significant milestone, in May 2023 the Department resumed hosting high-level events for staff of international humanitarian and development agencies at its headquarters in Sanremo.

Additionally, it successfully conducted tailored capacity-sharing initiatives in Equatorial Guinea, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Jordan, North Macedonia, Mozambique, and Ethiopia. This marked the first time since the 2020 pandemic that the Department extended its reach beyond its headquarters, engaging with national authorities and local stakeholders in diverse geographical contexts.



» Enhanced Engagement with Academia and Training Institutions

In 2023, the Academic Unit of the Department, through strategic partnerships with universities and training institutions, facilitated the establishment of specialized programs aimed at equipping future advocates with the necessary expertise to address the needs of forcibly displaced and stateless individuals. Recognizing the pivotal role of students and academics in shaping the future landscape of human rights, the Unit organized a series of activities aimed at **developing and finetuning curricula on the protection of forcibly displaced and stateless persons**. Within this framework of action, a significant milestone was reached on October 9th, as the **Sanremo Institute was appointed global Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair**. This collaboration signifies a commitment to advancing international refugee law through collaborative efforts in teaching, research, and community outreach. The Memorandum of Understanding, signed by Ms. Gillian Triggs, UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, and Mr. Delfabro, the Department's Director, represented a pivotal moment in the Institute's journey towards **promoting academic excellence in refugee law**. Lastly, as a follow-up to this relevant milestone, the Unit hosted the **first Academic Forum on the Promotion of Refugee Law**, convening an international cohort of representatives of universities to exchange best practices. Discussions centered around key pillars such as teaching methodologies, research methodologies, legal aid provision, and academic solidarity with refugee students and academics. By fostering dialogue and collaboration among academic institutions, the Forum laid the groundwork for collective action in advancing the academic promotion of refugee law on a global scale.

» Fulfillment and Submission of New Pledges at the Global Refugee Forum

The Global Refugee Forum (GRF) 2023 took place from 13 to 15 December in Geneva, Switzerland, with the objectives of advancing burden- and responsibility-sharing among the members of the international community and ensuring that the pledges of the 2019 edition were brought to fulfillment and new pledges submitted. Held every four years, the GRF is designed to support the practical implementation of the *Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)*. It provides the opportunity for States and stakeholders to announce concrete pledges and contributions, highlight progress made, share good practices, and take stock of the challenges and opportunities ahead. The Department is committed to the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees. At the 1st GRF in 2019, the Department presented the following pledges:

» **Pledge 1:** Organization of high-level and tailored initiatives to foster international cooperation on refugee protection and mobility, particularly through:

The development and implementation of two international fora to foster cooperation on issues of refugee protection, in accordance with the newly established “whole-of-routes” approach.

» **Pledge 2:** Support to academic and governmental training institutions in the development of curricula and initiatives in line with the GCR, particularly through:

The development and the delivery of four dedicated initiatives to support the work of universities and governmental training institutions in the Global South in the development of refugee law curricula, and awareness-raising and advocacy activities that promote the principles of the GCR (contributing to the De Mello Chairs Global Pledge on “Enhancing Academic Engagement in Refugees Protection and in the Seeking of Solutions”).

» **Pledge 3:** Ensure the meaningful engagement of forcibly displaced and stateless persons in the design and delivery of its capacity-development initiatives, particularly through:

The recruitment of at least 20 facilitators, the granting of one full scholarship per course, and the development of at least one targeted initiative (contributing to the multi-stakeholder pledge “#ShiftingThePower” coordinated by GAIN, and the “Refugee participation pledge”).

» **Pledges 4-5-6:** Capacity-development initiatives to support the mainstreaming of considerations related to climate change risks, development, and protection at sea within our courses, particularly through:

- One Course on Climate Change and Forced Displacement plus dedicated modules (contributing to the “[Multi-stakeholder Pledge: Climate Action and Finance](#)”).
- Four modules on Development (contributing to the “[Multistakeholder Pledge: Leveraging the HDP Nexus through comprehensive approaches to promote resilience, self-reliance, and durable solutions for refugees and host countries](#)”).
- Eight modules on Protection at Sea (contributing to the “[Multistakeholder Pledge: Developing Comprehensive Responses to the Protection Challenges Faced by Refugees and Migrants Moving by Sea](#)”).

1. To develop courses for government officials and civil society focused on “areas in need of support” of the Global Compact on Refugees;
2. To develop training packages and capacity-building programs on refugee protection addressed to governmental training institutions and academia.

By the end of 2023, the Department was proud to announce that it had **successfully fulfilled such pledges with over 1,500 protection stakeholders trained in the GCR's areas, more than 200 academics and trainers, and a broad network of universities having received support to develop curricula and initiatives on international protection**. In the context of this year's edition of the GRF, the Department announced six **new pledges to be fulfilled over the course of 2024**, also contributing to multistakeholder pledges.

40 YEARS

Advancing Protection in the Spirit of International Solidarity

In the post-World War II era, against the backdrop of escalating humanitarian crises, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (hereinafter referred to as “the **Sanremo Institute**”) was founded on 26 September 1970. Led by a group of international lawyers, this **independent, non-profit humanitarian organization** aimed to provide an international forum dedicated to addressing humanitarian issues. Since its inception, the Sanremo Institute has demonstrated a steadfast commitment and growing enthusiasm for promoting fundamental **humanitarian principles**. Its mission is to disseminate, apply, and develop **international humanitarian law (IHL), refugee law, migration law, and human rights law**. Over the years, the Sanremo Institute has earned the international reputation of being a **center of excellence** in the field of training, research, and dissemination in humanitarian law and related topics, regularly organizing **training programs and international meetings of experts**.

Following initial years featuring specific training programs on IHL co-organized with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), already in the late 70s, the Sanremo Institute began addressing the legal and humanitarian challenges arising from mass asylum seekers, particularly due to events such as the

Vietnam War and the crisis of the boat people in the South China Sea. In collaboration with the University of the Philippines and under the auspices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Sanremo Institute organized the Manila Conference in 1980. In this context, it highlighted the relevance of the principles of *non-refoulement* and access to territory, shedding light on the **fundamental role of international solidarity and the duty of international cooperation** in the case of mass exodus. Regrettably, since then, the magnitude of displacement has kept growing and, consequently, has the necessity of identifying a global response from the international community addressing both its causes and consequences. The urgent need to consider displacement within the wider context of current international law was thus confirmed by the continuous breach of basic human rights principles the world was witnessing at the time, also highlighting the lack of legal and humanitarian preparedness of the stakeholders involved in crises response.

Recognizing the **need for a global approach to forced displacement**, the Sanremo Institute convened a meeting of experts at its headquarters in 1983. Its conclusive report acknowledged the necessity of ensuring humane and equal treatment during forced displacement.

It was at this juncture that the Sanremo Institute committed to further enhancing its role in **addressing the issue of mass movement and related aspects**. This commitment materialized through the organization of a conference in collaboration with the Italian Red Cross and various international bodies, held in Florence in **June of 1983**. Thus, the foundations of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law (hereinafter “the Department”) were laid.

In the 1980s and 1990s, leveraging close cooperation with UNHCR, the Sanremo Institute launched a dedicated program of **courses on refugee law and convened high-level meetings bridging government experts**, particularly in Eastern European countries. The courses on international refugee law in Sanremo, aimed at the widespread promotion of international policies, norms, and guidelines to enhance the knowledge and skills of government officials, became therefore the **flagship initiative of the Department**. This commitment to the protection of asylum seekers was officially articulated in the declaration approved at the end of the XIV Round Table on Current Problems of International Humanitarian Law in 1989, titled “*Refugees: A Continuing Challenge*.” Notably, the subsequent paragraph of this declaration came to be recognized as a type of “*Martens Clause*”:

“ **In situations not covered by international Conventions in force, refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced persons are nevertheless protected by the general principles of international law, by humanitarian practices of international organizations accepted by States, by the principle of humanity, by the rules on basic human rights, and by public consciousness.**”

Over the same period, the Department, with the support of UNHCR, actively contributed to the development of relevant law and policy instruments. In 1992, as a follow-up of a series of seminars on asylum and the application of refugee law in Arab countries, which were encouraged to accede to the *1951 Convention Relating the Status of Refugees* and adopt an equivalent Arab Convention, the urgency to ensure effective protection for refugees, displaced persons, and Palestinian people without prejudicing their right to repatriation and self-determination became evident and was formalized in the **Declaration on the Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Arab World**. The following year, to address the ongoing human sufferings resulting from armed conflicts and to reflect the changing structure of the international community, as well as the evolution of legal concepts and operational practices, the **Guiding Principles on the Right to Humanitarian Assistance** were published.

In the first decade of the new century, the Department's activities and mandate were characterized by a dual commitment: **providing a neutral space for high-level advocacy and policymaking, while also serving as a plat-**

form for knowledge sharing. In 2001, the Department hosted an expert meeting on the UNHCR's Second Track of the Global Consultations on International Protection, which led to the publication of the UNHCR Guidelines on International Protection on "**Membership of a Particular Social Group**," "**Gender-related persecution**" and "**Internal Flight or Relocation Alternative**." The same year, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, the **Sanremo Declaration on the Principle of Non-Refoulement** was adopted, reinforcing the customary nature of the principle. Simultaneously, the Department expanded its course offerings at its headquarters in Sanremo to include new topics reflecting international developments in the humanitarian sector and emerging considerations on migration management and migrant protection. In 2005, the Department inaugurated **programs on internal displacement and international migration law**, organized respectively in cooperation with the office of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), with the support of the Swiss Federation.

Recognizing the multidimensional and interdisciplinary nature of the increasingly complex displacement-related challenges, the Department strengthened its reputation as a center of excellence in protection training and advocacy. It remained attuned to global trends and forthcoming protection challenges by designing a **portfolio of policy-oriented activities** that anticipated relevant evolutions in the humanitarian sphere. Between 2012 and 2016, the Department facilitated high-level expert initiatives resulting in the issuance of policy papers and the compilation of international best practices.

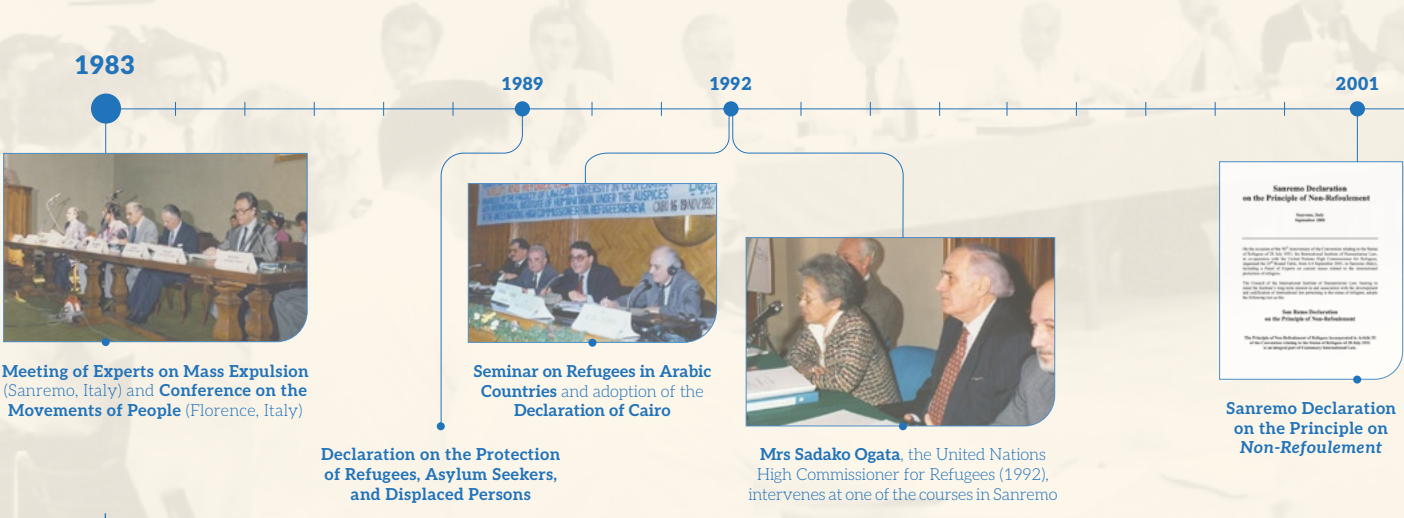
These initiatives included **UNHCR Summary Conclusions on Temporary Protection** (2012), the **UNHCR Final Report on Planned Relocation, Disasters, and Climate Change** (2014), and **Workshop on Search and rescue of refugees and migrants: Practitioners' perspectives** (2016). Additionally, in alignment with the mandate of UNHCR, the Department launched its **first Course on Statelessness in 2016**, quickly becoming a cornerstone of its capacity-sharing program, which was until then traditionally delivered in English, French, and Spanish.

Since its inception, bolstered by support from donors and partner organizations, the capacity-sharing program has seen significant **growth in activities, international outreach, and staffing**. This evolution culminated in the program's integration within the Institute's structure, forming the Department, which focuses on promoting policies, guidelines, and best practices. In 2019, in collaboration with UNHCR, the Department marked a milestone with the implementation of the **100th edition of the Course on International Refugee Law** in Sanremo, aimed at **advancing the Global Compact for Refugees** and identifying practical steps toward an international commitment to long-term solutions for forced displacement. That same year, the Department, acting on behalf of the Sanremo Institute, **submitted two pledges at the Global Refugee Forum** in Geneva. These pledges have been successfully fulfilled.

In recent years, to meet the increasing demand for protection training and advocate for the rights of migrants, forcibly displaced individuals, and stateless persons, the Department responded proactively to the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic by swiftly transitioning from face-to-face government-oriented training to online courses.

“ With our relationship reaching the 40-year mark in 2023, UNHCR’s cooperation with the Sanremo Institute is stronger than ever, building on years of trust and excellence. The Institute plays a key role in UNHCR’s ability to reach out to government counterparts and train its own personnel on essential Refugee and IDP law and standards while ensuring the same for its partners. We look forward to furthering our dynamic teamwork in 2024 and onwards.”

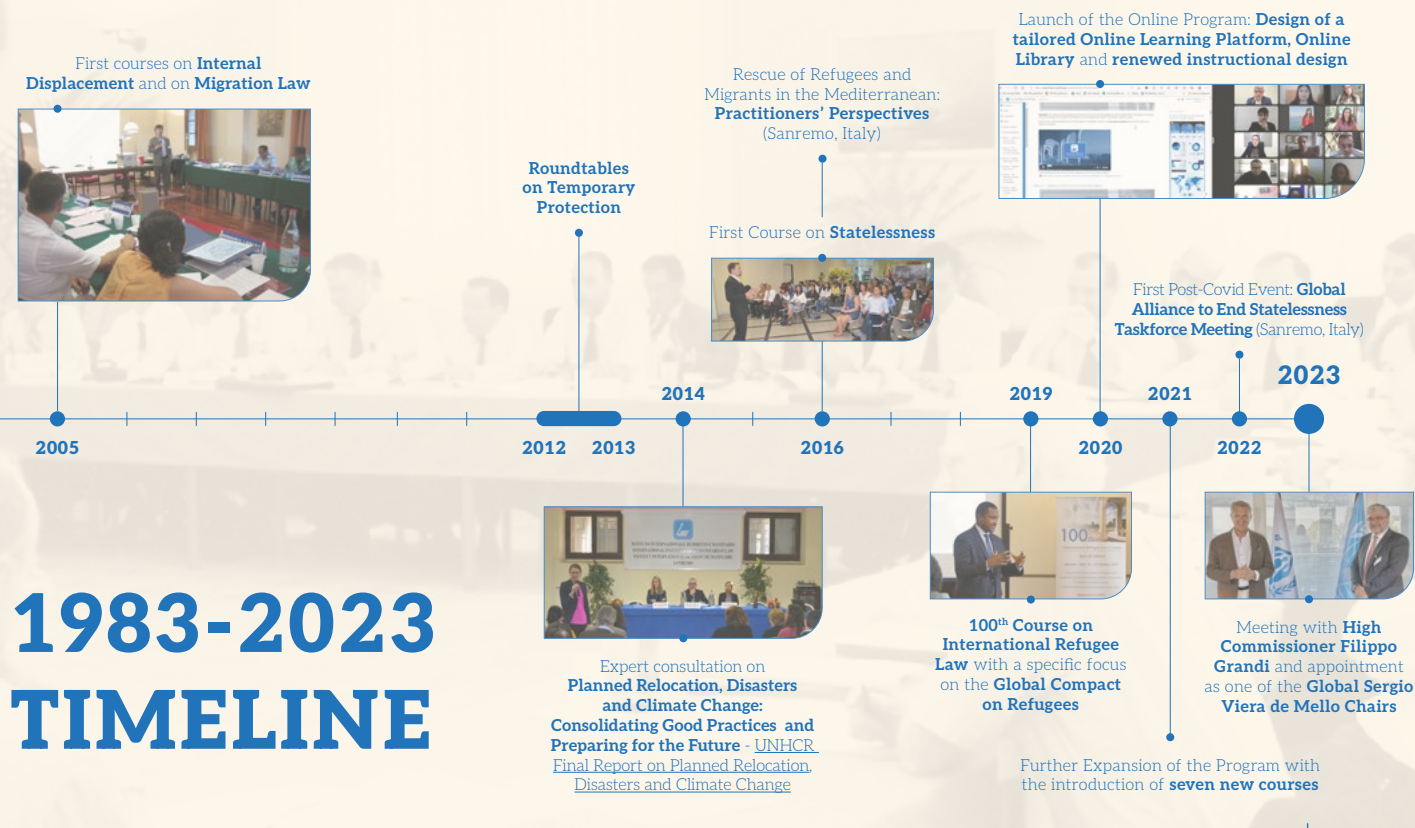
John Andrew Young, Head of Protection Learning, UNHCR Global Learning and Development Center



In 2020, amidst the global pandemic, the traditional program underwent a complete adaptation and was launched through a tailored Online Learning Platform within a matter of weeks, subsequently adopted by the entire Sanremo Institute. This pivotal moment showcased the Department’s renewed commitment to international protection and its efforts to expand learning opportunities, particularly at the local level. From 2020 to 2023, the Department continued to grow in number of activities and staffing tables, leading to the establishment of specific units engaged in various activities (Capacity Development, Academic, Institutional Engagement, and Program) carried out by an international and committed team with diverse backgrounds.

Simultaneously, the success of online courses, with their interactive methodology, extensive resource repository, and high level of accessibility, led to a substantial increase in demand. Expanding beyond its traditional audience of high-level government officials, the Department embraced greater participation, both professionally and geographically. This prompted further expansion into new languages of delivery (English, French, Arabic, Spanish, Russian, Portuguese, North Macedonian, and Italian), covering new topics such as Teaching Refugee Law, Advocacy for Protection, Refugee Law for Journalists, and Climate Change

and Forced Displacement, as well as reaching out to a diverse audience, reaffirming its commitment to meaningful participation of individuals with lived experiences of displacement or statelessness. With the easing of Covid-related travel restrictions, the Department resumed high-level events at its headquarters, such as the first Meeting of the Global Alliance to End Statelessness Taskforce, the Global Roundtable of the IDP Protection Expert Group, a Tailored Workshop on Statelessness for the MENA Region, and the Cross Regional Forum on Implementing IDP Laws and Policies. It also resumed the organization of ad hoc capacity-sharing ini-



tiatives at the field level, such as in Equatorial Guinea, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Jordan, Ethiopia, and Mozambique. In 2023, the bridging role of the Department among key stakeholders and its contribution to the advancement of protection standards worldwide were acknowledged by the UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi during a closed-door meeting. Additionally, for its commitment to promoting international refugee law through teaching, research, and community outreach, the Sanremo Institute and its Department were appointed a global Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair.

Throughout its 40-year history, the Department has been a **beacon of knowledge and international collaboration, welcoming more than 13,000 participants from nearly every country worldwide**. Over the years, the composition of the program's cohort has evolved, reflecting the Department's expanding scope of action and its commitment to **inclusivity and diversity**. Looking ahead, the Department remains steadfast in its mission to advocate for a **holistic approach to protection**. As we navigate the complex challenges of our time, the Department stands ready to **support international stakeholders in identifying durable solutions for and with**

migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, and stateless individuals. With continued dedication, collaboration, and innovation, the Department is committed to **working beyond training for a future where the rights and dignity of all individuals are upheld and where no one is left behind**. Together, we can create a world where every person has the opportunity to thrive and contribute to our society, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or economic status.

2023 Activities

“ As a Protection Officer of the Department of Refugees, I believe that the Course will help me to accomplish my work in a better way, understanding and applying the concepts learned in class, as well as national and international standards in order to provide better service to users. ”

Government Official, 27th
*Online Course on International
Refugee Law*

With the objectives of advancing the capacity-sharing programs beyond the online format and to strengthen its convener role, 2023 witnessed a further **diversification of the Department's streams of work**. As a natural consequence, the Department's action was shaped around four primary lines of activities:

- **REGULAR PROGRAM**
- **ACADEMIC UNIT PROGRAM**
- **TAILORED INITIATIVES**
- **EXTERNAL AND HIGH-LEVEL INITIATIVES**

While the **format and modality** of the Department's operations **became multifaceted**, the core objective of its activities did not change, primarily aiming to **advance the knowledge and capacity to safeguard and advocate for the rights of migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, and stateless people**.

To take a leading role in protection training and contribute positively to the multi-stakeholder conversation on global trends and challenges, as well as to ensure effective and localized impact, the Department's courses and initiatives undergo **regular updates and revisions aligned with global processes and international developments**.

Recognizing the value of networking and the creation of new synergies, the Department aims to offer a neutral and conducive environment to deliver activities to audiences from diverse professional and personal backgrounds for mutual collaboration and the leverage of shared resources and skills.

THE REGULAR PROGRAM

Key Objectives

The Department's 2023 Regular Program has been guided by the following overarching objectives:

- **increase** the participants' ability to apply the relevant international norms underpinning the protection of refugees, IDPs, stateless persons, migrants, and host communities;
- **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, migrants, and host communities.

Target Audience

Participants were carefully selected according to geographic and professional representation criteria, with a specific focus on those profiles which have the greatest potential to impact some of the most critical displacement contexts around the world as well as to reduce statelessness. The training cohort mainly comprised of **senior and mid-level government officials** involved in the formulation and application of legislation and policies affecting people in need of protection. **Members of civil society, refugee-led and grassroots organizations, representatives of stateless populations, staff of international organizations, academia, legal experts, human rights advocates, and journalists** were also selected to actively participate in the courses and share about the challenges and opportunities that they face with reference to refugee protection, internal displacement, migration management, and statelessness.

Courses Implemented

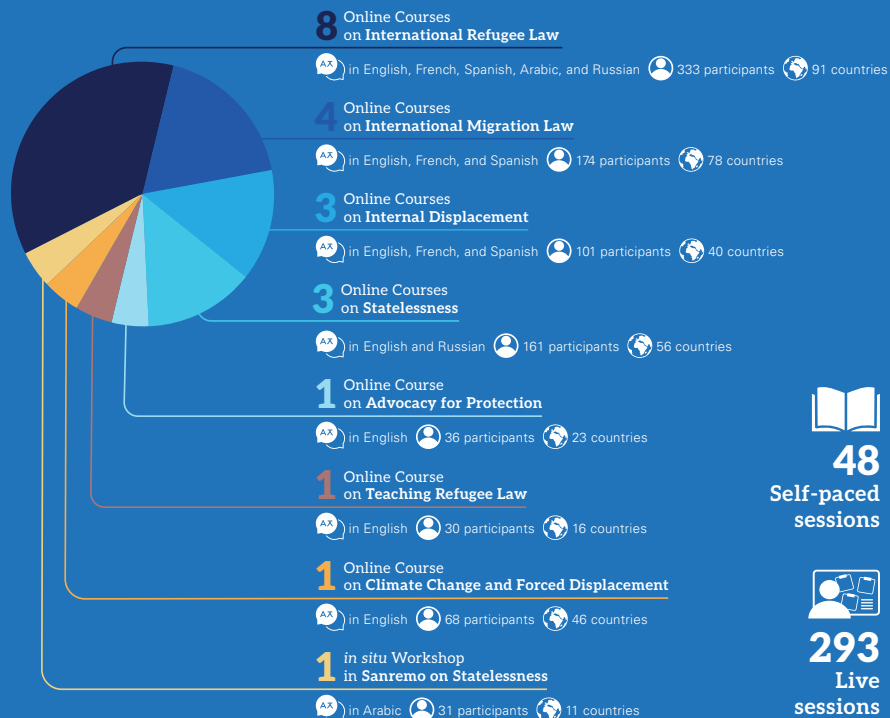
Throughout 2023, the Department's Regular Program was delivered both online through an **innovative set of e-learning tools** as well as in person at the Sanremo Institute's headquarters in Italy or in field locations. In particular, the Department delivered **24 Online Courses on International Refugee Law, Internal Displacement, International Migration Law, Statelessness, Teaching Refugee Law, Advocacy for Protection, Climate Change and Forced Displacement, and Protection Coordination**. Simultaneously, over the last year, **three presential workshops, one on Statelessness and two on Protection Coordination**, were organized and successfully implemented.

Teaching Methodology

To enhance the delivery of its Regular Program, the Department employed **virtual and interactive tools, integrating live sessions, recorded learning modules, participatory group activities, and tailored resource materials**. Regular updates and customizations have been made to the Department's Online Learning Platform via Moodle, with the Department's team consistently working to enhance the user-friendliness of the platform, ensuring that participants can easily access and engage with the Program's learning materials and activities.

The Online Courses were delivered through a combination of **'live' sessions of 120 minutes** via Zoom for Education and **'self-paced' sessions** that participants completed at their own pace through the Online Learning Platform. The **in situ workshops** typically lasted up to four days. They **alternated between lecture-style presentations and practical sessions** aimed at implementing the acquired knowledge and exchanging best practices.

REGULAR PROGRAM



48
Self-paced
sessions

293
Live
sessions

During the 27 Online Courses and workshops, 293 live sessions were delivered, and 48 self-paced sessions (pre-recorded thematic videos) were available to the audience on the Department's Online Learning Platform.

The Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination (SPPC)



Additional online learning tools such as Padlets, Mentimeter, Jamboards, Wordwall, and online whiteboards were adopted and integrated into the structure of the Online Courses. These tools provided the participants with an additional opportunity to **exchange best practices, learn from each other, and collaborate on the identification of solutions** to case studies tackling diverse protection challenges. Moreover, the Institute's **Online Resource Library continued to be populated with the latest policies, guidelines, and legal instruments**. The quality of the selection of the resource material was widely appreciated by all attendees, with 86% of the audience being highly satisfied with the diversity of resources available on the Online Resource Library.

With a highly participatory and interactive approach, the Online Courses were designed to enable participants to share their unique perspectives. This allowed the audiences to practically

engage in contemporary learning methods, including **case studies, collective polling, group assignments, simulations, testimonials, and open panel discussions**. Furthermore, participants were also provided with feedback on their online and written assignments. Additionally, thanks to the experience and information collected over the years, a dedicated Frequently Asked Question section has been established on the Online Learning Platform, allowing the participants to find answers to their additional questions and further expand their knowledge related to the course content. The FAQ sections of each of the Courses are constantly updated and tailored to match the topics addressed during the various sessions.

One of the most valued aspects of the Regular Program was the high caliber of the faculty. A wide selection of **international specialists with diverse backgrounds and fields of expertise**

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facilitated and delivered the Courses' live and video sessions or intervened as keynote speakers. Among them were high-level international stakeholders such as the UN Special Rapporteurs on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Ms. Paula Gaviria and Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary (former); the African Union Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons and African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Ms. Maya Sahli Fadel; the Former UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Mr. Felipe González Morales; and the Special Advisor to the High Commissioner for Climate Action in UNHCR, Mr. Andrew Harper.

“ I am enormously impressed by the quality, professionalism, and reach of the courses run by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law. It is an honour to be a speaker and to engage with participants from all over the world. ”

Professor Jane McAdam AO, Scientia Professor of Law and Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow, Director, Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law

Furthermore, the Department's Program featured representatives of different UN agencies such as UNHCR, IOM, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights – OHCHR; the United Nations Children's Fund – UNICEF; the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime – UNODC; the United Nations Population Fund – UNFPA; inter-agency structures such as the Global Protection Cluster – GPC and, and state-led initiatives such as the Platform on Disaster Displacement – PDD, members of international non-governmental organizations such as the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC); the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC); Oxfam; and the Joint Internal Displacement Profiling System (JIPS). In line with the *Strategy for the Meaningful Integration of Lived Experience in the Department's Work*, representatives of refugee- and stateless-led organizations and international initiatives such as Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table (R-SEAT), The Leads, Asylum Access, and the Italian Union of Stateless Persons (UNIA), were invited to contribute to the instructional design of specific training modules, join high-level panels, deliver live sessions, and contribute in assignments correction.

Lastly, the pool of facilitators and guest speakers was enriched by the presence of professors at internationally-recognized universities such as Georgetown University (Washington DC, USA), the Federal University of ABC (São Paulo, Brazil), the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at University of New South Wales (Sydney, Australia), Saint Joseph University (Beirut, Lebanon), the World Maritime University (Malmö, Sweden), and the University of London (United Kingdom). Media executives, representatives of governments and the EU, and military officers also supported the delivery of the Regular Program.

A full description of the activities carried out as part of the Regular Program is available in Part II of this report.

THE ACADEMIC UNIT PROGRAM

In 2023, the Department's Academic Unit supported universities and training institutions in establishing programs on refugee law and other areas of international law relevant to forced displacement and statelessness and organized student-focused activities as an investment in developing the advocates of the future for forcibly displaced and stateless persons. These efforts complemented the Department's pledges at the Global Refugee Forum in 2019 and supported the development of local academic capacities for the sustainable dissemination of international law on forced displacement and statelessness.

Key Objectives

The following core objectives have guided the work of the Academic Unit in 2023:

- **Support** the global dissemination and promotion of international refugee law by enhancing the capacities of academic and training institutions
- **Develop** the refugee protection experts of the future by promoting refugee law among postgraduate students and junior professionals
- **Empower** persons in need of protection by extending training opportunities to displaced communities on their own rights, as well as offering professional opportunities and supporting initiatives leading to complementary pathways and durable solutions

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The methodologies employed really encouraged a positive and comfortable learning environment, one where I could feel confident to ask questions and to reach out to instructors and fellow participants of the Course.”

Government Official,
28th Online Course on
International Refugee Law

Courses and Activities Implemented

Within the abovementioned framework, the Department supported numerous universities in the **design and delivery of extracurricular initiatives and delivered guest lectures on refugee and migration law**. The Unit also organized an online course for postgraduate students from the Côte d'Azur University in Nice and supported the delivery of the Institute's Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law with sessions focusing on forced displacement.

The Academic Unit was also involved in **supporting country representations of UNHCR in developing sustainable teaching resour-**

es on refugee law for key stakeholders, such as a Basic Training Module on Refugee Law for Attorneys, developed for UNHCR and delivered in cooperation with the Bar Association of North Macedonia.

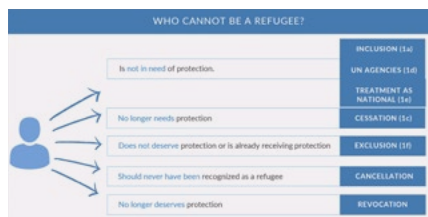
In addition to the above, the Academic Unit continued its engagement in the **promotion of third-country complementary pathways** for refugees by organizing the 2nd International Forum on Complementary Pathways for Admission of Refugees to Third Countries for a broad international audience, as well as by organizing a Training of Trainers on Third-Country Complementary Pathways for Refugees for an audience of UNHCR focal points on the subject in country and regional representations of UNHCR worldwide.

More information about the Academic Unit's activities is available in Part II of this report.

In addition, the Unit has implemented the following ad hoc activities, both online and in person:

» Online Lectures

Lecture on "Who Cannot be a Refugee" for the Catholic University of Santos (UNISANTOS): 7 March 2023



On March 7th, as part of a collaboration between the Catholic University of Santos (UNISANTOS) and the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, was invited to

conduct an online session in the context of the University's International Refugee Law Course. The session, titled "Who Cannot be a Refugee," was delivered in English to a group of 17 students at the Master and PhD level. The aim of the virtual class was to clarify under which circumstances individuals could not be considered refugees, focusing on eligibility, cessation, and exclusion criteria according to the 1951 Convention. The session was part of a broader curriculum delivered by the University on international refugee law. The Department and the University will continue their cooperation by complementing each other's programs with the delivery of specific sessions and through other means of cooperation in the coming period.

Lecture at the University of Pretoria, South Africa: 25 May 2023



On the 25th of May, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, gave a guest LLM lecture at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. The lecture delved into the interplay and complementarity between international refugee law and the law of armed conflict, emphasizing their roles in humanitarian contexts. Legal norms such as *non-refoulement* were analyzed, shedding light on how these laws function in practice, such as in the case of released prisoners of war seeking asylum.

This lecture marked the beginning of the cooperative relationship between the University of Pretoria and the Department's Academic Unit.

4th International Summer School on Refugee Rights and Migration: *The Interplay between Global Migration and Forcible Displacement* (Refugee Law and Migration Center at the "Iustinianus Primus" Law Faculty in Skopje, North Macedonia), 18 - 22 September 2023



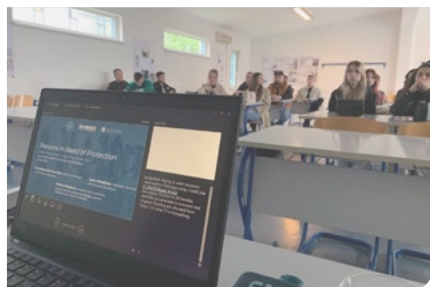
Together with the UNHCR Representation in North Macedonia, the Department supported the Refugee Law and Migration Center at the "Iustinianus Primus" Law Faculty in Skopje, North Macedonia with the delivery of the fourth edition of an online summer school on refugee law and migration issues for an international audience of students. In addition to supporting the overall organization of the event, the Department delivered sessions on key topics such as the refugee definition and the rights and responsibilities of refugees. This is part of a broader cooperation the Department has been developing with the Refugee Law and Migration Center to create a sustainable source of academic formation for student and professional audiences in North Macedonia and beyond.

Intervention in the VII International Congress of International Environmental Law – Global Environmental Governance Under Examination: 26 October 2023

On the 26th of October, the Director of the Department, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., had the honor of participating in a panel discussion at the VII Congress of International Environmental Law at the Catholic University of Santos in Brazil, where he addressed the relations between the adverse effects of climate change and forced displacement. The discussion was held in Spanish and Portuguese and saw the participation of 270 attendees.

» **In situ workshops:**

Statelessness sessions with UNHCR North Macedonia, South-East European University (Tetovo, Skopje): 12 April – 29 May 2023



The Department, in collaboration with UNHCR North Macedonia, delivered a series of five in-person sessions on statelessness from the 12th of April to the 29th of May. These were delivered in English to students at the bachelor level and PhD candidates at the South-East European University at its campuses in Skopje and in Tetovo.

This initiative marked a significant step towards integrating statelessness and related considerations into the university's existing curricula.

The sessions provided comprehensive insights into the complexities and challenges faced by stateless individuals. Through engaging discussions and interactive learning, students gained a deeper understanding of the legal and humanitarian aspects surrounding statelessness.

Basic Training Module on International Refugee Law for Attorneys (Skopje): 4 – 5 October 2023



In collaboration with the UNHCR Representation in North Macedonia, the Bar Association of North Macedonia and the Macedonian Young Lawyers' Association, the Department supported the delivery of the inaugural Basic Training Module on International Refugee Law for Attorneys to an audience of attorneys in North Macedonia. The training covered basic topics that allow attorneys deeper engagement with the subject and promote the availability of legal aid for refugees in the country, before both national institutions and regional courts such as the European Court of Human Rights.

The two-day workshop was delivered at Hotel Arka in Skopje, North Macedonia. It will serve the Bar Association as a pattern based on which it will create an annual workshop for attorneys, part of UNHCR North Macedonia's strategy of creating sustainable sources of dissemination of refugee law for key stakeholders in the country with the support of the Sanremo Institute.

TAILORED INITIATIVES

In 2023, the Department made significant strides in bolstering its program through **strengthened partnerships with regional and country offices of international organizations.**

This collaboration enabled the implementation of customized initiatives through a **blend of online sessions and face-to-face interactions**, conducted both in the field and in Sanremo, Italy. These initiatives were **meticulously crafted with a highly targeted instructional design and tailored to resonate with the advocacy strategies** of the Department's counterparts operating in the field.

Tailored initiatives included the coordination of in-person facilitation **sessions in collaboration with other Departments of the Sanremo Institute**, enhancing the interdisciplinary approach to learning. Additionally, the Department responded to the needs of UNHCR country offices by **designing and delivering ad hoc training modules** upon request. Furthermore, the Department was invited to **conduct masterclasses and missions aimed at advancing the localized approach to protection**, empowering stakeholders with specialized insights and strategies tailored to their unique contexts.

Delivered to government officials, as well as staff from international and non-governmental organizations, these tailored programs were designed to address specific needs and challenges faced by stakeholders, fostering meaningful engagement and impactful outcomes. Through these multifaceted efforts, the Department exemplified its commitment to innovation, collaboration, and targeted action in advancing its mandate.

» Online

UNHCR and Government of Malaysia Capacity-sharing Program: Phase 3 – Refugee Status and Security Considerations: 15 March 2023

On the 15th of March, the Director of the Department, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro. D delivered an online lecture on the topic of “Refugee Status and Security Considerations.” This session is contextualized in the broader framework of a Capacity-sharing Program initiated in January 2022 by the UNHCR Malaysia and the Government of Malaysia. The training envisioned an exchange of knowledge and expertise on refugee protection matters, particularly focused on registration and refugee status determination. The participants included 14 Government of Malaysia officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, National Security Council, Royal Malaysia Police, and Immigration Department of Malaysia.

Parliamentary Solidarity for Refugee Inclusion in Education: 13 November 2023



The high-level online forum for parliamentarians was held on the 13th of November, organized by the International Parliamentary Network for Education (IPNEd) together with UNHCR, the Sanremo Institute, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union. The discussion was centered on a multi-stakeholder pledge co-led by donor governments and international organizations that has been

designed to mobilize support for states hosting large refugee populations to ensure both refugee and host community children have access to education. The forum was attended by 80 registered participants from 39 countries and was moderated by the Director of the Department, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro. D. The pool of guest speakers included Ms. Gillian Triggs, UN Assistant Secretary-General; Hon John Kiarie Waweru, MP; Rt Hon Vicky Ford, MP; Mr Petro Mozolevskiy, Refugee Parliament Member; and Mr. Joseph Nhan O'Reilly, Executive Director of IPNEd.

» In Sanremo

Humanitarian dialogue as a form of leadership, 2023 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA): 22 March 2023



On 22 March 2023, Mr. Simone Delicati, Associate Coordinator of the Department, delivered a presentation on “Humanitarian Dialogue as a Form of Leadership” within the framework of the 2023 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program organized by Rotary District 2032. The discussion revolved around the activities of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law and the traditional role of the Institute as a convener of humanitarian dialogue to foster governments’ response to pressing humanitarian needs. A special focus was given to

the relationship between leadership and humanitarianism, stressing the need for leadership to be responsible, inclusive, and shared – in accordance with whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches as well as the principle of meaningful participation of individuals with lived experience – and ultimately humane. The session was introduced by Sanremo’s Deputy Major Costanza Pireri, who highlighted the role played by the Institute in strengthening Sanremo’s reputation as a Town of Peace.

2023 Inter-Agency Coordination Course (IACC) Emergency Roster Group: 23 - 26 May 2023



The Inter-Agency Coordination Course (IACC) Emergency Roster Workshop 2023 was hosted at the Sanremo Institute headquarters, bringing together a total of 33 staff members of UNHCR from 18 countries. This Workshop aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their critical roles in emergency settings, while also providing a platform for networking and knowledge exchange. The diverse backgrounds and perspectives of the participants enriched discussions, fostering a comprehensive understanding of Inter-Agency Coordination intricacies.

Cross-Regional Forum on Implementing Laws & Policies on Internal Displacement: 6 - 9 June 2023



Between the 6th and the 9th of June, the Department hosted the first Cross-Regional Forum on Implementing Laws and Policies on Internal Displacement at the Sanremo Institute along with the support of UNHCR and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur. The primary objective of the Forum was to explore the opportunities and means to implement legal and policy frameworks on internal displacement effectively. A total number of 31 senior government officials from Azerbaijan, Colombia, Georgia, Honduras, Iraq, Mexico, Mozambique, the Philippines, Somalia, and Ukraine came together to exchange best practices and strategies employed at national and regional levels. By equipping senior government officials with valuable knowledge and insights, the Forum empowered them to make informed decisions and take effective action in their respective regions and countries.

23rd Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law: 3 - 14 July 2023

In the spirit of further strengthening cross-departmental cooperation, in 2023 the Department renewed its commitment to contributing to the delivery of the Sanremo Institute's Summer

Course on International Humanitarian Law. This two-week presentational course presented the key aspects of the law of armed conflict, international human rights law, refugee and migration law, and other related fields, allowing participants to share their national experiences and foster a multi-disciplinary approach.



Within this context, three days were fully dedicated to exploring topics related to the protection of forcibly displaced and stateless persons, such as the definition of a refugee in international law and mixed movements, the interplay between international refugee law and international humanitarian law, the work of UNHCR, and seeking durable solutions for refugees.

46th Round Table on Current Issues of IHL on "Strengthening IHL compliance: the conduct of hostilities, the protection of essential services and humanitarian assistance in contemporary armed conflict": 14 - 15 September 2023

The 46th Sanremo Round Table on Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law, traditionally organized in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), was held between the 14th and 15th of September in a hybrid format at the Sanremo Institute's headquarters. The event focused on investigating some of the most crucial issues related to

the conduct of hostilities and the protection of essential services. Considering the complex framework of contemporary armed conflict, the event also paid specific attention to the crucial issue of safeguarding the delivery of humanitarian assistance in such contexts. The event, attended by over 200 participants, was opened by the Deputy Mayor, Ms. Caterina Pireri, the President of the Sanremo Institute, Professor Edoardo Greppi, and the President of the ICRC, Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric, who intervened through a recorded message.



In this context, the Department was invited to coordinate the organization of and moderate the panel: "*Legal and operational challenges to the delivery of humanitarian assistance and protection of essential services in contemporary armed conflict.*" The panel, moderated by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, examined the extent to which cooperation and coordination can take place while maintaining the "humanitarian space" to safeguard the survival of the civilian population. The session paid specific attention to the issue of food insecurity, famine, and starvation, both as an indirect result of conflicts and as a method of warfare.

Session on “Protection of Refugees and Migrants in Disaster Contexts” (8th Disaster Law Course): 26 September 2023



The 8th Disaster Law Course was a 5-day program, traditionally organized by the Sanremo Institute in cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). This presentational training offered participants an in-depth exploration of international law and critical regulatory aspects pertaining to the prevention and management of disasters and the protection of human rights. The course also delved into cross-cutting themes such as the safeguarding of cultural property, migration issues, and legal frameworks surrounding disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. In this context, Ms. Martina Ranieli, Head of the Institutional Engagement Unit, represented the Department by delivering a session on “*Protection of Migrants and Refugees in Disaster Contexts*.” The sessions explored latest global trends and relevant definitions related to human mobility and disaster displacement with a specific focus on international instruments available to protect people fleeing disasters, within and cross-border. Lastly, the session presented best practices of the inclusion of affected populations in disaster prevention, response, and reconstruction activities.

Training of Trainers on the Words into Action on Disaster Displacement Workshop: 24 - 27 October 2023



The Training of Trainers, organized in coordination with the Norwegian Refugee Council, was delivered in English at the Sanremo headquarters premises. Between the 24th and 27th of October, 25 participants coming from 15 different countries and with professional experience in disaster displacement and disaster risk reduction took part in a lively combination of both theoretical and practical sessions with the aim of acquiring hard and soft skills that can be used to effectively apply facilitation techniques and methodologies in a stimulating learning environment, in order to become trainers for the “*Words into Action on Disaster Displacement Workshop*.”

» **In Situ**

Capacity Building Programs on Asylum and Refugee Law and on the Protection of Internally Displaced Persons, State of Equatorial Guinea: 23 January - 1 February 2023

Between the 21st of January and the 1st of February, the Department was invited by the UNHCR Cameroon Multi-Country Office in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, to contribute to the development of a four-day capacity-sharing program on asylum and refugee law and a three-day program on the

protection of IDPs within the framework of the Kampala Convention.



The two pieces of training welcomed a cohort of 19 participants and were delivered by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D. and Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, Coordinator at the Department, with the aim of supporting the Government in acquiring the knowledge and technical skills necessary to strengthen the State’s protection of forcibly displaced persons and to contribute to regional and continental efforts for the prevention and response to forced displacement. On this occasion, the Director of the Department, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., reiterated to His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mr. Simeón Oyono Esono Angue, and the Director General of International Organizations, Ms. Mari Cruz Evuna Andeme, the Department’s commitment to continue supporting the efforts of the Government, the African Union, and UNHCR to protect forcibly displaced persons.

Tailored Training on Advocacy for Protection with UNHCR Bosnia & Herzegovina, Sarajevo: 14 - 16 June 2023



Upon invitation of the UNHCR office in Bosnia and Herzegovina, between 14 and 16 June, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D. and Ms. Martina Ranieli of the Department travelled to Sarajevo to conduct a comprehensive two-and-a-half-day tailored training on Advocacy for Protection. The training, delivered in English with live interpretation in Bosnian, was designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of a total of 22 participants, including UNHCR staff, representatives of the Office of the Ombudsman, and the NGO Vaša Prava BiH (VP). The Advocacy for Protection training covered a wide range of topics and explored various advocacy technique and methodologies, equipping participants with practical skills to effectively advocate for the rights and well-being of refugees and asylum seekers. By investing in the capacity-building of key stakeholders, the training aimed to strengthen the protection environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina. On the last day, the audience was expanded as it welcomed representatives of the Court of Justice, Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees, Ministry of Security- Sector for Asylum, and Ministry of Security -Service for Foreigners' Affairs.

Tailored Workshop on International Refugee Law (Jordan): 17 - 19 July 2023



The Department's Director, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., and Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator, collaborated with the UNHCR Office in Jordan to organize the Tailored Workshop on International Refugee Law for Senior Jordanian Officials from 17th to 19th of July in Amman. The workshop aimed to support the Global Compact for Refugees' objectives and enhance Jordan's meaningful role in the upcoming Global Refugee Forum in December 2023. Designed to address gaps in international protection in Jordan, the three-day workshop welcomed 24 senior government officials from various ministerial departments. Mr. Claudio Delfabro opened the panel with Dr. Hakim Al Kharisha, Brigadier General Dr. Tamer Al-Maaytah, and Mr. Igor Ivancic. All sessions, conducted in Arabic by an experienced facilitation team, covered a range of topics, including the asylum regime, protection of forcibly displaced persons, detention and alternatives, national security considerations, and durable solutions.

Masterclass on Protection, Geneva: 22 August 2023



On the 22nd of August, in the context of the series of meetings and events to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the activity of the Department and related partnership with UNHCR, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, was invited to deliver a masterclass on the "*Future of Protection.*" The event, hosted at the UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva, was co-organized by the UNHCR Division on International Protection and the Global Learning and Development Center. Attended by several UNHCR colleagues from various divisions, Mr. Delfabro presented future perspectives in the protection realm by analyzing them through technological, geopolitical, and social lenses.

IDP Law and Policy Workshop in Maputo, Mozambique: 22 - 24 November 2023

The Government of Mozambique – Ministry of Justice, Constitutional and Religious Affairs and National Institute for the Management and Reduction of the Risk of Disasters, in collaboration with UNHCR and the Sanremo Institute, organized a three-day Workshop on the domestication of the Kampala Convention to support Mozambique's efforts in safeguarding the rights and well-being of internally displaced persons.



The workshop, delivered in Portuguese and co-moderated by Ms. Valentina Rossi, Coordinator at the Department, aimed to discuss approaches to incorporate the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa into Mozambique's national legal and policy framework on internal displacement. 59 high-level participants were exposed to key considerations on how to enhance understanding of the Kampala Convention and its obligations and explored ways to strengthen Mozambique's domestic framework for IDP protection. Notable speakers included Dr. Chaloka Beyani, former Special Rapporteur on IDPs' human rights, and Ms. Martina Caterina, Legal Officer and Chair of the Global Protection Cluster Task Team on Law and Policy.

Keynote Speech during the Consultation Workshop on Promoting a Human Rights-based Approach to Migration Management, Addis Ababa: 5 - 8 December 2023



The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) welcomed a delegation from the Department on the 5th of December at its Addis Ababa office. The Department's delegation, led by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and Ms. Fiorella Spizzuoco, Outreach Assistant, engaged in productive discussions with thematic commissioners, department directors, and EHRC staff. The EHRC also invited the IHL Department to deliver the keynote at the Consultation Workshop on Promoting a Human Rights-based Approach to Migration Management on 8th December. The workshop brought together government officials, civil society representatives, academia, UN agencies, embassies, and donors.

EXTERNAL AND HIGH-LEVEL INITIATIVES

To enhance its role in shaping global protection policies as a neutral convener and a committed advocate, the Department strategically engaged in a diverse array of international events and forums, seizing every opportunity to **foster dialogue, share insights, and catalyze action toward bolstering protection frameworks worldwide**. Building on its longstanding experience, the Department also **facilitated meaningful exchanges aimed at advancing inclusive policies, best practices, and the identification of durable solutions**.

At the same time, adopting a *whole-of-society* approach, the Department proactively **pursued new partnerships and cooperation agreements** with a range of stakeholders, including governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations, forcibly displaced- and stateless-led organizations, and academic institutions.

In tandem with its external engagements, the Department reaffirmed its commitment to capacity-sharing by **providing a neutral platform for bridging protection stakeholder's expertise and fostering innovative approaches to protection policies**.

European Humanitarian Forum 2023, Brussels: 20 - 21 March 2023



“ It is really remarkable the effort you make to train and maintain the dialogue and reflection on such critical issues with actors who have different but complementary roles in the protection of the human rights of displaced persons. I am very happy to know that we are partners in this task. ”

Paula Gaviria Betancur, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons

A delegation from the Department attended the 2023 European Humanitarian Forum, which was co-organized by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and Sweden in the framework of its Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The Forum was held with the objective of strengthening the cooperation and partnership among donors, international stakeholders, the EU, its Member States, and countries affected by humanitarian crises. The Institute was represented by Ms. Martina Ranieli and Ms. Fiorella Spizuoco of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law and Mr. Edoardo Gimigliano of the Special Projects Department.

Development of Statelessness Awareness Toolkit with Unione Italiana Apolodi: 11 July 2023



In close cooperation with Unione Italiana Apolodi (UNIA), a stateless-led organization with the aim of improving the condition of stateless people in Italy, the Department developed the content and design of a Statelessness Awareness Toolkit. The toolkit aims to carry out the activities and objectives of the “inVISIBLE project,” whose funding was awarded to UNIA through UNHCR’s Refu-

gee Led Innovation Fund. The inVISIBLE project has a two-fold objective: to raise awareness and foster research within universities about statelessness as well as to develop and strengthen the skills and capacities of those who will deliver the workshops. The toolkit comprises three sections mainly: firstly, the focus on the Italian legal framework concerning stateless persons in Italy; secondly, a stimulation exercise for students to put themselves in the shoes of stateless persons and foster reflection and discussion on such conditions; and lastly, a focus on a series of case studies capturing real events happening across the world.

Meeting with the UNHCR’s High Commissioner Filippo Grandi, Geneva: 21 August 2023



On the 21st of August, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, welcomed the Director of the Department, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., and the Head of the Institutional Engagement Unit, Ms. Martina Ranieli, at the UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva. Mr. Delfabro expressed the highest appreciation of the Sanremo Institute to UNHCR for 40 years of mean-

ingful partnership and discussed further avenues to strengthen our cooperation and advance the protection of forcibly displaced and stateless persons worldwide. On this occasion, High Commissioner Grandi commended the meaningful cooperation with the Sanremo Institute and the work of the Department.

Launch of UNHCR-IOM eLearning Course “The Protection of Migrants and Refugees Moving by Sea”, Geneva: 19 September 2023



The launch of the UNHCR-IOM eLearning Course “*The Protection of Migrants and Refugees Moving by Sea*” was attended by Martina Ranieli, Head of the Institutional Engagement Unit, on behalf of the Department on the 19th of September in Geneva. The eLearning, hosted on the Department’s Online Learning Platform, re-states the obligation of relevant actors to protect people at sea even after their rescue and disembarkation, to ensure their safety and human rights, including access to asylum and the prohibition of cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or arbitrary detention. The event featured institutional remarks from UNHCR and IOM and included a panel discussion focusing on the relevance of today’s legal framework, operational challenges, and ways forward to prevent the loss of lives at sea.

Participation in the UNHCR Executive Committee and Official Appointment of De'Mello Chair, Geneva: 9 - 13 October 2023



The 74th session of the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the High Commissioner's Programme took place from 9 to 13 October 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland, and the Department was invited to actively participate and take the floor during the side events, including *"Protecting people displaced across borders in the context of the impact of climate change and disasters."* On this occasion, the Director of the Department, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., announced that the Institute will join the multi-stakeholder pledge on climate action led by the Government of Ethiopia. On the 9th of October, during the margins of ExCom, the

Sanremo Institute was proud to announce the signing of a partnership with UNHCR to become a global Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair, an international network of academic institutions cooperating to promote international refugee law through teaching, research, and community outreach. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Ms. Gillian Triggs, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, on behalf of UNHCR, and Mr. Delfabro, on behalf of the Institute. The Institute continues to look towards advancing the whole-of-society approach and the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR).

Participation in the Launch of the Centre for Humanitarian Action at Sea, Geneva: 19 October 2023

On the 19th of October, the Department was invited to join the launch of the Centre for Humanitarian Action at Sea's High-Level Dialogue Platform. Approximately 40 participants from various sectors, including the maritime industry, UN agencies, humanitarian organizations, academic institutions, state representatives, and more, attended the inaugural meeting of the dialogue platform. This platform will convene in Geneva to engage in ongoing discussions on critical issues around maritime search and rescue throughout the year. The launch was organized by the IFRC, SOS Mediterranee, and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy.

Participation in the Global Refugee Forum, Geneva: 13 - 15 December 2023



Between the 13th and 15th of December, the Department participated in the second Global Refugee Forum in Geneva and joined international stakeholders in pledging concrete and tailored initiatives for the year 2024. The pledges include strengthening the Institute's role as a convener of high-level initiatives on refugee protection, enhancing support to universities and governmental training institutions, and ensuring meaningful engagement of individuals with lived experience of forced displacement and statelessness. Additionally, the Department pledged to mainstream development, climate change, and protection at sea-related considerations within its course content. These pledges will foster international cooperation on refugee protection and will enable the Department to continue to scale up the Sanremo Institute's historical humanitarian commitment and efforts to be at the forefront of capacity development.

“ It is always a pleasure to teach at the Sanremo Institute and to exchange with practitioners from different backgrounds and regions. ”

Dr. Vincent Chetail, Professor of International Law and Director of the Global Migration Centre at the Geneva Graduate Institute

Our Impact

In order to monitor its impact on the work of the attendees of its programs, the Department has put into practice a meticulous impact-monitoring and data-collection process of four separate phases:

- **Sessions' feedback surveys** that participants are made to fill out so that the Sanremo team can continuously keep in check the quality of the delivery of sessions and adapt the training during the span of the Course.
- At the end of the Course, anonymous **general feedback** forms are shared with participants to provide a comprehensive overview of the strengths and weaknesses of the overall Course as well as the expected applications of the knowledge acquired in day-to-day work.
- **One-to-one interviews** with selected participants from different professional backgrounds to assess with them the relevance of the content shared and the effectiveness of the delivery methodology and collect suggestions for improvement.
- To evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the Course, **impact survey** forms are shared with the participants 12 weeks after the completion of training. The feedback received is progressively collected and evaluated to ensure the sustainability of the training and assess its impact on policymaking and implementation of protection activities aimed at the safeguarding and full enjoyment of the human rights of forcibly displaced and stateless people worldwide.

"The knowledge acquired in the Course has allowed us to identify international protection needs not previously foreseen in our assistance devices for the population in situations of human mobility, reformulate training spaces for Red Cross volunteers regarding the protection of the migrant and refugee population, and expand the humanitarian aid we provide at the national level."

National Red Cross Society Representative, 27th Online Course on International Refugee Law

COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE LAW

After completing the Refugee Law Courses and returning to their professional duties, participants reported feeling more adept at identifying protection needs and noted an increased ability to positively influence practices related to protecting refugees and displaced persons.

Specifically, **80% of participants noted that they are now better equipped to integrate human rights standards and principles from both international and national law into the analysis of refugee cases.**

Authorities at the national and regional administrative levels described how they utilized the knowledge gained to implement policies for refugees entering the country. They also discussed **drafting policies aimed at ensuring that victims of trafficking and smuggling are not criminalized**. Additionally, they advised supervisors to organize training sessions for border officials on asylum-seeking and related procedures.

IMPACT SURVEY EVALUATION DATA



83% Being better equipped to perform duties after participating in the Courses



94% High satisfaction in having applied to the Courses



98% Willingness to remain in contact with the Sanremo team and colleagues who attended the Course

Human rights advocates and civil society members shared concrete examples of how they have become more efficient in managing and addressing issues related to nationality, territory, internal displacement, and migration. Legal practitioners also reported that the Courses helped them refresh thematic topics, which they apply when drafting legal opinions, issuing legal advice, conducting research, and advocating for the realization of refugees' rights.

"After the Course ended, I was directed to participate in my institution's policy regulations on managing refugees and other migrants in my country. The skills and knowledge I acquired from the Course enabled me to guide my fellow officers and others who were participating on what is expected of individual countries regarding refugees, whether party or non-parties, to the various conventions and treaties that concern refugees. I was also very instrumental in contributing to the refugee policy."

Government Official, 24th Online Course on International Refugee Law

“I have participated in bilateral negotiations with South Africa and signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the repatriation and assisting the return of third-country nationals from South Africa and Tanzania, respectively.”

Government Official, 11th Online Course on International Migration Law

COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION LAW

Out of the professionals who participated in the International Migration Law courses, **91% reported that they now feel better prepared to make decisions affecting migrants.** Specifically, they feel more capable of resolving issues, supporting processes, and recommending actions to improve the treatment of and interventions for migrants.

Government officials mentioned that the knowledge gained about asylum and immigration processes has enhanced their understanding of migrants' situations. This understanding has aided in **proposing amendments to legislation, planning projects beneficial to migrants, and advising colleagues working on migration issues** about best practices in line with international law.

“As a human rights officer, I work daily with migrants. Everything I learned in the Course has helped me to provide better care to migrants and guide them in the best way in their transit through Honduras as well as to those who request refugee status.”

Human Rights Officer, 13th Online Course on International Migration Law

Participants have also noted that the training has empowered them to provide **more accurate and informed guidance to migrants seeking legal support.** Additionally, other professionals have discussed developing training modules for

regional employment agencies and sharing information with colleagues and external partners.

They also expressed intentions to invest more resources in the future to provide comprehensive support to disembarked migrants.

“We have started with preventive actions by drawing the attention of local authorities during periodic meetings on the protection of displaced persons during local elections by showing the dangers faced by these persons during this time. This enabled the regional prefects to transmit these difficulties to the hierarchy so that special security measures could be taken by the authorities to secure the populations within their own country.”

Government Official, 12th Online Course on Internal Displacement

COURSES ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

In the post-course impact survey for the Courses on Internal Displacement, 95% of the participants emphasized their high satisfaction in having applied to the Course. The knowledge gained was found to be highly beneficial for understanding the legal framework supporting internally displaced persons and for adapting interventions by incorporating the guiding principles.

Government officials provided concrete examples, including the **establishment of a local integration process for internally displaced persons** residing on a site for a decade, **addressing gaps in national policies and laws** to support the resolution of IDPs issues, and efforts to define, prioritize, and measure progress towards durable solutions. Additionally, there was recognition of the necessity to enhance the management of internally displaced persons in both camps and host communities, especially concerning their rights and freedom.

“This training allowed me to support internally displaced persons in a project of our partner OIM, which is about to build 919 houses for IDPs. As Government staff and partners with UNHCR, OCHA, IOM, and others, our organization (PARET) plays a crucial role in implementing the project.”

Government Official, 12th Online Course on Internal Displacement

Staff from non-governmental organizations have noted **increased confidence in interview techniques, protection analysis, and project formulation, particularly regarding the topic of durable solutions.** Additionally, when training their colleagues, the knowledge gained was shared by conducting briefings on protection, gender-based violence, and information systems.

“I have applied the knowledge I gained in mapping stateless persons' locations in the Coast and Rift Valley regions of Kenya in November 2023. I targeted the Burundi and Rwandese who have been stateless in Kenya since 1963.”

Government Official, 9th Online Course on Statelessness

COURSES ON STATELESSNESS

Following the completion of the Statelessness Courses, participants expressed that the training had **positively altered their perspective on statelessness, with 91% of the participants expressing that they were highly satisfied with their decision to apply for the Course.**

Government officials highlighted that the knowledge gained from the Courses would enable them to provide appropriate advice to relevant authorities when dealing with stateless persons. Additionally, the intention to **draft a national action plan aimed at providing guidance for establishing mechanisms to identify stateless**

individuals was shared. This initiative is expected to facilitate the improvement of legislation, policies, and practices, ultimately leading to the development of more comprehensive and rights-based approaches to address the needs and challenges of these vulnerable populations.

“I am able to provide appropriate advice to authorities when dealing with stateless persons. Coincidentally, in June, I received a complaint concerning a person presumed to be stateless because he was raised in a foreign country. Liaising with the Department of Immigration and the Department of Citizenship registration is helping resolve the issue.”

Government Official, 7th Online Course on Statelessness

Staff members from non-governmental and civil society organizations reported feeling **better prepared to offer appropriate assistance when visiting detention centers and encountering stateless persons.** They mentioned **improved abilities in assessing complex cases of stateless individuals lacking documentation.** Remarkable is the case of the submission of analytical reports to a Minister of Reintegration regarding the challenges and complexities of the procedures for obtaining statelessness status in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. Furthermore, participants highlighted efforts to disseminate information about law enforcement practices in the migration sphere among staff members of the statelessness unit to enhance their ability to assess the initial status of applicants for assistance.

“I am able to apply my knowledge and skills learned in my everyday advocacy activities and plan for the Uganda Red Cross Society.”

Representative of National Red Cross, 3rd Online Course on Advocacy for Protection

COURSE ON ADVOCACY FOR PROTECTION

On attending the Online Course on Advocacy for Protection, participants reported on the practical use of the knowledge gained in advocating and working with other partners. **90% of the attendees stated that they had used the templates and materials provided during the training in their advocacy activities.** Participants' continued engagement with these resources suggests a commitment to ongoing learning and skill development in advocacy and protection efforts.

“As the program and research manager of my organization, the knowledge and skills gained have been helpful to drive the strategic direction of our Platform for cooperation on mixed migration, especially the refugee and IDPs thematic group.”

Staff of Local NGO, 3rd Online Course on Advocacy for Protection

Representatives from local NGOs conveyed that after following the online Course, **they better understand how to approach diverse stakeholders, craft effective messaging, and engage with officials** to respect their legitimacy and authority without causing antagonism. It was also reported that professionals were able to provide **input for the organization's advocacy program on advocacy strategies to assist refugees in urban areas in accessing public institutions' services for their basic needs.** Additionally, proposals were made for organizations to map stakeholders and understand their power dynamics to achieve their goals. This proactive approach enhances the effectiveness of advocacy efforts and fosters a more nuanced understanding of the broader context in which they operate.

“I used part of the knowledge gained in the Course to train the coordinators and psychologists of UNFPA's Mobile and Static Safe Spaces. Another opportunity to test my knowledge and skills was during the Social Cohesion Event for refugees from Ukraine and those from the host communities, where I presented 'Particulars regarding the latest changes in ensuring the rights of refugees.’”

Staff of Local NGO, 7th Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law

COURSE ON TEACHING REFUGEE LAW

In the impact survey feedback, emphasis was placed on the positive and practical aspects of the Course on Teaching Refugee Law that provided participants with useful teaching tools to enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

90% of the participants responded that they feel better equipped to perform their duties after participating in the Course. University lecturers narrated how they have begun to adapt the Course delivery and participatory teaching methodology into their training handbooks. Academics also reported being **encouraged to find new and engaging ways to capture audiences' attention when delivering presentations, lectures, and speeches.**

“The biggest takeaway from the training was 'Don't tell students or participants all you know. Tell them only what they need to know.' I have implemented this principle religiously since after the program, and I can clearly see the results.”

University Lecturer, 7th Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law

Consultants and program coordinators reported how the sessions that gave an overview of the process of constructing a robust training program

in international refugee law greatly improved their campaigning strategy skills for their respective organizations. Additionally, all of the Course attendees responded positively to being willing to stay in contact with the Sanremo team and their fellow Course participants.

“All the knowledge I gained from the Course has been of great help to me. As I am responsible for providing advisory opinions on projects of laws and legislation, I had the opportunity to comment on the new environmental code. The information acquired from the Course has assisted me in providing relevant remarks on the subject.”

Member of Judiciary

COURSE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT

Feedback on the Online Course on Climate Change and Forced Displacement highlighted the value of the information gained in participants' day-to-day professional roles. **State officials from government ministries reported that they are currently providing input on legislation and integrating the component of climate-induced migration into national migration policies** to protect people and communities displaced by climate change. Officials from disaster management bodies have utilized tools

acquired during the sessions to **prepare contingency plans for rainy and cyclonic seasons.**

Leaders of grassroots initiatives emphasized their improved understanding of climate displacement policies and advocacy, enabling them to innovate their global social media communication and advocacy campaign strategies effectively. Additionally, professionals mentioned that they were able to **elucidate to colleagues the connection between climate change and human mobility.** They also used the acquired knowledge to manage human mobility in the context of the adverse effects of climate change.

“Understanding more on the climate displacement policies and advocacy in protection helps to shape my innovation in the global social media communication and advocacy campaign strategies.”

Staff of Local NGO

The Way Forward

As we reflect on the achievements accomplished by the Sanremo Team in collaboration with its partner organizations in 2023, the Department remains steadfast in its commitment to **advancing capacity-sharing programs and driving positive change by reinforcing its role as a global convener.**

The Department's core objective remains unchanged: to advance knowledge and capacity in safeguarding and advocating for the rights of migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, and stateless individuals. At the same time, to further expand its impact, **a targeted diversification of activities will be pursued throughout 2024.**

Through the generous contributions of its donors, in 2024, the Department will further expand and diversify its portfolio of initiatives. In particular, the Department will develop and deliver a wide range of **online and on-site courses and initiatives**, catering to a diverse audience and covering topics such as international refugee law, migration law, internal displacement, statelessness, and advocacy for protection. These courses and initiatives will be delivered in Arabic, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. In addition to these traditional subjects, for the first time, the Department will design and imple-

ment an **Online Course on Refugee Protection within Mixed Movements**, thus positioning itself again at the forefront of international developments in the field of human rights protection by **ensuring that global trends continue to inform the methodology and content of the programs. As demonstrated over the last 40 years, ensuring the program's relevance through continued innovation and updated content informed by global trends reinforces the Department's credibility, relevance, and impact.**

Simultaneously, while the Department will continue to mainly deliver its regular and academic program online to ensure **an inclusive outreach, tailored and high-level initiatives** will be organized either in Sanremo or in field locations to be able to meet the increasing request for ad hoc learning interventions. In this regard, the program delivered in Arabic will feature additional **high-level workshops dedicated to state authorities engaged in policy and protection activities in the MENA region.**

Aimed at advancing protection and policy outcomes at the local level, the Department will leverage its strong **partnership with UNHCR, IOM, ICRC, and Special Rapporteurs** to receive relevant situational updates on the protec-

“**During live sessions, participants were given the opportunity to ask questions to the facilitator, who provided immediate answers to the concerns raised. The interactive nature of these sessions made it easier to understand the content of the Course.**”

Government Official,
12th Online Course on Internal Displacement.

tion of migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, and stateless individuals and to, consequently, finetune the content of its sessions. With reference to this, specific protection challenges and available solutions will be discussed during **thematic webinars** hosted by the Department and facilitated by prominent experts in the field as well as humanitarian practitioners currently deployed in displacement contexts. Overall, **ensuring the meaningful involvement of refugees, internally displaced, stateless persons** in the design and delivery of the Department's courses and initiatives will further enhance a horizontal approach to capacity-sharing and, in so doing, support the Department *“walking the talk.”*

“ I am a very satisfied student. I’ve learnt so much in the past four weeks, and I’m looking forward to putting into practice what I have learnt during the course in relation to my line of work with Refugees.”

Government Official, 24th
*Online Course on International
 Refugee Law*

In terms of audience outreach, **diversity, gender balance, and a whole-of-society approach, will remain central to the Department’s efforts.** Scholarships will continue to be prioritized for participants from the Global South, aligning with the Department’s goal of **expanding access to capacity-building initiatives.** However, to be able to match the increasing requests for full financial support to participate in the courses and secure adequate funding, the Department will begin **diversifying its resource mobilization strategy.** This will entail also looking into **new relevant actors in the protection sphere** and therefore, as already started in 2023, keep strengthening the Department’s engagement with **development actors, the private sector, and key stakeholders, such as Nparliamentarians.**

The Department’s Academic Unit will continue **expanding its engagement with universities and governmental training institutions** by sup-

porting the establishment of sustainable teaching and training initiatives on forced displacement and statelessness for a variety of audiences. Building upon the foundation laid in previous years, the Department will continue actively **participating in global processes.** This will allow the Department to develop new innovative initiatives and **forge strategic collaborations while contributing to meaningfully addressing the multifaceted challenges** faced by forcibly displaced and stateless populations.

By reaffirming the same commitment that led to the establishment of the Department 40 years ago, the Sanremo Institute will keep **advancing the principles of international protection and solidarity.** With gratitude for the unwavering support of our participants, partners, and facilitators, we eagerly anticipate another year of impactful initiatives and transformative collaboration.

In Côte d’Ivoire, returning migrants and community members were trained on a rice farming project through the EU-IOM Joint Initiative. © IOM



Calendar of 2024



Group discussions during the 2023
Inter-Agency Coordination Course
(IACC) Emergency Roster Group, May
2023 © IHL

ONLINE COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE LAW

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATE & TIME
32 nd Online Course on International Refugee Law	English	29 Jan - 23 Feb / 9 am - 11 am
33 rd Online Course on International Refugee Law	Arabic	6 Feb - 7 Mar / 10 am - 12 pm
34 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	English	13 May - 7 Jun / 2 pm - 4 pm
35 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	Spanish	3 Jun - 28 Jun / 5 pm - 7 pm
36 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	French	24 Jun - 19 Jul / 2 pm - 4 pm
37 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	Russian	5 Nov - 29 Nov / 10 am - 12 pm
38 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	English	18 Nov - 13 Dec / 9 am - 11 am

ONLINE COURSES ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATE & TIME
14 th Online Course on Internal Displacement	English	19 Feb - 15 Mar / 11 am - 1 pm
15 th Online Course on Internal Displacement	French	2 Apr - 2 May / 11 am - 1 pm
16 th Online Course on Internal Displacement	Spanish	11 Nov - 6 Dec / 5 pm - 7 pm

ONLINE COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION LAW

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATE & TIME
15 th Online Course on International Migration Law	French	26 Feb - 22 Mar / 10 am - 12 pm
16 th Online Course on International Migration Law	Spanish	30 Sep - 25 Oct / 5 pm - 7 pm
17 th Online Course on International Migration Law	English	14 Oct - 8 Nov / 2 pm - 4 pm

ONLINE COURSES ON TEACHING REFUGEE LAW

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATE & TIME
8 th Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law	English	22 Apr - 7 Jun / 5 pm - 7 pm
9 th Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law	English	14 Oct - 29 Nov / 11 am - 1 pm

ONLINE COURSES ON STATELESSNESS

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATE & TIME
10 th Online Course on Statelessness	English	25 Mar - 19 Apr / 12 pm - 2 pm
11 th Online Course on Statelessness	English	9 Sep - 4 Oct / 9 am - 11 am

THEMATIC ONLINE COURSES

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATE & TIME
Online Course on Refugee Protection Within Mixed Movements	English	15 Apr - 10 May / 2 pm - 4 pm
Online Course on Climate Change and Forced Displacement	English	7 Oct - 1 Nov / 11 am - 1 pm

SPECIALIZED WORKSHOPS IN SANREMO, ITALY

COURSE TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATE
Tailored Workshop on Statelessness	Arabic	27 May - 30 May
Specialized Course on Advocacy for Protection	English	18 Nov - 22 Nov



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Roster Group, May
2023 © IIHL*

COURSES ON

International Refugee Law

The Courses on International Refugee Law have been held since the early 80s. The workshops, organized by the Institute with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration), are delivered in English, French, Arabic, Spanish, and Russian. Different language options enable a wider number of participants from different regions to attend the workshops. These Courses are designed to fulfill the Department's pledges to the Global Compact on Refugees.

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 engaged in pro bono work, as well as individuals with backgrounds of forcible displacement and statelessness has also sharply risen. This variety of professional and geo-

graphical backgrounds provides participants with the opportunity to exchange best practices and experiences.

The Courses on International Refugee Law present the key aspects of the international protection of refugees. The topics covered range from the analysis of international refugee law and its complementarity with other bodies of law to the different displacement phases. The causes that force people to flee, the protection risks encountered through the displacement cycle, and the search for and implementation of durable and sustainable solutions are also examined. This Course also included the sharing of experiences from participants, including governments as well as people with lived experiences of displacement.

Besides the flagship Courses on International Refugee Law, since 2022, the Department has delivered a dedicated Online Course on Climate Change and Forced Displacement and laid the fundamentals of the available legal framework and the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders in addressing climate change and environmental-induced displacement.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. Promote laws, principles, and policies relating to the protection of forcibly displaced persons.
2. Develop a common understanding of the implementation and promotion of these legislations and policies at the national level by a variety of stakeholders.
3. Enhance the skills of participants in developing and applying policies and standards in conformity with principles of international law.
4. Raise awareness of human rights issues faced by refugees and the need for durable solutions.

“ A very interesting course. I really appreciate how the course was built up, starting with the international legal framework and the definition of a refugee, all the way to protection at sea, detention, and durable solutions. I really learned a lot and feel much more confident in my comprehensive knowledge of refugee protection. The presenters were generally very good, knowledgeable, and able to create interactive sessions. ”

Representative of the National Red Cross, 28th Online Course on International Refugee Law



COURSES ON

International Migration Law

Since the first edition in 2005, the Courses on International Migration Law have been co-organized with the International Organization for Migration, with the support of the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The workshops are delivered in English, French, and Spanish and are designed for government officials, representatives of NGOs and international organizations, and academia.

The Course presents the key aspects of the migration phenomenon from different angles, including the obligations and concerns of States and the rights and responsibilities of migrants.

The workshop includes an analysis of the international legal instruments that relate to migration, as well as the legal framework concerning other categories of persons in need of international protection, such as refugees, victims of trafficking, and smuggled persons.

The audience has the opportunity to analyze the complex nature of today's migratory phenomenon, including trends, causes, journeys and associated risks, integration in the country of destination and return and reintegration in the country of origin. The Course studies the key components of migration management and governance and the link with sustainable development. For this, participants are exposed to the current developments generated by the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

The Course is developed primarily to benefit mid- and senior-level government officials involved in the formulation and application of legislation and policies affecting migrants. Members of civil society and academia, who could positively influence the safeguarding of migrants' rights and advocate for their protection, are also included in the cohort of participants.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. Promote laws, principles, and policies relating to the protection of migrants and other persons in need of protection.
2. Enhance participants' skills to develop and apply policies and programs in conformity with International Law.
3. Strengthen participants' ability to contribute to the development of effective migration management systems.
4. Encourage the sharing of good practices and experiences among participants and with international experts.

“ **Public policies and understanding the dynamics of migration from the perspective of human rights allow us to imagine other paths to generate upcoming programs and projects to address the phenomenon of migration from the institutional perspective. As the Secretariat of Human Rights, this Course is relevant because it allows us to define the responsibility of each state in respecting human rights.**”

Government Official, *13th Online Course on International Migration Law*



COURSES ON

Internal Displacement

The Courses on Internal Displacement are organized by the Institute in coordination with the office of 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 and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration).

The Courses are delivered in English, French, and Spanish. The workshops meet the increasing demand for up-to-date expertise 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 IDP-related issues. In recent years, the workshops have also received staff from international agencies, NGOs, and grassroots organizations.

The diversity among participants' profiles allows the class to further acknowledge the importance of addressing internal displacement within a ho-

listic and multi-stakeholder approach. The Courses cover the key components of the protection of internally displaced persons throughout their displacement cycle.

International norms underpinning the protection of IDPs, including the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and the Kampala Convention, are analyzed from the perspective of better understanding the causes and consequences of internal displacement, its current global trends, and the protection risks faced by IDPs. Cross-cutting issues, such as prevention and protection in disaster situations, housing, land and property, data collection, and the international community coordination mechanisms, are also addressed. The workshops ultimately address the search for and implementation of durable and sustainable solutions for IDPs in line with the work of the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement on the subject and the Action Agenda on Internal Displacement.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. Enhance participants' understanding of the international norms underpinning the protection of IDPs.
2. Promote the use and implementation of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.
3. Build up the capacities of governments to establish or improve existing legislation and policies on the protection of IDPs.
4. Encourage the sharing of experiences and best practices among participants regarding the protection of IDPs and the search for solutions.

“ **The Course was very important for me because I work in a place where the risk of secondary displacement is high. I feel more confident after taking this Course because I gained more practical and theoretical knowledge.**”

UN Official, 11th Online Course on Internal Displacement



A group of Indigenous women strolls through the streets of Bellavista - a town in Colombia's northwestern Chocó department that was founded in the wake of an infamous 2002 massacre in the nearby now-ghost town of Bojayá © UNHCR/Nicolo Filippio Rosso

COURSES ON

Statelessness

The Courses on Statelessness are organized with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration).

The Courses on Statelessness respond to the need for increased knowledge and capacity to prevent, reduce, and resolve statelessness and to protect stateless persons worldwide. The workshops are designed specifically for senior and mid-level government officials involved in the formulation and application of legislation and national policies affecting stateless persons and are delivered in English, Arabic, and Russian.

The curriculum of the Course ranges from the adoption of the two Statelessness conventions and development of national legislation to the work with stateless persons in the field. Besides the international legal framework related to nationality, the Course's sessions analyze the causes and impacts of statelessness, provide an overview of stateless populations around the world, including stateless children, and examine the interrelation between statelessness and forced displacement. The training also aims to promote the use and implementation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' (UNHCR) Global Action Plan to End Statelessness as part of the *#IBelong Campaign* and share good practices resulting from this campaign.

“ Courses like these are very good to give more insights to experts and also to raise awareness among policy makers who are not yet well aware of the pressing issue of statelessness. ”

Government Official, *9th Online Course on Statelessness*

MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. Increase participants' ability to deal with the phenomenon of statelessness.
2. Encourage the sharing of good practices among participants on how to reduce and prevent statelessness and protect stateless persons.
3. Promote the use and implementation of UNHCR's Global Action Plan to End Statelessness as part of the *#IBelong Campaign*.
4. Encourage governments to accede to the Statelessness Conventions, establish or improve safeguards against statelessness in nationality laws, and remove discrimination from nationality laws.

“ The strong points of the Online Course include the well-curated topics that cover various aspects of statelessness, providing a comprehensive understanding of the issue. Additionally, the Online Platform with its extensive library adds to the Course’s strength, offering a rich resource for learners to delve deeper into the subject matter.”

Staff of NGO, 9th Online Course on Statelessness



COURSES ON

Advocacy for Protection

The Courses, delivered in English, recognize the importance of a multi-stakeholder approach to forced displacement and are specifically designed to enhance the capacities of non-governmental actors such as members of civil society and leaders of displacement and statelessness affected communities in shifting public perceptions around refugees and displaced persons, and advocating for the development of policies and services for refugees, IDPs, stateless people, and migrants.

The Course on Advocacy for Protection, organized with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, presents the key elements for identifying key stakeholders and conducting effective advocacy interventions.

Based on the main protection principles deriving from international refugee law, human rights law, and humanitarian law, the Course is guided by a bottom-up approach as it entails the active exchange of experiences and best practices among members of non-governmental organizations, including grassroots organizations and field-based entities, who are in a position to conduct policy interventions with their governments and the public at large. To make sure that advocacy efforts are effective and sustainable, specific focus is also dedicated to practical sessions on protection analysis, advocacy strategies design, and message crafting.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. Enhance the participants' knowledge of the international legal framework for the protection of refugees, IDPs, stateless people, and of the relevant stakeholders in decision-making processes at local, national, regional, and international levels.
2. Develop participants' skills on how to conduct efficient advocacy interventions, drawing on policy gaps, and identified stakeholders.
3. Empower participants to use multimedia communication to promote peaceful relations between displaced persons and host communities.
4. Increase participants' knowledge and skills on new communication techniques and advocacy for reporting on protection in refugee-related situations.

“ I learned how the representation of refugees in the media affects their perception of them. I never thought about this previously. I learned that using certain metaphorical words could be detrimental, and at the same time, presenting them as victims receiving gifts may not be helpful either. This topic still intrigues me, and I intend to conduct more research.”

Staff of grassroots NGO, 3rd Online Course on Advocacy for Protection



Newly arrived refugee women and girls conduct a focus group discussion with high level delegation in Dgahaley camp, Dadaab © UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

COURSES ON

Teaching Refugee Law

The Courses on Teaching Refugee Law, delivered in English with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, are dedicated to training officers from State training centers and academies involved in the capacity building of government officials and other civil servants, university professors and other academic staff involved in teaching refugee law or other related areas of law, and trainers from international organizations engaged in internal training programs and capacity building of governmental, academic, and civil society partners.

Participants are expected to have previous knowledge of international refugee law and based on their experience, the Course creates an environment for the exchange of best practices for the teaching and promotion of international law.

Throughout the Course, participants focus on the process of designing and strengthening training

programs, tailored sessions, and academic curricula on international refugee law and forced displacement.

The latest design and delivery methodologies, presentation techniques, and learning tools adopted by the Sanremo Institute in its own online and face-to-face programs are presented in an environment focusing on enabling the sharing of best practices and practical advice between peers, through practical exercises and simulations.

This Course is part of the pledges made by the Department at the Global Refugee Forum in 2019 to support the capacities of governments, academic institutions, civil society, and international organizations in the promotion of international refugee law and the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. Enhance the skills of trainers and academics based on the latest learning methodologies and tools, focusing particularly on the design and delivery of online and face-to-face trainings.
2. Empower national governmental training officials and academics to raise awareness and advocate for the protection of refugees through up-to-date training programs.
3. Allow participants to directly apply and practice the design and delivery methodologies and presentation techniques.
4. Create an environment for the exchange of best practices and experiences among participants, practitioners, and learning experts.
5. Identify areas of cooperation between institutions represented in the Course.

“ The use of these teaching methodologies in the Online Course provides a rich and diverse learning experience. It caters to different learning styles, encourages active participation, and facilitates a deeper understanding of the Course content. The combination of videos, discussions, and interactive teaching methods creates an interactive and stimulating learning environment that enhances the overall learning outcomes for participants.”

University lecturer, *7th Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law*



SPECIALISATION PROGRAMME ON

Protection Coordination

In cooperation with the Global Protection Cluster (GPC), the Department has been implementing the Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination (SPPC) since June 2021, when the first pilot Course was launched. The Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination is an inter-agency blended learning program for coordinators, co-coordinators, and local actors from UN agencies to government counterparts and NGO partners in field operations. It is specifically designed and developed to strengthen the skills needed for effective coordination and to encourage collaboration between all Areas of Responsibility (AoRs).

All the SPPC Courses follow the same structure, which consists of three phases:

- During the first two-week-long **Self-Study Phase**, participants can engage in an initial live session online. Following this, they have the opportunity to progress at their own pace by working individually and in pairs on micro-learning components through peer-to-peer activities.
- The second **Virtual Workshop Phase** of the Course comprises 12 live sessions lasting between 90 minutes (for the residential workshops and the French and Spanish Courses) and two hours (for the English Course). These sessions are facilitated by the Sanremo Program Team and experts from the GPC and the AoRs. Within the live sessions, participants engage in detailed discussions and practical exercises to apply the knowledge and skills essential for effective protection coordination. The Course incorporates case scenarios, role plays, and group work to enhance the practical and participatory nature of the learning experience.
- In the third and **Final Phase**, participants were asked to reflect on how to implement the skills and knowledge gained through the Programme into their daily work. In this phase, participants completed an evaluation form before engaging in a final meeting led by the GPC. In this meeting, they collaboratively discussed how the Course had influenced their protection coordination work. They also identified which areas or themes of the course could be improved to enhance their learning and professional development.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. Articulating the significance of humanitarian coordination, specifically for diverse actors, and outlining the roles and responsibilities of the individuals engaged in various coordination and co-ordination roles;
2. Illustrating the concept of centrality of protection as well as the core competencies for various sectors of the humanitarian response;
3. Equipping participants with soft skills in a variety of areas, including but not limited to protection analysis, advocacy, negotiation, and communication.

“ Your training has not only improved my skills but also boosted my confidence in the workplace. I feel more equipped to tackle the challenges in my job because I acquired new strategies and techniques that have significantly improved my performance at work and will improve more in the future.”

Regional Protection Cluster Coordinator

The Global Protection Cluster (GPC)

is a UNHCR-led network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations, and United Nations (UN) agencies engaged in protection work in humanitarian crises. Its mission is to ensure well-coordinated, effective, and principled protection preparedness and responses. The GPC unites members, partners, and communities working on the full gamut of protection activities, including four specialized Areas of Responsibility (AoRs): Child Protection (CP), Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Housing, Land and Property (HLP), and Mine Action (MA).



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24th ONLINE COURSE ON International Refugee Law

English

30 January – 23 February 2023

50 Participants

24 Countries

24 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	
Agenda Outline	
30 January - 23 February 2023 Rome time zone (CET)	
Session 0 By Thursday 26 January	Technical Preparation Self-paced Session
Week 1	
Session 1 Monday 30 January 8:00am - 10:00am	Opening of the Course and Keynote Address Live Session
Session 2 Wednesday 1 February 8:00am - 10:00am	The International Legal Protection Framework Live Session
Session 3 Friday 2 February 8:00am - 10:00am	Who is a Refugee Live Session
Week 2	
Session 4 Monday 6 February 8:00am - 10:00am	The Institution of Asylum and Security Considerations Live Session
Session 5 Wednesday 8 February 8:00am - 10:00am	Rights and Responsibilities of Refugees Live Session
Session 6 By Friday 10 February	Other Categories of Persons on the Move Self-paced Session
Week 3	
Session 7 Monday 13 February 8:00am - 10:00am	Protection at Sea Live Session
Session 8 Wednesday 15 February 8:00am - 10:00am	Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Live Session
Session 9 By Friday 17 February	Detention and Alternatives to Detention Self-paced Session
Week 4	
Session 10 Monday 20 February 8:00am - 10:00am	Protection within the Displacement Cycle Live Session
Session 11 By Wednesday 22 February	Durable Solutions and the Global Compact on Refugees Self-paced Session
Session 12 Thursday 23 February 8:00am - 10:00am	Capstone Session and Closing of the Course Live Session

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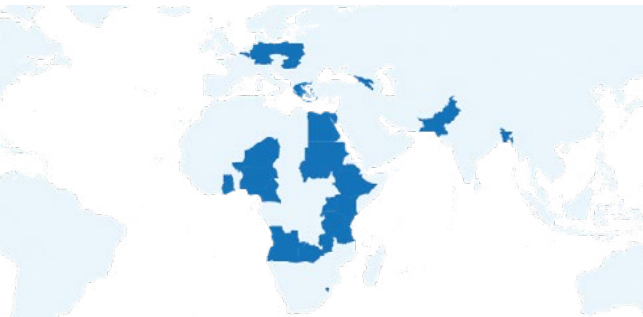
The 24th Online Course on International Refugee Law was the first Course delivered in 2023 by the Department. It was developed with the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*, and the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration)*. The training was delivered in English and welcomed **50 participants** coming from **24 countries**. Among them were government officials, judges, high-level diplomats, UN officials, academics, staff of non-governmental organizations, as well as representatives of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movements.

The topics covered the analysis of international refugee law and its complementarity with other bodies of law during various displacement phases.

The Online Course also explored the international legal framework surrounding protection, the causes that force people to flee, the risks people on the move encounter throughout the displacement cycle, and the search for and implementation of durable and sustainable solutions through a whole-of-society approach. Facilitators shared their experiences and gathered from different humanitarian contexts as well as from their diverse professional fields of expertise. A set of innovative and interactive methodologies allowed participants to gain a deep understanding of the implementation of international refugee law in theory and in practice.

Countries represented:

Angola	Kenya
Armenia	Niger
Bangladesh	Nigeria
Belgium	Pakistan
Cameroon	Poland
Egypt	Rwanda
Ethiopia	Slovakia
Georgia	Sudan
Germany	Swaziland
Ghana	Tanzania
Greece	Uganda
Hungary	Zambia



“ The teaching methods allowed me to attain the kind of knowledge I was looking for. Further, the interactions gave me a chance to learn about refugee issues from people with different experiences away from the context of my country.”

Government Official

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: participatory nature of live sessions; selection of experienced facilitators; right balance between theory and practice; engagement through practical case scenarios.

Most valued sessions and topics: The International Legal Protection Framework; The Institution of Asylum and Security Considerations; Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants; Durable Solutions and the Global Compact on Refugees.

Suggestions for improvement: extend the time duration of live sessions for more discussions to take place; provide more occasions for breakout room discussions among the participants; consider the organization of role-plays.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 74%; able to a good extent, 18%; able to a limited extent, 8%. Almost all respondents (97%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 89%; average satisfaction, 11%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 61%; very good, 37%; good, 2%. Participants mostly appreciated: interactivity tools adopted in live sessions; availability of video self-paced sessions; presentations from high-profile academic personalities and UN officials.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 66%; user-friendly, 34%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 87%; average satisfaction, 11%; low satisfaction, 2%.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 79%; average satisfaction, 21%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



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25th ONLINE COURSE ON International Refugee Law

Arabic

6 February – 2 March 2023

19 Participants

7 Countries



OVERVIEW

The Department delivered the 25th Online Course on International Refugee Law, the first Course in Arabic of 2023, with the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*, and the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration)*. The Course welcomed **19 participants** from **7 countries** in the Middle East and North Africa Region. The audience's professional backgrounds were diverse, with government officials including members of the judiciary, members of non-governmental organizations, and academia.

The Online Course was designed particularly to meet the learning needs and strengthen the protection capacities of government officials involved in the formulation and implementation of legislation and policies affecting

persons in need of protection in the MENA region. Over four weeks, key themes of international refugee law were analyzed through an examination of legal frameworks, the different phases of the displacement cycle, practical case studies, and interactive simulation exercises. Crucial topics such as refugee status determination, the difference between stateless persons and refugees, the legal and operational considerations around protection at sea, alternatives to detention, and trafficking and smuggling were investigated, resulting in vibrant discussions and exchanges among the attendees.

“ I became familiar with what international and customary law imposes on humanitarian operations with issues relating to refugees, immigrants, or stateless persons, while respecting their rights and the rights of the state at the same time.”

Government Official

Countries represented:

Algeria
Egypt
Lebanon
Saudi Arabia
Syria
Tunisia
Yemen



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: flexibility and remote modality of the Course; competency and experience of facilitators; efficiency and quality of Course organization.

Most valued sessions and topics: The International Legal Protection Framework; The Institution of Asylum and Security Considerations; Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants; Detention and Alternatives to Detention.

Suggestions for improvement: extend the time of sessions for more discussion to take place; expand the pool of resources available in Arabic on the Online Resources Library.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 92%; able to a good extent, 8%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 84%; average satisfaction, 8%; low satisfaction, 8%.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 67%; very good, 33%. Participants mostly appreciated: interactive teaching methodology; availability and access to additional learning resources.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 42%; user-friendly, 58%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 92%; average satisfaction, 8%. No respondent expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 83%; average satisfaction, 17%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



Course Director

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Keynote Speaker

Ms. Jasmine Diab

Director, Institute for Migration Studies, Lebanese American University

Lecturers and Speakers

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Research and Development Consultant, boniġi

Mr. Ihab Serour

Lawyer and refugee protection expert


Mr. Thomas McGee


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Ms. Lobna Abdel Hadi

International expert on refugee and IDP protection

11th ONLINE COURSE ON Internal Displacement

 English

 13 February – 10 March 2023

 36 Participants

 22 Countries



11th Online Course on Internal Displacement

Agenda Outline
13 February – 10 March 2023
Some time zone (CET)

Session	Topic	Format
Session 0 By Thursday 13 February	Technical Preparation	Self-paced Session
Week 1		
Session 1 Wednesday 13 February 11:00am – 1:00pm	Opening of the Course and Keynote Address	Live Session
Session 2 Wednesday 13 February 1:00pm – 3:00pm	Legal Protection of Internally Displaced Persons	Live Session
Session 3 By Sunday 19 February	Mixed Movements and Other Categories of Persons in Need of Protection	Self-paced Session
Week 2		
Session 4 Wednesday 22 February 10:00am – 12:00pm	Prevention and Preparedness for Displacement in Situation of Disasters	Live Session
Session 5 Friday 24 February 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Law and Policy Development	Live Session
Session 6 By Sunday 26 February	Forced Displacement in International Humanitarian Law	Self-paced Session
Week 3		
Session 7 Monday 27 February 11:00am – 1:00pm	Housing, Land and Property	Live Session
Session 8 Wednesday 1 March 11:00am – 1:00pm	Data Collection for Protection, Assistance and Durable Solutions for IDPs	Live Session
Session 9 Friday 3 March 10:00am – 1:00pm	Protection within Diversity and Stakeholders Coordination	Hybrid Session
Week 4		
Session 10 Monday 5 March 10:00am – 1:00pm	UN Action Agenda on Internal Displacement	Live Session
Session 11 Wednesday 8 March 8:00am – 1:00pm	Durable Solutions for IDPs	Hybrid Session
Session 12 Friday 10 March 11:00am – 1:00pm	Capstone Session	Live Session

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OVERVIEW

The first Online Course on Internal Displacement of the year was organized with the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration)*, and in close collaboration with the mandate of the *United Nations Special Rapporteur* on the human rights of internally displaced persons. The training was delivered in English and welcomed **36 participants** from **22 countries**. The pool of participants included government officials, diplomats, members of the judiciary, independent experts, members of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movements, representatives of local non-governmental organizations, legal clinics practitioners, and staff of UN agencies and other relevant international organizations.

During the Online Course, participants explored key aspects of the protection of in-

ternally displaced people (IDPs) through the analysis of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement. The Course examined the causes and consequences of internal displacement with a particular focus on conflict- and disaster-induced displacement. The sessions addressed the protection risks faced by individuals throughout the displacement cycle, as well as other cross-cutting issues affecting IDPs' rights, such as housing, land and property, and access to documentation. Moreover, a series of practical tools for data collection and the development of law and policies on internal displacement were presented. The workshop ultimately addressed the search for and implementation of durable and sustainable solutions for IDPs in line with the work of the United Nations Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement.

“**The Course was extremely well-organized, and the team was friendly as well as professional. Also, practical tasks were very important in the Course because they allowed us to reinforce the knowledge we had gained while also allowing us to understand our knowledge gaps in the framework of displacement.**”

UN official

Countries represented:

Algeria	Mozambique
Armenia	Myanmar
Bangladesh	Niger
Egypt	Nigeria
Ethiopia	Norway
Gambia	Philippines
Georgia	Senegal
Haiti	Sudan
Malawi	Switzerland
Mauritius	Ukraine
Morocco	Yemen



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: interactivity and engagement of live sessions; professional organization by the Sanremo team; variety of learning resources provided during the live sessions and the Online Learning Platform.

Most valued sessions and topics: Legal Protection of Internally Displaced Persons; Law and Policy Development; Housing, Land and Property; Durable Solutions for IDPs.

Suggestions for improvement: include more considerations on how to enhance coordination with state actors during emergency situations affecting IDPs; introduce short breaks between the sessions.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 63%; able to a good extent, 32%; able to a limited extent, 5%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 89%; average satisfaction, 11%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 63%; very good, 37%. Participants mostly appreciated: selection of experienced facilitators; dedicated time for discussion in live sessions; exposure to different learning techniques.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 53%; user-friendly, 47%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 89%; average satisfaction, 11%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 89%; average satisfaction, 11%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



Course Director

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Keynote Speaker

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United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons

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Legal Officer (IDPs), UNHCR and Chair of Global Protection Cluster Task Team on Law and Policy

Colonel Mark Dakers

Director, Military Department, IIHL

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Senior Housing, Land, and Property and civil documentation expert, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Syria

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Regional Advisor for the Americas, Joint Internal Displacement Profiling System (JIPS)

Dr. Wilma Moraa Isaboke

Senior Learning Development Associate, Global Learning and Development Center, UNHCR


Ms. Greta Zeender


Senior Policy Adviser, Office of the UN Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement

Ms. Margharita Lundkvist-Houndoumadi

Senior Profiling Advisor (Durable Solutions), Joint Internal Displacement Profiling System (JIPS)

7th ONLINE COURSE ON Statelessness

 English

 13 March – 6 April 2023

 58 Participants

 30 Countries



OVERVIEW

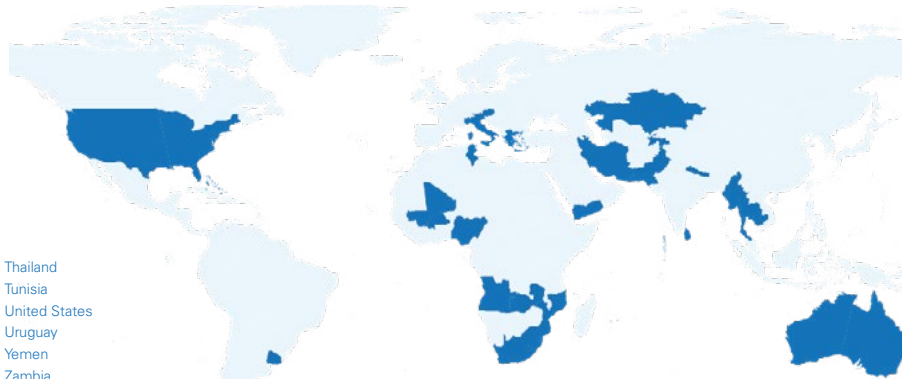
The Department conducted the 7th Online Course on Statelessness with the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* and the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration)*. The training, delivered in English, was the first Course on Statelessness of 2023 and benefited **58 participants** from **30 countries**. Among the participants were primarily government officials, including members of the judiciary, as well as staff of UNHCR, members of civil society, personnel of international non-governmental organizations, and academics.

The Online Course was designed to respond to the international need to increase the knowledge and capacities of governments

and local actors involved in addressing and eradicating statelessness. The content of the Course was structured around the four pillars identified by UNHCR to respond to statelessness: the identification, prevention, reduction, and protection of stateless persons. Through the training, participants shared good practices from different regions and contexts, engaged in activities and real-life case studies and scenarios, and explored the international legal and policy framework surrounding statelessness. Participants were provided tools to further understand the ramifications and solutions in both contexts of statelessness, *in situ* and within the migratory context.

Countries represented:

Angola	Greece	Myanmar	
Armenia	Iran	Nepal	
Australia	Italy	Nigeria	Thailand
Austria	Kazakhstan	North Macedonia	Tunisia
Bahamas	Lesotho	Pakistan	United States
Burkina Faso	Maldives	South Africa	Uruguay
Cambodia	Mali	Sri Lanka	Yemen
Eswatini	Mozambique	Tajikistan	Zambia



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: remote and flexible modality of attendance; selection of lecturers with strong backgrounds of statelessness knowledge and experience; available technical support.

Most valued sessions and topics: Impact of Statelessness; Nationality and Statelessness in International Law, Identification of Statelessness and Status Determination, Refugee Protection and Statelessness.

Suggestions for improvement: increase the occasions for participant's exchange of their experiences in small groups; add more on regional cooperation to address statelessness.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 60%; able to a good extent, 28%; able to a limited extent, 8%; not at all able, 4%. The vast majority of respondents (93%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 70%; average satisfaction, 28%; low satisfaction, 2%.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 60%; very good, 35%; good, 5%. Participants mostly appreciated: exercises and activities during live sessions; practical application of knowledge in case studies.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 70%; user-friendly, 30%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 75%; average satisfaction, 23%; low satisfaction, 2%.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 94%; average satisfaction, 6%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



Course Director

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

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Lecturers and Speakers

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Mr. Sam Mosallai

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Ms. Valeriia Cherednichenko

Statelessness Officer, Regional Bureau for Europe, UNHCR

Mr. Gábor Gyulai

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Ms. Maha Mamo

Statelessness activist and motivational speaker

Mr. Thomas McGee

PhD researcher, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, University of Melbourne School of Law; Co-coordinator of MENA Statelessness Network

Ms. Dalila Zenati

Head of Capacity Development Unit, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski


Head of Academic Unit, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration law, IIHL

“ I found the 7th Online Course on Statelessness to be exceptionally useful. The course content was well-organized and comprehensive, covering all the necessary information for learners to develop a solid understanding of statelessness. I appreciated the range of resources provided, such as articles, case studies, and multimedia content, which helped to reinforce my learning.”


Researcher

8th ONLINE COURSE ON Statelessness

 Russian

 20 March - 14 April 2023

 36 Participants

 11 Countries



OVERVIEW

With the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* and the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration)*, the 8th Online Course on Statelessness was developed and delivered in Russian, welcoming **36 participants** from **11 countries** in Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus, the Western Balkans, and Central Asia. The participants consisted of government officials, including members of the judiciary, as well as staff of UNHCR and representatives of National Red Cross Societies, civil society, and non-governmental organizations.

The Online Course examined a variety of topics relating to statelessness, such as the causes and impacts of statelessness, nationality and statelessness in international law, and the identification of statelessness and status determination.

The training explored the link between refugee protection and statelessness and provided specific insights on international initiatives such as the UNHCR #IBelong Campaign. In this perspective, the global response to statelessness and policies to prevent and end statelessness were shared with the audience. The Course further encouraged the exchange of best practices between participants, bringing particular attention to positive developments in eradicating statelessness in Kyrgyzstan.

Countries represented:

Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Moldova
Russia
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan



“ All topics were presented in an accessible language, with interesting tasks and useful links. Most of all, I liked the rich library, to which access was opened, wherein I found materials that have already helped me in court to provide assistance to stateless persons.”

Staff of NGO

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: practical experience of guest lecturers and sharing of best practices of other countries; interactive exercises and inclusion of assignments to further expand on the Course content.

Most valued sessions and topics: Impact of Statelessness; Protection of Stateless Persons; Statelessness Determination Procedures; Preventing and Ending Statelessness.

Suggestions for improvement: expand the availability of practical examples from other regions, such as Latin America, Africa and Europe.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 69%; able to a good extent, 25%; able to a limited extent, 6%. The majority of respondents (84%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 81%; average satisfaction, 19%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 59%; very good, 22%; good, 19%. Participants mostly appreciated: interactive learning methods; availability of additional resource materials.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 50%; user-friendly, 44%; not so user-friendly, 6%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 91%; average satisfaction, 9%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 94%; average satisfaction, 6%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



Course Director

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Keynote Speaker

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Lecturers and Speakers

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Executive Director, Legal Centre for Lawyers, Republic of Moldova

Ms. Ekaterina Kiseleva

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Statelessness Officer, Regional Bureau for Europe, UNHCR

Mr. Sergiu Gaina

Statelessness Officer, UNHCR Kazakhstan

Mr. Denis Dzhivaga

Executive Director, Kazakh International Bureau on Human Rights and Rule of Law

Ms. Maha Mamo

Statelessness activist and motivational speaker

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Mr. Alexander Snitko

Manager of Statelessness Projects, Civil Organization "The Tenth of April"

11th ONLINE COURSE ON International Migration Law

English

25 April - 19 May 2023

46 Participants

31 Countries

11 th Online Course on International Migration Law	
Agenda Outline 25 April - 19 May 2023 Rome time zone (CEST)	
Session 0 By Tuesday 25 April	Technical Preparation Self-paced Session
Week 1	
Session 1 Tuesday 25 April From 10 am to 12 pm	Opening of the Course, Introductions and Keynote Address Live Session
Session 2 Wednesday 26 April From 10 am to 12 pm	Migration Overview: Statistics, Trends, Causes and Risks Live Session
Session 3 Friday 28 April From 10 am to 12 pm	Migration Overview: Who is Who Live Session
Week 2	
Session 4 By Monday 1 May Estimated duration: 20 min.	Global Compact for Migration Self-paced Session
Session 5 Tuesday 2 May From 10 am to 12 pm	International Migration Law and the Rights of Migrants Live Session
Session 6 By Thursday 4 May Estimated duration: 20 min.	Migration and Development Self-paced Session
Session 7 Thursday 4 May From 10 am to 12 pm	Migrant Workers' Rights Live Session
Week 3	
Session 8 Monday 8 May From 10 am to 12 pm	Admission, Stay and Exit: Authority and Responsibility of States Live Session
Session 9 By Wednesday 10 May Estimated duration: 20 min.	Detention and Alternatives to Detention Self-paced Session
Session 10 Wednesday 10 May From 10 am to 12 pm	Protection at Sea Live Session
Session 11 Friday 12 May From 10 am to 12 pm	Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Live Session
Week 4	
Session 12 Monday 15 May From 10 am to 12 pm	Return, Integration and Reintegration of Migrants Live Session
Session 13 Wednesday 17 May From 10 am to 12 pm	International Cooperation Live Session
Session 14 Friday 19 May From 10 am to 12 pm	Capstone Session and Closing of the Course Live Session

OVERVIEW

The first Course on International Migration Law of 2023 was implemented with the support of the *International Organization for Migration*, the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, and the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*. The Online Course was designed to present key aspects of migration from different angles, including the obligations and concerns of States and the rights and responsibilities of migrants. Delivered in English, **46 participants** from **31 countries** were selected to attend the training. The pool of participants included government officials, members of the judiciary, diplomats, academics, international experts as well as staff of non-profit institutions and international organizations, including IOM and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Participants had the opportunity to analyze the multi-layered nature of today's migration flows, including global trends, causes, and risks that migrants face throughout their journeys. Participants were provided with relevant insights on policies regarding integration in the country of destination and return and re-integration in the country of origin. Dedicated sessions underlined the importance of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration, inviting the address of migration through international cooperation as the key mechanism resulting in the sustained development of both host countries and countries of origin. Participants were also given opportunities to share good practices regarding various aspects of migration management covered throughout the training.

“ I was privileged for the first time to have benefited from such a useful training program, and it has empowered me to do more in my work as a refugee protection field staff. With this training, I learned about the GCM and state obligations. With the knowledge about migrants (irregular and regular), I can now make some suggestions to senior management of my organization on how the government can have a broad look at the protection of migrants beyond obtaining permits and to ensure other protection issues for their human rights. I am highly satisfied.”

Government official



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: engaging and interactive delivery of live sessions; quality of program structure; flexibility and remote modality.

Most valued sessions and topics: International Migration Law and the Rights of Migrants; Admission, Stay and Exit: Authority and Responsibility of States; Protection at Sea.

Suggestions for improvement: include more opportunities to share experiences and best practices among participants.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 75%; able to a good extent, 25%. The vast majority of respondents (97%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 89%; average satisfaction, 11%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 50%; very good, 47%; good, 3%. Participants mostly appreciated: use of diversified teaching methodologies and the appropriate balance between PowerPoint presentations, surveys and interactive discussions.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 75%; user-friendly, 19%; not so user-friendly, 6%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 86%; average satisfaction, 14%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 89%; average satisfaction, 11%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



Course Director

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Keynote Speaker

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Ms. Marina Cakic

Return and Reintegration Focus Officer, IOM

Ms. Emily Thuo

Return and Reintegration Project Officer, IOM

Mr. Matthew Fader

Leader of Volunteer Operations and Head of Education International Search and Rescue Development, Swedish Search and Rescue Society (SSRS)

Dr. Ryszard Piotrowicz

Professor of Law, Aberystwyth University; Former Vice-President, Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

Mr. Jonathan Prentice

Head of Secretariat, United Nations Network on Migration

Dr. Nicholas R. Micinski


Libra Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, University of Maine

Ms. Michele LeVoy


Director, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)

12th ONLINE COURSE ON International Migration Law

 French

 25 April - 19 May 2023

 29 Participants

 14 Countries

12th Cours en ligne sur
le Droit International de la Migration
Programme du cours
25 Avril - 19 Mai 2023
Palais National de France (P.N.F.)

Séance	Thème
Séance 0	Préparation Technique
Semaine 1	
Séance 1	Ouverture du cours, présentations et discours liminaire
Séance 2	Aperçu de la migration : Statistiques, tendances, causes et risques
Séance 3	Aperçu de la migration : personnes en déplacement
Séance 4	Pacte mondial sur les migrations
Semaine 2	
Séance 5	Cadre juridique international et les droits des migrants
Séance 6	Migration et développement
Séance 7	Droits des travailleurs migrants
Semaine 3	
Séance 8	Admission et sortie aux frontières : droits et obligations des États
Séance 9	Détention et alternatives à la détention
Séance 10	Protection internationale en mer
Séance 11	Traite des êtres humains et trafic illicite de migrants
Semaine 4	
Séance 12	Retour et réintégration des migrants
Séance 13	Session récapitulative et conclusion du cours

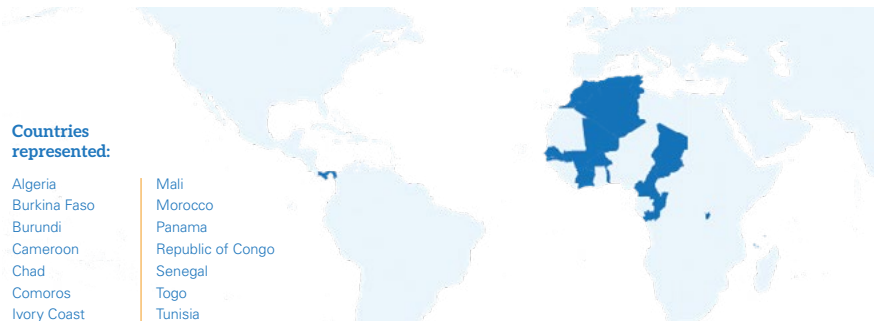
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OVERVIEW

With the support of the *International Organization for Migration*, the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, and the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*, the 12th Online Course on International Migration Law, delivered in French, was designed to focus on training participants from Western and Central Africa, welcoming **29 participants** from **14 countries** across the region. The profiles of the participants ranged from government officials, members of the judiciary, and diplomats, to staff of international organizations, including IOM.

Focused on migration issues contextualized for West and Central Africa, where the majority of participants reside and work, the Course explored the main obligations and responsibilities of States, as well as current trends, risks and causes of migration.

The Course examined the international legal framework and regional instruments and gave special consideration to the Global Compact for Migration. Through the diverse sessions, participants gained a comprehensive understanding of specific protection challenges and solutions related to migration, including considerations on working migrants, trafficking and smuggling of migrants, detention and alternatives to detention, and integration, return and reintegration of migrants.



“ The Course provided a better understanding of all key aspects of the migration phenomenon from different angles, including the obligations and concerns of States and the rights and obligations of migrants. ”

Government representative

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: high level expertise of the lecturers; appropriate sequencing of topics and quality of organization; interaction between learners and trainers.

Most valued sessions and topics: Migrant Workers' Rights; Migration Overview: People on the move; Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants; Protection at Sea.

Suggestions for improvement: convert the showcased video testimonials into live sessions; deepen the link between migration and development.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 70%; able to a good extent, 26%; able to a limited extent, 4%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 83%; average satisfaction, 17%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 30%; very good, 70%. Participants mostly appreciated: time given for interactive exchanges; practical case studies presented; quality and accessibility of PowerPoint presentations.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 66%; user-friendly, 30%; not so user-friendly, 4%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 100%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 70%; average satisfaction, 26%; low satisfaction, 4%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



Course Director

Ms. Catherine-Amélie Chassin

Senior Lecturer and Co-Director of the Master in Freedom Rights, University of Caen-Normandie

Keynote Speaker

Ms. Maya Sahlí Fadel

African Union Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Lecturers and Speakers

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12th ONLINE COURSE ON Internal Displacement

 French

 2 - 26 May 2023

 34 Participants

 11 Countries



12^{ème} Cours en ligne sur le Déplacement Interne

Programme du Cours
2 - 26 Mai 2023
Niveau horaire de Base (CEST)

Semaine	Session	Thème	Format
Semaine 1	Session 0	Préparation Technique	Session individuelle
	Session 1	Ouverture et discours liminaire	Session en direct
	Session 2	Protection juridique des déplacés internes et transposition de la Convention de Kampala en droit interne	Session en direct
Semaine 2	Session 3	Le Droit International Humanitaire et le déplacement forcé	Session en direct
	Session 4	Prévention et préparation des déplacements dans le contexte des catastrophes naturelles	Session en direct
	Session 5	Mouvements mixtes et personnes nécessitant une protection	Session individuelle en ligne
Semaine 3	Session 6	Logement, terre et propriété	Session en direct
	Session 7	Protection et diversité durant le cycle de déplacement	Session en direct
	Session 8	Collecte des données pour la protection, l'assistance et les solutions durables des déplacés internes	Session en direct
Semaine 4	Session 9	Programme d'Action sur les déplacements internes de l'ONU	Session individuelle en ligne
	Session 10	Mécanismes de coordination et parties prenantes: le travail des Clusters	Session en direct
	Session 11	Solutions durables	Session hybride
	Session 12	Session récapitulative et conclusion du Cours	Session en direct

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OVERVIEW

This Online Course was organized with the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* and the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration)*, along with the close collaboration of the *United Nations Special Rapporteur* on the human rights of internally displaced people. Delivered in French, the Course was designed to focus on training participants from Western and Central Africa, welcoming **34 participants** from **11 countries** across the region. The profiles of the participants ranged from government officials, members of the judiciary, diplomats, and scholars, to representatives of Permanent Missions to the UN Office in Geneva, as well as representatives of local non-governmental and international organizations.

During the Online Course, participants explored key aspects of the protection of internally displaced people (IDPs) by looking at the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and regional

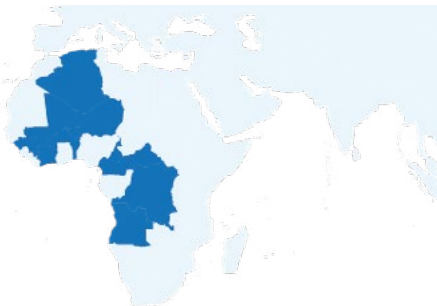
obligations established by the Kampala Convention and the Great Lakes Protocol. A particular focus was dedicated to the domestication of the Kampala Convention into national jurisdiction. The Course also examined the causes and consequences of internal displacement, with a particular focus on conflict and disaster displacement. The protection risks faced by individuals throughout the displacement cycle, as well as other cross-cutting issues affecting internally displaced persons' rights, such as housing, land and property and access to documentation, were also discussed. Moreover, a series of practical tools for data collection and coordination mechanisms among different stakeholders working with IDPs was presented. The workshop ultimately addressed the search for and implementation of durable and sustainable solutions for IDPs in line with the work of the United Nations Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement.

“**Before the Course, I only mastered the definition of an IDP. With the training, I realized the outline and the depth of the notion of ‘internal displacement’. I learned about international standards in this area, the data collection mechanism, coordination mechanisms and above all, durable solutions.**”

Member of judiciary

Countries represented:

Algeria
Angola
Benin
Burkina Faso
Cameroun
Central African Republic
DR Congo
Guinea
Ivory Coast
Mali
Niger



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: quality of the moderation of live sessions; accessibility of the Course to an international audience; presentation of practical case studies and sharing of experiences.

Most valued sessions and topics: International Humanitarian Law and Forced Displacement; Protection and Diversity in the Displacement Cycle; Coordination Mechanisms and Stakeholders: The Work of the Clusters.

Suggestions for improvement: extend the time for participants to share their experiences; consider dedicating more time and discussion during the session on data collection.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 71%; able to a good extent, 21%; able to a limited extent, 8%. The majority of the respondents (96%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 100%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 67%; very good, 33%. Participants mostly appreciated: the combination of self-paced and live sessions; discussion time with facilitators and lecturers.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 50%; user-friendly, 42%; not so user-friendly, 8%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 92%; average satisfaction, 8%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 92%; average satisfaction, 8%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



8.8/10

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26th ONLINE COURSE ON International Refugee Law

 French

 29 May - 22 June 2023

 41 Participants

 12 Countries



OVERVIEW

The Department conducted the 26th Online Course on International Refugee Law with the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration)*, and the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*. The training was delivered in French and welcomed **41 participants** from **12 countries**. Among the participants were government officials, including members of the judiciary and diplomats, representatives of Permanent Missions to the UN Office in Geneva, as well as staff from local non-governmental and international organizations.

During the Online Course, participants explored the key aspects of the international protection of refugees specifically in the African context, which is the region from where most participants came. The topics covered ranged from

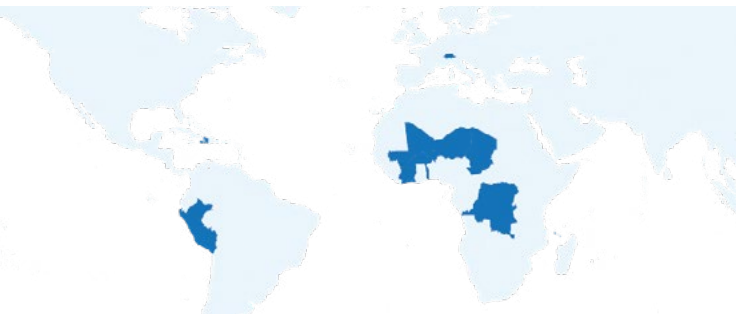
the analysis of international refugee law and its complementarity with other bodies of law to the different displacement phases, as well as a tailored analysis of regional refugee protection frameworks. The causes that force people to flee, the protection risks encountered through the displacement cycle, and the search for and implementation of durable and sustainable solutions from a whole-of-society approach were also examined. Additional refugee-related issues were further addressed through a cross-cutting approach, such as gender-based violence and the protection of internally displaced and stateless people. The Course was conducted in light of the developments generated by the Global Compact on Refugees.

“**My country is going through a security crisis which has generated thousands of internally displaced persons, especially women and children. As a state agent, I take part in meetings for the care of these vulnerable people, and my participation in this training will allow me to better orient myself in my position, taking into account the priorities and rights held by these people.**”

Government Official

Countries represented:

Burkina Faso
Burundi
Chad
Comoros
Ivory Coast
Haiti
Mali
Niger
Peru
Republic of Congo
Switzerland
Togo



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: flearning and sharing experiences with other participants with different background; flexibility in attending the Course; punctuality and time management of the live sessions.

Most valued sessions and topics: Legal framework for the Protection of Refugees; Who is a Refugee?; Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants.

Suggestions for improvement: have more in-depth knowledge on complementary pathways; invite humanitarian workers from the field to share live experiences.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 61%; able to a good extent, 33%; able to a limited extent, 6%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 100%. No respondent expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 39%; very good, 56%; good, 5%. Participants mostly appreciated: the broad sharing of experiences at all levels; the high sense of respect and attentiveness of the lecturers; participatory methodology.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 56%; user-friendly, 44%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 83%; average satisfaction, 17%. No respondent expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 83%; average satisfaction, 17%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



Course Director

Ms. Catherine-Amélie Chassin

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Keynote Speaker

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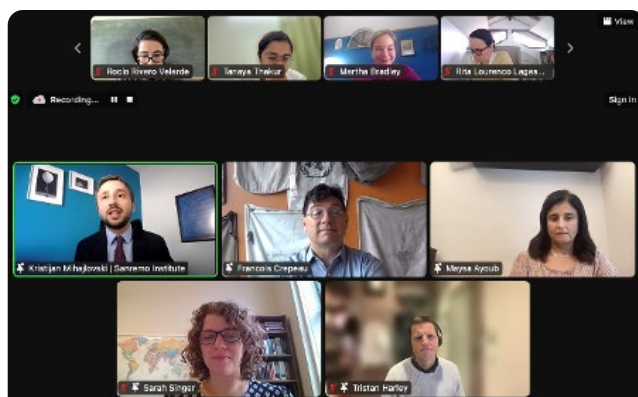
11th SPECIALISATION PROGRAMME ON Protection Coordination

English

30 May – 6 September 2023

31 Participants

South Sudan



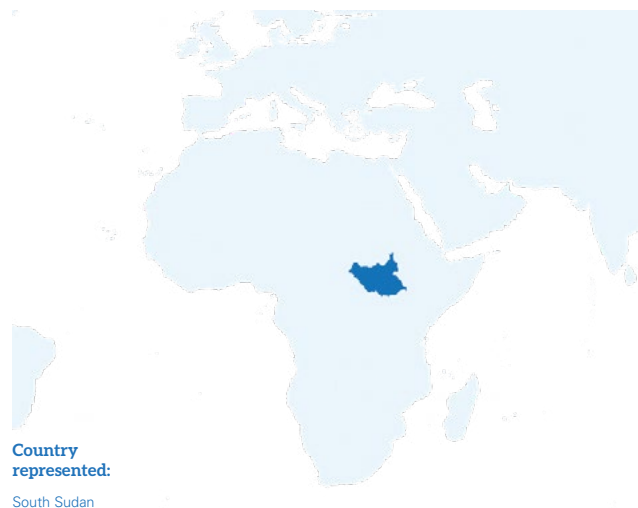
The following four weeks of the virtual workshop (12 June – 6 July) allowed participants to attend 12 virtual and interactive live sessions on hard and soft skills related to effective protection coordination. All sessions were facilitated by experienced professionals from a wide range of organizations.

In the third and last phase (10 July – 6 September), participants were asked to reflect on how to implement the skills and knowledge gained through the Programme into their daily work. During this phase, participants first filled in an evaluation form, after which they attended a final meeting facilitated by the GPC to discuss jointly the impact of the course on their work in protection coordination and to see which thematic areas of the Programme can be improved to better support their own learning and professional development.

OVERVIEW

The 11th edition of the Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination, in English, was co-organized with the *Global Protection Cluster (GPC)* and the four *Areas of Responsibility (AoRs)* and welcomed **31 participants** from the **South Sudan Country Operation**, which had been identified as the priority country for the course by the GPC/AORs at the global level. The Programme, which specifically targeted coordinators, co-coordinators, and local actors in field operations from UN agencies and NGO partners, was divided into three phases.

The first self-study phase (30 May – 6 July) lasted two weeks, during which participants had the possibility to meet online for a first live session and then work at their own pace on micro-learning components both individually and in pairs through peer-to-peer activities.



“**The Programme is practical, bringing together practitioners to enhance their skills and learn from each other. [...] We have been reaching out to each other outside the workshop, further discussing the skills we have learnt, and we will continue to collaborate in our present coordination work.**”

Participant from the Protection Cluster

FEEDBACK OF THE SELF-STUDY PHASE AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Overall rating of the Self-Study: excellent, 25%; very good, 75%.

Most appreciated aspects: availability of material on coordination skills and decision-making processes; sharing of experiences and best practices from other operations; additional reading to better understand the topics beyond the training period.

Suggestions for improvement: organize the reading material in the library to prioritize the most relevant documents.

Overall rating of the Virtual Workshop: excellent, 50%; very good, 50%.

Most appreciated aspects: time management; interactivity between participants; flexibility of remote modality of the Online Course.

Most valued sessions and topics: Leadership and Coordination; Protection Analysis; Working with People; Developing an Effective Strategy.

Suggestions for improvement: create a repository for group work's material; consider an in-person version of the training; increase time for working groups.

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7th ONLINE COURSE ON Teaching Refugee Law

 English

 5 June - 7 July 2023

 30 Participants

 16 Countries

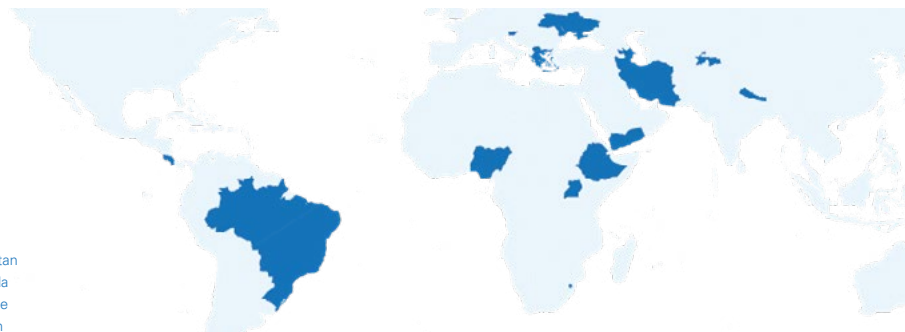


OVERVIEW

The 7th Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law, supported by the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, focused on the process of designing and strengthening training programs, tailored sessions, and academic curricula on international refugee law and forced displacement. The training benefitted from a broad international representation, hosting **30 participants** from **16 countries**. The active participation and heterogeneity of the cohort, which included trainers from State training centers, international organizations, and international non-governmental organizations engaged in capacity sharing, together with university professors and academic staff, enriched and shaped the Course as a workshop by building on participants' experience.

The Online Course outlined the latest design and delivery methodologies, presentation

techniques, and learning tools that the Sanremo Institute and its partner organizations use in online and face-to-face training. Throughout the Course, participants collaborated on a practical group exercise aimed at designing their own session on international refugee law, directly applying the gained knowledge. This edition of the Course is part of the pledges made by the Department at the Global Refugee Forum in 2019 to support the capacities of governments, academic institutions, civil society, and international organizations in the promotion of international refugee law and the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees



Countries represented:

Azerbaijan
Brazil
Costa Rica
Eswatini

Ethiopia
Greece
Iran
Moldova

Nepal
Nigeria
North Macedonia
Slovenia

Tajikistan
Uganda
Ukraine
Yemen

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: peer-to-peer learning and interaction with other participants; intuitive interface of the Online Learning Platform; professionalism of lecturers.

Most valued sessions and topics: Learning Tools: Case Scenarios and Case Studies; Opening and Keynote Lecture: The Role of Universities and Training Institutions in Refugee Protection; Session Design: Defining Content and Crafting Key Messages.

Suggestions for improvement: include further discussion on the reading materials provided; reduce the number of members in breakout groups for more interactivity.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 93%; able to a limited extent, 7%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 87%; average satisfaction, 13%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 60%; very good, 33%; good, 7%. Participants mostly appreciated: the combination of videos, discussions, and interactive teaching methods; sharing of new tools and methodologies in designing and facilitation skills.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 60%; user-friendly, 40%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 87%; average satisfaction, 13%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 60%; average satisfaction, 40%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



Course Director and Keynote Speaker

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“**The Course on Teaching Refugee Law will greatly benefit my position as a university lecturer. The Course will also enhance my ability to engage with students from diverse backgrounds and support those interested in pursuing careers in refugee law. Overall, it will strengthen my teaching abilities and deepen student understanding of refugee law in my current position.**”


University Lecturer

27th ONLINE COURSE ON International Refugee Law

 Spanish

 12 June - 7 July 2023

 39 Participants

 14 Countries

27 ^o Curso virtual sobre el Derecho Internacional de las Personas Refugiadas	
Programa del curso 12 junio a 7 de julio de 2023 Zona horaria de Roma (CEST)	
<p>Sesión 0 Análisis del lunes 12 de junio</p>	Preparación técnica Autodidáctica
Semana 1	
<p>Sesión 1 Lunes 12 de junio 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	Sesión Inaugural y Apertura del Curso Sesión virtual
<p>Sesión 2 Martes 13 de junio 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	Marco jurídico de protección para las personas refugiadas Sesión virtual
<p>Sesión 3 Viernes 16 de junio 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	Quiénes son las personas refugiadas Sesión virtual
Semana 2	
<p>Sesión 4 Lunes 19 de junio 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	La seguridad de los Estados y la institución del asilo Sesión virtual
<p>Sesión 5 Martes 20 de junio 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	Movimientos mixtos y otras categorías de personas con necesidades de protección Sesión virtual
<p>Sesión 6 Viernes 23 de junio 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	Criterios de protección establecidos por el Sistema Interamericano de Protección de los Derechos Humanos Sesión virtual
Semana 3	
<p>Sesión 7 Lunes 26 de junio</p>	Detención y alternativas a la detención Sesión grabada
<p>Sesión 8 Martes 27 de junio 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	Trata de personas y tráfico ilícito de migrantes Sesión virtual
<p>Sesión 9 Viernes 30 de junio 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	Herramientas de análisis para la protección Sesión virtual
Semana 4	
<p>Sesión 10 Lunes 3 de julio 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	La protección durante el ciclo de desplazamiento Sesión virtual
<p>Sesión 11 Martes 4 de julio</p>	Soluciones duraderas y oportunidades de subsistencia Sesión grabada
<p>Sesión 12 Viernes 7 de julio 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	Síntesis final y Clausura del Curso Sesión virtual

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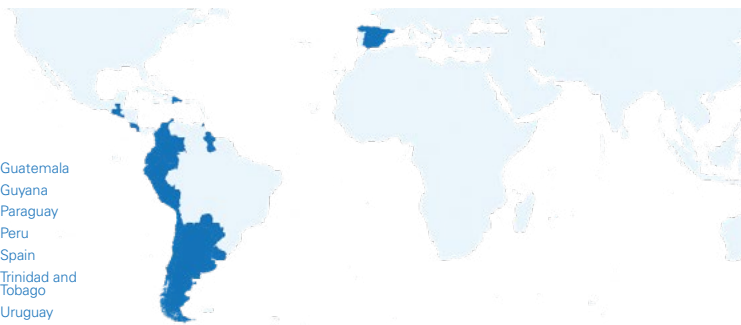
Delivered in Spanish, the 27th Online Course on International Refugee Law was organized thanks to the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*, and the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration)*. The Course welcomed **39 participants** from **14 countries**. Among the participants were government officials, personnel of local and international non-governmental organizations, staff of international organizations, and other protection practitioners.

The Online Course focused on forced displacement in Latin America and the Caribbean, analyzing key elements of international refugee law and the regional legal framework from the 1984 Cartagena Declaration and the Inter-American System for Human Rights.

It explored the complementarity of these instruments in safeguarding refugee rights and delved into relevant considerations around refugee status determination procedures. The Course addressed regional forced displacement nuances, including mixed movements, risks, and vulnerabilities of persons on the move. Regional experiences in dealing with these challenges and preventing risks were discussed, encompassing human trafficking, smuggling, detention alternatives, and gender-based violence. Special attention was given to durable solutions and inclusion of refugees, in alignment with the Global Compact for Refugees and cooperation mechanisms established regionally, such as the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS) and the Quito Process.

Countries represented:

Argentina	Guatemala
Chile	Guyana
Colombia	Paraguay
Costa Rica	Peru
Dominican Republic	Spain
Ecuador	Trinidad and Tobago
El Salvador	Uruguay



“ The learning was excellent. It helped me strengthen my previous knowledge and reaffirm my commitment to the defense and protection of the rights of migrants and refugees.”

Independent Expert

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: selection and relevance of topics; field expertise of lecturers; consistent communication maintained by organizers with the participants.

Most valued sessions and topics: Who is a Refugee?; Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants; Protection Analysis Tools; Legal Framework for the Protection of Refugees.

Suggestions for improvement: include considerations on gender and inclusivity; expand the relevant sections on Online Resource Library.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 100%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 91%; average satisfaction, 9%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 86%; very good, 14%. Participants mostly appreciated: presentation of practical cases, leading to interesting discussions; adapting upcoming sessions based on participants' feedback on previous sessions.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 77%; user-friendly, 23%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 95%; average satisfaction, 5%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 86%; average satisfaction, 14%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



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Mr. Gábor Gyulai

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Assistant Secretary, Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Ms. Carolina Gottardo

Executive Director, International Detention Coalition

Mr. Carlos Andrés Pérez Gallego

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Ms. Cristina Garcia

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Mr. Juan Carlos Pacheco

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Ms. Veronica Rigual Vásquez

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Mr. José Samaniego

Director, Regional Bureau for the Americas, UNHCR

Ms. Marisa Gómez Fernández

International expert on refugee protection and durable solutions

Ms. Karmen Issam Sakhr

Regional Representative for the South of Latin America, UNHCR

28th ONLINE COURSE ON International Refugee Law

English

19 June - 14 July 2023

60 Participants

32 Countries

28 th Online Course on International Refugee Law	
Agenda Outline 19 June - 14 July 2023 (Roma time zone IC EST)	
Session 0 By Monday 19 June	Technical Preparation (Self-paced Session)
Week 1	
Session 1 Monday 19 June 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Opening of the Course and Keynote Address Live Session
Session 2 Wednesday 21 June 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	The International Legal Protection Framework Live Session
Session 3 Friday 23 June 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Who is a Refugee Live Session
Week 2	
Session 4 Tuesday 27 June 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	The Institution of Asylum and Security Considerations Live Session
Session 5 Friday 30 June 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Rights and Responsibilities of Refugees Live Session
Session 6 By December 2 July	Mixed Movements and Other Categories of Persons on the Move (Self-paced Session)
Week 3	
Session 7 Monday 3 July 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Protection at Sea Live Session
Session 8 Wednesday 5 July 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Live Session
Session 9 By Sunday 9 July	Detention and Alternatives to Detention (Self-paced Session)
Week 4	
Session 10 Monday 10 July 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Protection and Community-Based Approach Live Session
Session 11 Wednesday 12 July 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Durable solutions and Complementary Pathways Live Session
Session 12 Friday 14 July 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Capstone Session and Closing of the Course Live Session

OVERVIEW

A cohort of **60 participants** from **32 countries** attended the 28th Online Course on International Refugee Law, which was delivered in English and organized in cooperation with the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration)*, and the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*. Among the participants were government officials, members of the judiciary, diplomats, scholars, and representatives of local non-governmental and international organizations, including UNHCR as well as the National Red Cross Societies.

To familiarize the key elements of international protection, participants were presented with the interconnection of different bodies of law that complement the refugee protection responses.

The causes of displacement and the risks faced during the displacement cycle were also explored. Relevant considerations around the risks displaced persons face, such as gender-based violence and trafficking and smuggling or specific risks related to stateless persons and people with specific needs, were also explored during the training. Ultimately, the Course also focused on durable solutions and complementary pathways for refugees, as well as the whole-of-society approach in alignment with the Global Compact on Refugees.

“**The Course is indispensable, not only for those who do protection, but it is useful for anyone involved in humanitarian and protection activities. I have refreshed my knowledge and acquired new ones, and with professional satisfaction, I will apply them in practice and further. This Course really broadens your protection knowledge. Thank you for all the effort and positivity of this wonderful course!**”

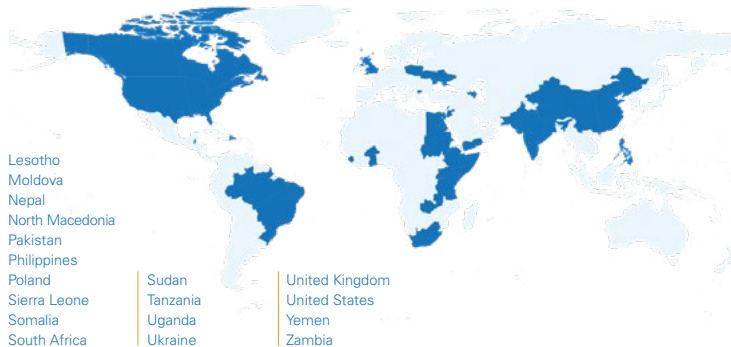
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Countries represented:

Azerbaijan
Belize
Brazil
Burkina Faso
Canada
China
Dominican Republic
Egypt
Ethiopia
Ghana
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Jordan
Kenya
Lebanon

Lesotho
Moldova
Nepal
North Macedonia
Pakistan
Philippines
Poland
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa

Sudan
Tanzania
Uganda
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States
Yemen
Zambia



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: diverse regional representation of participants; open discussions and sharing of real-life experiences; expertise of the lecturers on the various thematic areas; practical case studies and video illustrations.

Most valued sessions and topics: The Institution of Asylum and Security Considerations; The International Legal Protection Framework; Who is a Refugee?; Durable Solutions and Complementary Pathways.

Suggestions for improvement: include considerations on gender and inclusivity; expand the relevant sections on Online Resource Library.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 83%; able to a good extent, 14%; able to a limited extent, 3%. The vast majority of the respondents (97%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 97%; average satisfaction, 3%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 78%; very good, 22%. Participants mostly appreciated: increased learner engagement and interactions; access to Course materials after every session; use of videos and case studies.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 75%; user-friendly, 25%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 81%; average satisfaction, 19%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 89%; average satisfaction, 11%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



9.3/10

Course Director

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Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Keynote Speaker

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Chief of the Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section, Division of International Protection (DIP), UNHCR

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Mr. Jesús Pérez Sánchez

Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR

Dr. Andrew Schoenholtz

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Dr. Mariagiulia Giuffré

Associate Professor in Law at Edge Hill University; Senior Research Associate, Refugee Law Initiative, University of London; member of the Italian Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration

Mr. Matthew Fader

Leader of Volunteer Operations and Head of Education International Search and Rescue Development, Swedish Search and Rescue Society (SSRS)

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Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

Ms. Eve Lester

Founding Director, boniġi; international expert on the human rights of refugees and migrants

Mr. Hayat Akbari

Research and Development Consultant, boniġi

Dr. Wilma Moraa Isaboke

Senior Learning Development Associate, Global Learning and Development Center, UNHCR

Mr. Barthelemy Mwanza

Global Refugee Youth Network and Refugee Youth-Led Organization Coordinator; Former Co-Chair, UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council

Mr. Emmanuel Ushindi

Co-founder and Executive Director, Refugee-led organization Advocacy Training and Education Hub (ATE-Hub)

Mr. Osama Salem

Senior Project Manager, Robert Bosch Stiftung

Ms. Marie Eychenne

Senior Protection Associate, UNHCR

Mr. John Andrew Young

Head of Protection Learning, Global Learning and Development Center, UNHCR

13th SPECIALISATION PROGRAMME ON Protection Coordination

 French

 21 August – 23 November 2023

 28 Participants

 3 Country Operations



OVERVIEW

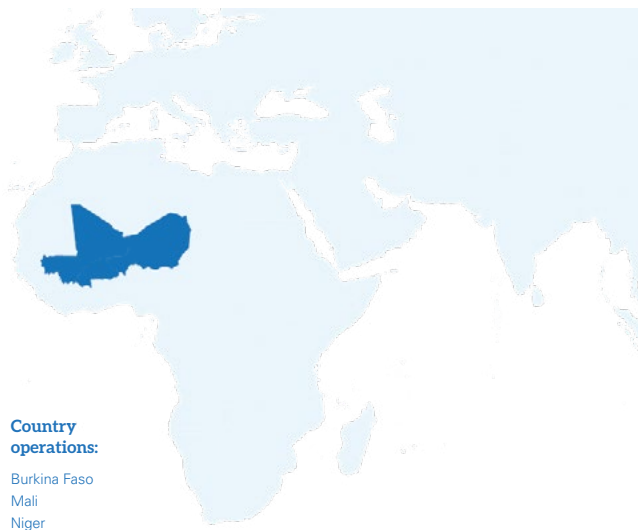
Delivered in French, the 13th edition of the Online Course on the Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination was co-organized with the *Global Protection Cluster (GPC)* and the four *Areas of Responsibility (AoRs)* and welcomed **28 participants** from **3 country operations**. Designed mainly for coordinators, co-coordinators, and local actors in field operations from UN agencies and non-governmental organization partners, the Programme was divided into three phases.

The first self-study phase (21 August – 1 September) lasted two weeks, during which participants connected online for an introductory live session, following which they worked at their own pace on micro-learning components both individually and in pairs through peer-to-peer activities.

The following six weeks of the virtual workshop (4 September – 12 October) allowed participants to attend 12 virtual and interactive live

sessions on hard and soft skills related to effective protection coordination. All sessions were facilitated by experienced professionals from a wide range of organizations.

In the third and last phase (16 October – 23 November), participants reflected on how they could implement the skills and knowledge gained through the Programme into their respective operations. In this phase, participants were first made to fill out an evaluation form and then engage in a discussion facilitated by the GPC to talk about the impact of the Programme on their respective protection coordination work and to see which aspects of the Programme can better support their own learning and professional development.



“**The availability of documents and easy access to this documentation is very appreciated. Arousing our interest in working as a team also strengthened me to become more involved in coordination. The exercises, scenarios, and group work are without commentary and above all, the mastery of technology to facilitate this course, to bring together individuals from different backgrounds, was also a case of success. At no time did a technical issue occur.**”

Gender-based Violence AoR coordinator

FEEDBACK OF THE SELF-STUDY PHASE AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Overall rating of the Self-Study: excellent, 42%; very good, 42%; good, 16%.

Most appreciated aspects: availability of a variety of resources in all areas of responsibility; ability to study at one's own pace; the commitment and dedication of trainers.

Suggestions for improvement: include assignments to test the learner; identify tools or methodologies to increase the lively participation of the audience.

Overall rating of the Virtual Workshop: excellent, 47%; very good, 47%; good, 6%.

Most appreciated aspects: interaction between learners and group work sessions; quality, experience and availability of trainers and facilitators; sharing of experiences among participants.

Most valued sessions and topics: Leadership and Coordination; The Process of Decision Making and Consensus; Advocacy Approaches and Techniques; Negotiation in the Humanitarian Coordination Context.

Suggestions for improvement: increase the time for group discussions; include debates on certain realities or difficulties on the ground.

Lecturers and Speakers

Mr. Julien Marneffe

Head of Standards, Learning and Development, Global Protection Cluster

Ms. Marie-Emilie Dozin

Head of the Advocacy, Communication and Partner Engagement Pillar, Global Protection Cluster

Ms. Alison Kent

Advocacy Coordinator, Global Protection Cluster

Mr. Francesco Michele

Strategic Advocacy and Analysis Officer, Global Protection Cluster

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Ms. Martina Ranieli


Head of Institutional Engagement Unit, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

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29th ONLINE COURSE ON International Refugee Law

 Russian

 18 September – 13 October 2023

 36 Participants

 11 Countries



Программа Курса	
18 сентября – 13 октября 2023	
Онлайн лекции будут проводиться с 9:00 до 11:00 утра Временной пояс: Рам, Италия (CET)	
Лекция 0 До начала лекции, 16 сентября	Техническая подготовка Самостоятельные задания
Неделя 1	
Лекция 1 Понедельник, 18 сентября 9:00 - 10:00	Открытие Курса и Приветственное слово Слайды лекции
Лекция 2 Среда, 20 сентября 9:00 - 10:00	Основы международной правовой защиты Слайды лекции
Лекция 3 Пятница, 22 сентября 9:00 - 10:00	Определение статуса беженца Слайды лекции
Неделя 2	
Лекция 4 Понедельник, 25 сентября 9:00 - 10:00	Справедливые и эффективные процедуры предоставления убежища и соблюдение безопасности Слайды лекции
Лекция 5 Среда, 27 сентября 9:00 - 10:00	Содержание под стражей и его альтернативы Слайды лекции
Неделя 3	
Лекция 6 Понедельник, 3 октября 9:00 - 10:00	Защита лиц без гражданства Слайды лекции
Лекция 7 Среда, 4 октября 9:00 - 10:00	Защита внутренне перемещенных лиц Слайды лекции
Лекция 8 До начала лекции, 5 октября	Защита в рамках цикла перемещенных лицом БГМ Самостоятельные задания
Неделя 4	
Лекция 9 Понедельник, 8 октября 9:00 - 10:00	Передовой опыт в области уникальности и роль частного сектора Слайды лекции
Лекция 10 Среда, 10 октября 9:00 - 10:00	Долговременные решения и Глобальный договор по беженцам Слайды лекции
Лекция 11 Пятница, 13 октября 9:00 - 10:00	Итоговая лекция и закрытие Курса Слайды лекции

OVERVIEW

The 29th Online Course on International Refugee Law was the first Refugee Law Course delivered in Russian by the Department in 2023. With the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – Regional Bureau for Europe*, the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*, and the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration)*, the Online Course welcomed **36 participants** from **11 countries** in Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus, the Western Balkans, and Central Asia. The participants consisted of government officials, including staff of UNHCR, and representatives of National Red Cross Societies, civil society, and non-governmental organizations.

The Online Course examined a variety of topics, including refugee status determination, protection within the displacement cycle, and the protection of stateless and internally

displaced persons. Due attention was given to the subject of fair and efficient asylum procedures and security considerations, as well as the standards applicable to detention and alternatives to detention. Specific insights on international frameworks, such as the Global Compact on Refugees, were provided. The Course encouraged the exchange of best practices among the participants, including inclusivity and private sector engagement.

“ Before starting the Course, I had only practical experience in protecting the rights of foreign citizens and refugees within the framework of the national legal system. Now, I have a general understanding of the international system for the protection of refugees, and I appreciated the systematic approach to the design of the content of lectures and the large amount of additional literature and sources.”

Staff of NGO

Countries represented:

Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Moldova
Poland
Russia
Tajikistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: versatile nature of the training; professionalism and extensive practical knowledge of lecturers; sharing of additional information sources; group activity discussions.

Most valued sessions and topics: Protection of Stateless Persons; Protection of Internally Displaced Persons; Durable Solutions and the Global Compact on Refugees.

Suggestions for improvement: include a dedicated session on successful practical cases of both lecturers and participants; consider splitting some sessions into smaller segments to facilitate more in-depth study.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 80%; able to a good extent, 20%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 87%; average satisfaction, 13%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 60%; very good, 40%. Participants mostly appreciated: interactive lectures on global challenges of internally displaced persons and refugees; the comprehensive analysis of practical case studies.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 40%; user-friendly, 53%; not so user-friendly, 7%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 93%; average satisfaction, 7%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 93%; average satisfaction, 7%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:

9.5/10

Course Director

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Oleg Palii

Executive Director, Legal Centre for Lawyers, Republic of Moldova

Lecturers and Speakers

Ms. Sophio Benashvili

Project Manager, OHCHR Georgia

Dr. Olga Vorontsova-Mykhailova

Senior Refugee Status Determination Adviser, UNHCR

Mr. Denis Dzheviga

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Mr. Sergiu Gaina

Statelessness Officer, UNHCR Multi-Country Office in Kazakhstan

Ms. Marina Kurochkina

President, Civic Organization "The Tenth of April"

Dr. Wilma Moraa Isaboke

Senior Learning Development Associate, Global Learning and Development Center, UNHCR

Ms. Shoira Ruzybaeva

Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Bulgaria

Dr. Oleksandr Marusiak


Durable Solutions Associate, UNHCR Ukraine

Ms. Oksana Babich

Protection Officer, UNHCR Ukraine

14th SPECIALISATION PROGRAMME ON Protection Coordination

 Spanish

 18 September – 29 November 2023

 21 Participants

 5 Country Operations



	SEMANA 1	SEMANA 2	SEMANA 3	SEMANA 4	SEMANA 5	SEMANA 6
TÍTULO						
OBJETIVOS						
TEMAS						
ACTIVIDADES						
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OVERVIEW

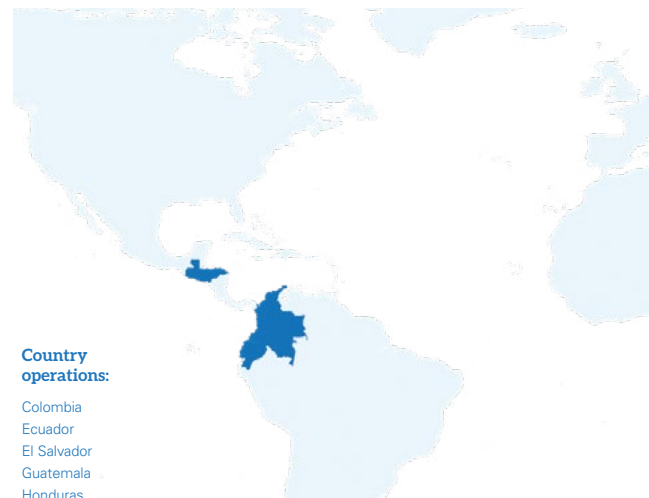
A cohort of **21 participants** from **5 country operations** joined the 14th Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination, which was delivered for the first time in Spanish. The training was co-organized in cooperation with the *Global Protection Cluster (GPC)* and the four *Areas of Responsibility (AoRs)*. Participants mainly included coordinators, co-coordinators, and local actors in field operations from UN agencies and non-governmental organization partners.

The Programme took place in three phases, the first being the self-study phase (18 September – 29 September), which lasted two weeks. Participants had the opportunity to meet virtually and then proceed to work at their own pace on micro-learning components both individually and in groups through peer-to-peer activities.

The following six weeks of the virtual workshop phase (3 October – 7 November) allowed participants to attend 12 virtual and interactive

live sessions on hard and soft skills related to effective protection coordination. All sessions were facilitated by experienced professionals from a wide range of organizations.

During the final phase (8 November – 29 November), participants were asked to reflect on how to practically transfer the knowledge and skills acquired through the Programme into their daily work. Participants were initially made to fill out an evaluation form and then attend a final discussion, facilitated by the GPC, to talk about the impact of the Programme on protection coordination-related activities and to explore which areas of the Programme should be improved to better support their own learning and professional development.



FEEDBACK OF THE SELF-STUDY PHASE AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Overall rating of the Self-Study: excellent, 25%, very good, 75%.

Most appreciated aspects: diversity of resources available and in various formats; clarity of facilitator's guide.

Suggestions for improvement: condensing some practical activities; leaving some sessions for the weekend.

Overall rating of the Virtual Workshop: very good, 100%.

Most appreciated aspects: clear and informative live sessions; sharing of professional experiences.

Most valued sessions and topics: Leadership and Coordination; Protection and Coordination.

Suggestions for improvement: have in-person workshops instead of online sessions.

Lecturers and Speakers

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Ms. Marie-Emilie Dozin

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Ms. Jennifer Chase

Global Coordinator, Gender-Based Violence Area of Responsibility, UNFPA

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Lead Facilitator, Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

¿hay algo que ahora haga de forma diferente después de haber seguido el curso?
17 responses

presentaciones sencillas
comunicación asertiva
comunicación clara
ser paciente con otros
agendas concretas
manejo del tiempo
minutas más cortas
agenda previa
ppts
manejo tiempo
mis slides
pau
deshacerme de prejuicios
flexible tiempos
mensajes cortos
efectiva organización
mejor organización

“ The resources on the Padlet, along with the practical activities, provided us the opportunity to apply various concepts in real or potential scenarios. These scenarios, although somewhat distant from our specific context, enable us to explore other contexts and broaden our understanding of protection coordination beyond a singular setting.”

Protection officer

9th ONLINE COURSE ON Statelessness

English

26 September - 19 October 2023

67 Participants

32 Countries



OVERVIEW

With the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* and the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration)*, the 9th Online Course on Statelessness was developed and delivered in English, receiving a total of **67 participants** from **32 countries**, thus confirming a global audience. The participants consisted of government officials, including members of the judiciary, as well as staff of UNHCR and representatives of National Red Cross Societies, CSOs, and non-governmental organizations.

In order to share the tools to advance the prevention and reduction of statelessness, participants were presented with the legal framework related to the protection of stateless

persons, causes of statelessness and how it impacts the full enjoyment of human rights.

Moreover, to enhance the protection of stateless persons, participants were presented with best practices on identification and status determination procedures, as well as the link with refugee protection. Finally, participants were guided through the latest developments of the UNHCR #IBelong campaign and had the opportunity to engage in fruitful discussions around their national experience.



Countries represented:

Angola	Iran	Myanmar	Solomon Islands
Australia	Iraq	Nepal	South Sudan
Azerbaijan	Jordan	Nigeria	Switzerland
Belarus	Kazakhstan	Palau	Tanzania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kenya	Papua New Guinea	Thailand
Egypt	Kiribati	Philippines	Turkmenistan
Fiji	Lebanon	Rwanda	Ukraine
India	Lesotho	Serbia	Uzbekistan

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: an international approach to statelessness with examples from different countries; real-life experiences from speakers; well-curated topics that cover various aspects of statelessness; availability of international legal documents.

Most valued sessions and topics: Impact of Statelessness; Refugee Protection and Statelessness; Causes of Statelessness.

Suggestions for improvement: include more case study exercises as assignments; share more information on statelessness determination procedures in various countries.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 76%; able to a good extent, 14%; able to a limited extent, 10%. The vast majority of the respondents (98%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 76%; average satisfaction, 24%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 63%; very good, 31%; good, 6%. Participants mostly appreciated: use of relevant cases to apply the topics of discussion; inclusion of videos, polls, and questionnaires during the live sessions to involve learners with different learning paces.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 56%; user-friendly, 44%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 72%; average satisfaction, 26%; low satisfaction, 2%.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 86%; average satisfaction, 14%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



Course Director

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Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Keynote Speaker

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Head of the Program on Legal Assistance to the Statelessness Population of Ukraine, Charitable Foundation "Right to Protection"

Lecturers and Speakers

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Senior Statelessness Coordinator; Head of Section - Statelessness, UNHCR

Ms. Anne Laakko

Senior Statelessness Officer, Division of International Protection (DIP), UNHCR

Ms. Valeriia Cherednichenko

Statelessness Consultant, Division of International Protection (DIP), UNHCR

Mr. Gábor Gyulai

Organisational Development Director and Training Expert, Hungarian Helsinki Committee; Co-founder and trustee, European Network on Statelessness

Ms. Maha Mamo

Statelessness activist and motivational speaker

Mr. Armando Cupi

President, Unione Italiana Apolodi

Ms. Dalila Zenati

Head of Capacity Development Unit, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski

Head of Academic Unit, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

“
Apart from the many great presentations shared during the Course, the takeaway for me was gathering best practices from different countries and how they deal with and minimize the impact of the problems of statelessness.”


Government official

13th ONLINE COURSE ON International Migration Law

 Spanish

 2 - 27 October 2023

 42 Participants

 15 Countries



13^o Curso virtual sobre el Derecho Internacional de la Migración

Programa del Curso
2 al 27 de octubre de 2023
Zona horaria de Roma (CEST)

Sesión	Fecha	Tema
Sesión 0	Antes del lunes 2 de octubre	Preparación técnica (Autodidaxia)
Semana 1		
Sesión 1	Lunes 2 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Sesión Inaugural y Apertura del Curso (Sesión virtual)
Sesión 2	Miércoles 4 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Panorama general de la migración a nivel mundial: ¿Quién es quién? (Sesión virtual)
Sesión 3	Viernes 6 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Panorama general de la migración a nivel mundial: Tendencias, causas y riesgos (Sesión virtual)
Semana 2		
Sesión 4	Lunes 9 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Derecho internacional de la migración y los derechos de los migrantes (Sesión virtual)
Sesión 5	Miércoles 11 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Admisión, estadia y salida: autoridad y responsabilidades de los Estados (Sesión virtual)
Sesión 6	Viernes 13 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Derechos de los trabajadores migratorios (Sesión virtual)
Semana 3		
Sesión 7	Lunes 16 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Trata de personas y tráfico ilícito de migrantes (Sesión virtual)
Sesión 8	Antes del viernes 20 de octubre	Detención y alternativas a la detención (Sesión autódidaxa)
Sesión 9	Miércoles 23 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Derechos humanos de los migrantes en el Sistema Interamericano de Protección de los Derechos Humanos (Sesión virtual)
Semana 4		
Sesión 10	Lunes 23 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Retorno, integración y reintegración de migrantes (Sesión virtual)
Sesión 11	Miércoles 25 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Pacto Mundial para una Migración Segura, Ordenada y Regular y Desarrollo Sostenible (Sesión virtual)
Sesión 12	Viernes 27 de octubre (17:00 - 19:00)	Síntesis final y Clausura del Curso (Sesión virtual)

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OVERVIEW

Delivered in Spanish and with the support of the *International Organization for Migration*, the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, and the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*, the 13th Online Course on International Migration Law was designed to focus on training participants from Latin America and the Caribbean, welcoming **42 participants** from **15 countries** across the region. The cohort of the online program included government officials, military officers, diplomats, and staff of local non-governmental organizations, National Red Cross Societies, as well as international organizations, including IOM.

The Course provided a comprehensive overview of Latin American and Caribbean migration dynamics.

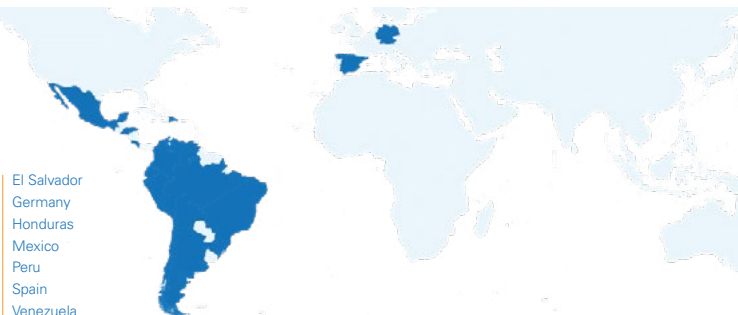
It covered state obligations, migrant rights, and international legal instruments, including those from the Inter-American System for the protection of human rights. The legal framework for various vulnerable groups, such as refugees and victims of trafficking, was examined. Discussions included migrant risks, border management, detention alternatives, integration, and return/reintegration. The Course also delved into migration governance and its connection to sustainable development, drawing on insights from the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and regional mechanisms in Latin America and the Caribbean.

“ As my work is carried out in the field of care for refugee and migrant populations, all the learning allows me to be much more alert to resolve issues, support processes, and recommend actions for the fulfilment of people’s rights and their enforceability.”

Staff of NGO

Countries represented:

Argentina	El Salvador
Bolivia	Germany
Brazil	Honduras
Chile	Mexico
Colombia	Peru
Costa Rica	Spain
Dominican Republic	Venezuela
Ecuador	



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: the human as well as legal vision regarding migration issues; organization of the Sanremo team and management of topics; high quality expertise of speakers.

Most valued sessions and topics: International Migration Law and the Rights of Migrants; Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling; Human Rights of Migrants in the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights.

Suggestions for improvement: include more exercises on how to identify and prevent human trafficking; add more Spanish resources to the Online Library.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 91%; able to a good extent, 9%. The great majority of the respondents (97%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 94%; average satisfaction, 6%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 75%; very good, 22%; good, 3%. Participants mostly appreciated: case study analysis to contextualize concepts; discussions among colleagues; the regional overview of migration.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 75%; user-friendly, 22%; not so user-friendly, 3%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 88%; average satisfaction, 12%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 91%; average satisfaction, 9%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



Course Director

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Felipe González Morales

Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

Lecturers and Speakers

Ms. Dana Graber Ladek

Chief of Mission, IOM Mexico

Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona

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30th ONLINE COURSE ON International Refugee Law

 French

 16 October – 10 November 2023

 37 Participants

 15 Countries

30th Cours en ligne sur le Droit international des réfugiés

Programme du cours
16 octobre – 10 novembre 2023
Fusées horaires de Rome (CET)

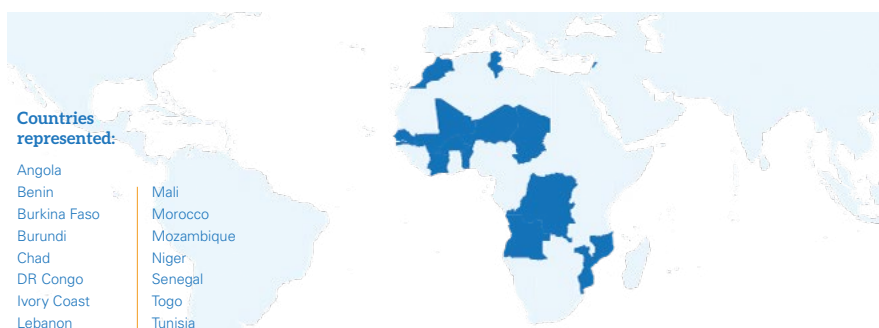
Session 0 Jeudi 16 octobre	Préparation technique Session individuelle en ligne
Semaine 1	
Session 1 Lundi 16 octobre 10h - 12h	Ouverture du cours et discours introductif Session en direct
Session 2 Vendredi 20 octobre 10h - 12h	Cadre Juridique International de Protection Session en direct
Session 3 Mardi le 23 octobre	Mouvements mixtes et personnes déplacées Session individuelle en ligne
Semaine 2	
Session 4 Lundi 23 octobre 10h - 12h	Qui est un réfugié? Session en direct
Session 5 Mercredi 25 octobre 10h - 12h	Institution de l'asile et considérations sécuritaires Session en direct
Session 6 Vendredi 27 octobre 10h - 12h	Déplacements dus au changement climatique et protection des réfugiés Session en direct
Session 7 Mardi le 30 octobre	Protection des réfugiés en Afrique Session individuelle en ligne
Semaine 3	
Session 8 Lundi 30 octobre 10h - 12h	Traite des êtres humains et trafic illicite des migrants Session en direct
Session 9 Vendredi 3 novembre 10h - 12h	Protection en mer Session en direct
Session 10 Mardi le 6 novembre	Désertion et alternatives à la détermination Session individuelle en ligne
Semaine 4	
Session 11 Lundi 6 novembre 10h - 12h	Protection dans la diversité Session en direct
Session 12 Mercredi 8 novembre 10h - 12h	Solutions durables et voies complémentaires Session en direct
Session 13 Vendredi 10 novembre 10h - 12h	Session récapitulative et conclusion du cours Session en direct

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OVERVIEW

Through the funding provide by the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*, and the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration)*, the 30th Online Course on International Refugee Law was developed and implemented in French, accommodating **37 participants** from **15 countries** in the West and Central African region. The audience's professional background was diverse, with representatives of the government and judiciary, diplomats, academia, and staff of local non-governmental and civil society organizations, as well as international organizations, including UNHCR.

The Online Course presented the key elements of international refugee protection and was based on the analysis of international refugee law and other complementary legal instruments that guarantee the respect for the rights of people forced to move. To this end, it highlighted the specific aspects of refugee protection in West and Central Africa as enshrined in the regional legal instrument. The different stages of displacement were examined, with an in-depth look at the causes that force people to flee, the different risks encountered during the displacement cycle, as well as the search for and implementation of lasting and sustainable solutions. The Course covered topics such as the criteria for determining refugee status, the interconnection between asylum and security considerations, international protection against trafficking and smuggling, and protection at sea.



“ The Online Course allowed me to deepen my knowledge of refugee law. It also allowed me to understand the extent to which refugees are vulnerable and must therefore be protected. ”

Independent expert

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: selection of speakers; interactive interventions; testimonies of refugees; remote modality and flexible nature of accessing the Course.

Most valued sessions and topics: Who is a Refugee; Institution of Asylum and Security Considerations; Durable Solutions and Complementary Pathways; Climate Change - induced Displacement and Refugee Protection.

Suggestions for improvement: include a session on the management of conflicts between host populations and refugees; consider having face-to-face sessions as well.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 53%; able to a good extent, 47%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 89%; average satisfaction, 11%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 63%; very good, 32%; good, 5%. Participants mostly appreciated: videos and practical cases; methodology used to enhance clarity in understanding; satisfactory balance between theory and practice, coordination of the Sanremo team.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 26%; user-friendly, 63%; not so user-friendly, 11%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 68%; average satisfaction, 32%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 74%; average satisfaction, 26%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



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ONLINE COURSE ON Climate Change and Forced Displacement

English

17 October - 9 November 2023

68 Participants

46 Countries



OVERVIEW

In order to integrate the needs of forcibly displaced persons affected by the adverse impacts of climate change into policymaking, advocacy, and operations, the Online Course on Climate Change and Forced Displacement was implemented through contributions from the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* and the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration)*. The training was delivered in English and welcomed **68 participants** from **46 countries**. The pool of participants included government officials, members of the judiciary, diplomats, representatives of international organizations and UN agencies, as well as academics, staff of local social enterprises, grassroots initiatives, refugee-led organizations and civil society organizations, actively engaged at the forefront of climate action.

Participants of the Course were provided with key insights into the latest research on the multidimensional linkages between climate, conflict, development, and displacement. A thorough analysis of the existing legal framework, guiding principles, and recommendations, including the Nansen Initiative's Agenda for Protection, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement, and the work of the Platform on Disaster Displacement was conducted with a view to facilitating their operationalization at the local, national, and regional levels. The training also focused on providing a platform where the voices of local actors, indigenous communities, and grassroots organizations that are at the forefront of climate action, can be amplified.

Countries represented:

Afghanistan	Ethiopia	Rwanda
Argentina	Georgia	Serbia
Australia	Germany	Somalia
Azerbaijan	Ghana	South Africa
Bahamas	Italy	South Sudan
Belgium	Jordan	Sudan
Benin	Kenya	Swaziland
Burkina Faso	Lesotho	Uganda
Burundi	Mexico	United States
Cambodia	Morocco	Switzerland
Chile	Mozambique	Tanzania
China	Nepal	Togo
Denmark	Nigeria	Tunisia
Egypt	Philippines	Turkiye
		Zimbabwe



“ Being a refugee leader and a woman who is staying in a climate change hotspot area, the Course will help me advocate with my community and guide the community in the right path of climate change resilience.”

Staff of local NGO

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: experienced presenters in the field; interconnection between environment, peace, human rights and development; practical insights into how to address the challenges of climate-induced displacement.

Most valued sessions and topics: Key Considerations on Loss and Damage and Displacement; Climate Change, Migration and Development; Climate Change and Protection Considerations: Overlapping Crises.

Suggestions for improvement: establish an open chat platform for the participants to network; divide the Course into two levels: one for policymakers, where the focus is more on the legal frameworks, and the other for practitioners.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Online Course to the daily work: definitely able, 78%; able to a good extent, 18%; able to a limited extent, 3%; not at all able, 1%. The vast majority of the respondents (98%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 83%; average satisfaction, 17%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 58%; very good, 12%; good, 30%. Participants mostly appreciated: videos, discussions, and interactive teaching methodology; the inclusion of global high-level panelists; sharing of different practices and experiences; high-quality organization of the Course.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 63%; user-friendly, 35%; not so user-friendly, 2%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 80%; average satisfaction, 20%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 90%; average satisfaction, 10%.

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Executive Director, the Leads

Average Score Rating by Participants:



14th ONLINE COURSE ON International Migration Law

English

23 October - 16 November 2023

57 Participants

38 Countries

14 th Online Course on International Migration Law		
Agenda Outline		
23 October - 16 November 2023 Rome time zone (CEI)		
Session 0 By Monday 23 October	Technical Preparation	Self-paced Session
Week 1		
Session 1 Monday 23 October 2000pm - 4:00pm	Opening of the Course and Keynote Address	Live Session
Session 2 Wednesday 25 October 2000pm - 4:00pm	Migration Overview: Statistics, Trends, Causes and Risks	Live Session
Session 3 Friday 27 October 2000pm - 4:00pm	Migration Overview: Who Is Who	Live Session
Week 2		
Session 4 Monday 30 October 2000pm - 4:00pm	International Migration Law and the Rights of Migrants	Live Session
Session 5 Thursday 2 November 2000pm - 4:00pm	Admission, Stay and Exit: Authority and Responsibility of States	Live Session
Session 6 By Sunday 5 November	Detention and Alternatives to Detention	Self-paced Session
Week 3		
Session 7 Monday 6 November 2000pm - 4:00pm	Protection at sea	Live Session
Session 8 Wednesday 8 November 2000pm - 4:00pm	Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants	Live Session
Session 9 Friday 10 November 2000pm - 4:00pm	Return, Integration and Reintegration of Migrants	Live Session
Week 4		
Session 10 Monday 13 November 2000pm - 4:00pm	Migration and Development and Migrant Workers' Rights	Live Session
Session 11 By Wednesday 15 November	Global Compact on Migration	Self-paced Session
Session 12 Thursday 16 November 2000pm - 4:00pm	Capstone Session and Closing of the Course	Live Session

OVERVIEW

The 14th Online Course on International Migration Law was implemented with the support of the *International Organization for Migration*, the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, and the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*. Delivered in English, the Course welcomed a cohort of **57 participants** from **38 countries**. The participants included government officials, members of the judiciary, diplomats, as well as staff of international organizations and national non-governmental organizations.

The Course presented the key aspects of the migration phenomenon from different angles, including the obligations and concerns of States and the rights and responsibilities of migrants. The workshop included an analysis of the international legal instruments that relate to migration, as well as the legal frame-

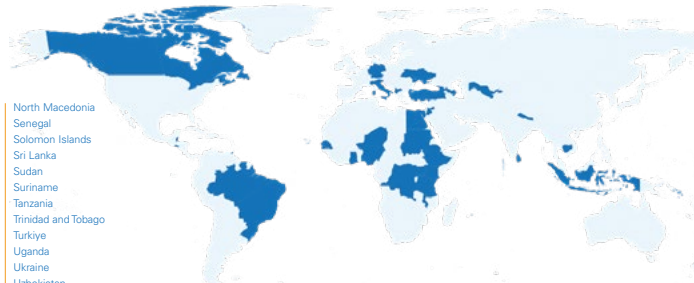
work concerning other categories of persons in need of international protection, such as refugees, victims of trafficking, and smuggled persons. The audience had the opportunity to analyze the complex nature of today's migratory phenomenon, including trends, causes, journeys and associated risks, integration in the country of destination, and return and re-integration in the country of origin. The Course addressed the key components of migration management and governance and the link with sustainable development. For this, participants were presented with the current developments generated by the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

“ My gratitude to the esteemed speakers who shared their expertise and experiences during the Course. Their insights and firsthand knowledge added immense value to the discussions and enriched our understanding of the subject matter. Their passion for the field of international migration law was palpable, and I left each session feeling inspired and motivated to make a positive impact in this area.”

UN official

Countries represented:

Albania	Germany	North Macedonia
Azerbaijan	Ghana	Senegal
Belize	Indonesia	Solomon Islands
Brazil	Italy	Sri Lanka
Cambodia	Jordan	Sudan
Canada	Kenya	Suriname
Cape Verde	Malawi	Tanzania
DR Congo	Maldives	Trinidad and Tobago
Egypt	Mauritius	Turkiye
El Salvador	Moldova	Uganda
Ethiopia	Nepal	Ukraine
Gambia	Niger	Uzbekistan
Georgia	Nigeria	



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: diverse range of thematic topics and interactive sessions about migrants; selection of practitioners in the field; efficient time management; availability of learning resources; practical case studies.

Most valued sessions and topics: Migration Overview: Who is Who; International Migration Law and the Rights of Migrants; Admission, Stay and Exit: Authority and Responsibility of States.

Suggestions for improvement: sessions on digitalization of migration processes and the impact of new technologies on migration management.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 74%; able to a good extent, 26%. The great majority of the respondents (97%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 95%; average satisfaction, 5%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 64%; very good, 33%; good, 3%. Participants mostly appreciated: use of case studies to foster a deeper understanding of the subject matter; real-life videos; interactive discussions.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 56%; user-friendly, 34%; not so user-friendly, 10%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 90%; average satisfaction, 10%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 79%; average satisfaction, 18%; low satisfaction, 3%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:



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31st ONLINE COURSE ON International Refugee Law

 English

 13 November – 8 December 2023

 51 Participants

 32 Countries

31 st Online Course on International Refugee Law	
Agenda Outline	
13 November - 8 December 2023 (Home time zone (CET))	
Session 0 By Monday 13 November	Technical Preparation Self-paced Session
Week 1	
Session 1 Monday 13 November 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Opening of the Course and Keynote Address Live Session
Session 2 Wednesday 15 November 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	The International Legal Protection Framework Live Session
Session 3 Friday 17 November 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Who is a Refugee Live Session
Week 2	
Session 4 Monday 20 November 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Institution of Asylum and Security Considerations Live Session
Session 5 Wednesday 22 November 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Rights and Responsibilities of Refugees Live Session
Session 6 Friday 24 November 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Protection at Sea Live Session
Session 7 By Sunday 26 November	Detention and Alternatives to Detention Self-paced Session
Week 3	
Session 8 Monday 27 November 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Live Session
Session 9 Wednesday 29 November 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Climate Displacement and Refugee Protection Live Session
Session 10 Friday 1 December 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Protection within Diversity Live Session
Session 11 By Sunday 3 December	Mixed Movements and Other Categories of Persons on the Move Self-paced Session
Week 4	
Session 12 Monday 4 December 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Durable Solutions and Complementary Pathways Live Session
Session 13 Wednesday 6 December 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Protection and Development Live Session
Session 14 Friday 8 December 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Capstone Session and Closing of the Course Live Session

OVERVIEW

Addressing the essential components of international refugee protection, the 31st Online Course on International Refugee Law was organized with the support from the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration)*, and the *Swiss State Secretariat for Migration*. A cohort of **51 participants** from **32 countries** was welcomed to the on-line training, which was delivered in English. The cohort included government officials, judicial members, diplomats, military officials, representatives of international organizations, including UNHCR and IOM, and staff of national and international non-governmental organizations.

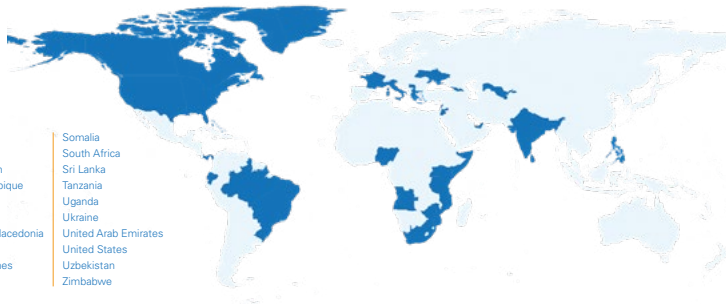
Presenting the key elements of international refugee protection, the Course covered a range of topics. These included the analysis of international refugee law and its intersection with other legal frameworks, as well as an exploration of the various phases of displacement. The examination encompassed understanding the causes prompting people to flee, identifying protection risks throughout the displacement cycle, and exploring durable and sustainable solutions. Additionally, a cross-cutting approach delved into issues such as gender-based violence and the protection of internally displaced and stateless persons. Moreover, the Course was conducted with consideration of the changing dynamics influenced by developments from the Global Compact on Refugees.

“As a legal professional, the training program will help me to advance my legal acumen one step ahead and this will enable me to play strong role in ensuring safety and security of general public and also advocate for realistic protection of rights and well-being of people in need at the local and county level.”

Government official

Countries represented:

Angola	Italy	Somalia
Bahamas	Jordan	South Africa
Bangladesh	Kenya	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Lebanon	Tanzania
Canada	Mozambique	Uganda
Ecuador	Nepal	Ukraine
France	Nigeria	United Arab Emirates
Georgia	North Macedonia	United States
Greece	Panama	Uzbekistan
Guyana	Philippines	Zimbabwe
India	Serbia	



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: well-structured sessions; quality of presentations; assistance and communication of the Sanremo team; relevance of each thematic topic.

Most valued sessions and topics: The International Legal Protection Framework; Who is a Refugee?; Protection at Sea.

Suggestions for improvement: add more case studies; have in-person sessions for more interaction; elaborate more on the session on Protection and Development.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 79%; able to a good extent, 15%; able to a limited extent, 6%. The vast majority of the respondents (97%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 88%; average satisfaction, 12%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 50%; very good, 44%; good, 6%. Participants mostly appreciated: use of breakout rooms and poll questions for discussion; having surveys, videos and case study to enhance the participants understanding.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 76%; user-friendly, 24%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 76%; average satisfaction, 24%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 88%; average satisfaction, 12%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:

9/10

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13th ONLINE COURSE ON Internal Displacement

 Spanish

 14 November – 7 December 2023

 31 Participants

 9 Countries

13 ^o Curso virtual sobre Desplazamiento Interno	
Programa del Curso	
14 de noviembre a 7 de diciembre de 2023	
Zona horaria de Roma (CET)	
Sesión 0 Viernes 14 de noviembre	Preparación técnica Sesión virtual
Semana 1	
Sesión 1 Martes 14 de noviembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	Sesión inaugural y disertación de apertura Sesión virtual
Sesión 2 Jueves 16 de noviembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	Protección jurídica de las personas desplazadas internas Sesión virtual
Sesión 3 Viernes 18 de noviembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	Movimientos mixtos y categorías de personas con necesidades de protección Sesión auto guiada
Semana 2	
Sesión 4 Lunes 20 de noviembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	Prevención y protección contra el desplazamiento forzoso provocado por situaciones de violencia generalizada Sesión virtual
Sesión 5 Martes 21 de noviembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	Protección en el contexto de desplazamientos por causas diversas Sesión virtual
Sesión 6 Miércoles 22 de noviembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	La protección durante el ciclo de desplazamiento y violencia de género Sesión virtual
Semana 3	
Sesión 7 Lunes 27 de noviembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	Derecho a la vivienda, la tierra y la propiedad Sesión virtual
Sesión 8 Martes 28 de noviembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	Recogida de datos para protección, asistencia y soluciones duraderas Sesión virtual
Sesión 9 Miércoles 29 de noviembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	Soluciones duraderas Sesión híbrida
Semana 4	
Sesión 10 Viernes 1 de diciembre 7 de diciembre	Agenda de Acción de la ONU sobre los Desplazamientos Internos Sesión auto guiada
Sesión 11 Martes 5 de diciembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	Desarrollo normativo para la protección de los desplazados internos Sesión virtual
Sesión 12 Viernes 7 de diciembre 18:00 pm a 7:00 pm	Síntesis final y clausura del Curso Sesión virtual

OVERVIEW

With the contribution of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, the *United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration)*, as well as the collaboration with the *United Nations Special Rapporteur* on the human rights of internally displaced persons, a cohort of **31 participants** from **9 countries** had the opportunity to learn and benefit from the Course on Internal Displacement with a regional focus on the Latin American and Caribbean region. The participants included government officials, scholars, representatives of National Red Cross Societies, and staff of international and national non-governmental organizations.

The Course offered its participants a detailed analysis of the key elements that make up the legal framework for the protection of internally displaced persons and addressed

other fundamental issues to ensure respect for the human rights of IDPs, within the context of Latin America and the Caribbean. To this end, the Guiding Principles of Internal Displacement and the standards established by the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights on the matter were examined. The causes and consequences of internal displacement were also addressed, touching upon the protection risks faced by forcibly displaced people. Additionally, special attention was dedicated to finding and achieving durable solutions in accordance with the work carried out by the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement and its Action Agenda.

“ I am deeply grateful for having had the opportunity to take this Course. The material, the speakers and the classes are invaluable to understand how to continue collaborative processes at a technical, practical, and coordinated level in matters of internal forced displacement.”

Government official

Countries represented:

Argentina
Chile
Colombia
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Peru



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: selection and organization of thematic topics; diversity of participants and opportunity for interaction and sharing of experiences; expertise and knowledge of guest lecturers; practical case studies.

Most valued sessions and topics: Data Collection for Protection, Assistance and Durable Solutions; Durable Solutions; Legal Protection of Internally Displaced Persons.

Suggestions for improvement: include a session on the essential documents and key institutions that work on the issue of forced displacement; elaborate more on the care during the emergency and durable solutions phase.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 90%; able to a good extent, 10%. The majority of the respondents (95%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 76%; average satisfaction, 24%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 62%; very good, 32%; good, 6%. Participants mostly appreciated: use of the different platforms to share feedback, experiences and solve practical exercises; availability of learning resources.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 62%; user-friendly, 38%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 100%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 86%; average satisfaction, 14%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:

9.5/10

Course Director

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Vicente Anzellini

Director of Global and Regional Analysis, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)

Lecturers and Speakers

Ms. Beatriz Eugenia Sánchez-Mojica

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Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona

Coordinator, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Mr. Andrés Celis

Representative, UNHCR Costa Rica

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Regional Advisor in Latin America and the Caribbean, Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)

Mr. Mauricio Alberto Quijano Cáceres

Protection Program Director, Cristosal

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Ms. Laura Cazares

IDP Representative, Collective of Victims of Forced Displacement in Mexico

Mr. Fernando de Medina-Rosales

Global Housing, Land and Property Specialist, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)

Mr. Óscar Iván Rico

Director of Information Management and Innovation, Joint Internally Displaced Persons Profiling Service (JIPS)

Ms. Natália Ferreira de Castro

Human Rights Officer, OHCHR

Mr. Pedro Mendes

Senior Characterization Expert, Joint Internally Displaced Persons Profiling Service (JIPS)

Ms. Greta Zeender

Office of the UN Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement

Ms. Carolina Reyes Rosiñol

Senior Protection Associate, UNHCR Mexico

Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons

3rd ONLINE COURSE ON Advocacy for Protection

English

21 November - 7 December 2023

36 Participants

23 Countries



OVERVIEW

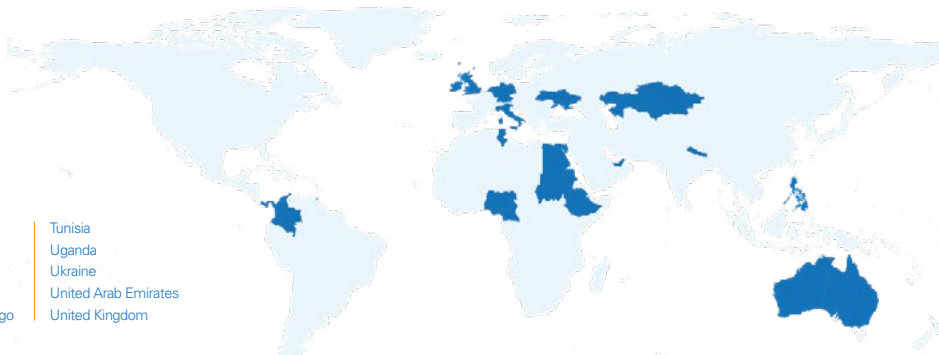
Aimed at training relevant local and national stakeholders in a position to conduct advocacy interventions with their governments and the public at large, the 3rd Online Course on Advocacy for Protection was delivered in English, with the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*. The Course included a cohort of **36 participants** from **23 countries**, which mainly consisted of government ministries related to foreign affairs and social services, and representatives of civil society, refugee-led and grassroots organizations, international non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and media outlets, as well as international organizations, including UNHCR.

The Online Course on Advocacy for Protection presented the key elements for supporting the transformation of policies and the public per-

ception of refugees, IDPs, stateless people, and migrants. Based on the main protection principles derived from international refugee law, human rights law and humanitarian law, the Course addressed challenges and opportunities related to given protection situations and identified relevant stakeholders towards which advocacy interventions can be addressed. Practical sessions on Protection Analysis, Advocacy Strategy Design and Message Crafting were introduced to ensure that advocacy efforts are effective and sustainable. Adopting a whole-of-society approach, the Course was specifically designed to meet the learning needs of representatives of grassroots and refugee-led organizations who aim to influence protection and integration policies at the national and international level, as well as meaningfully engage and participate in the global conversation around international protection.

Countries represented:

Australia	Ghana	Panama	Tunisia
Cameroon	Italy	Philippines	Uganda
Colombia	Kazakhstan	South Africa	Ukraine
Egypt	Nepal	Sudan	United Arab Emirates
Ethiopia	Netherlands	Tanzania	United Kingdom
Germany	Nigeria	Trinidad and Tobago	



“ Thank you so much to the Sanremo team for organizing such an amazing Course on advocacy and protection, which helps us understand the best advocacy process, among others. This Course has helped me a lot in so many ways, especially identifying the advocacy issue, crafting the message, etc. I request that this course continues to educate people around the world to help improve advocacy for forced migrants forcibly displaced persons.”

Staff of NGO

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: participation of refugee speakers; good interaction among participants; comprehensive and structured content; practical application exercises; diverse perspectives and expert instruction.

Most valued sessions and topics: Protection in Practice: Analysis Tools; Advocacy in Practice; Challenging the Narrative.

Suggestions for improvement: include more on the theory of lobbying and advocacy; have an intersectional approach to refugee advocacy and protection.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Online Course to the daily work: definitely able, 86%; able to a good extent, 11%; able to a limited extent, 3%. The majority of the respondents (93%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 82%; average satisfaction, 18%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 79%; very good, 11%; good, 10%. Participants mostly appreciated: engaging lectures; combination of theoretical perspectives, and practical insights applied in advocacy.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 61%; user-friendly, 32%; not so user-friendly, 7%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 79%; average satisfaction, 21%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 96%; average satisfaction, 4%.

Average Score Rating by Participants:

9.1/10

Course Director

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Keynote Speaker

Ms. Sana Mustafa

Chief Executive Officer, Asylum Access

Lecturers and Speakers

Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski

Head of Academic Unit, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Mr. James Milner

Project Director, The Local Engagement Refugee Research Network (LERRN)

Mr. Mustafa Alio

Co-founder and Managing Director, Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table (RSEAT)

Ms. Yasmine Chawaf

Protection Advocacy Coordinator, OXFAM

Ms. Beanta Alberink

Instructional Design Expert, Facilitator and Speaker, Design2Learn

Ms. Leila Shifteh

Deputy Director of Global Advocacy & Strategy, Refugee Solidarity Network

Mr. Matt Byrne

Senior Protection Adviser, Inter-Agency Standing Committee

Mr. Marin Van Hove

Legal Adviser, UpRights NGO

Ms. Martina Ranieli

Head of Institutional Engagement Unit, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

TAILORED WORKSHOP ON Statelessness for MENA Region

Arabic 22 - 25 May 2023 31 Participants 11 Countries

اليوم الأول: 22 مايو	اليوم الثاني: 23 مايو	اليوم الثالث: 24 مايو
حماية الأشخاص عديمي الجنسية 14:30 - 15:30	علاوة اليوم الأول 9:00 - 9:30	التسجيل 8:00 - 8:30
استراحة 15:00 - 14:30	أيام مرور 9:00 - 9:00	كلمة ترحيبية 9:35 - 9:00
لمن يعانون حول الممارسات الإقصائية للجنسية 16:00 - 15:00	أيام مرور 10:00 - 9:00	الأمم المتحدة 9:00 - 9:00
التقديم اليومي 16:40 - 16:00	حصة صباحية واستراحة 10:30 - 11:00	اللجنة العظمى 9:25 - 9:15
من 20:00 La Paginea	دلالة قرطبي: الحماية الزوجية، والعداوة الجنسية 12:30 - 11:30	منهجية الدورة و أهدافها 9:35 - 9:25
اليوم الرابع: الخميس 25 مايو	استراحة فضاء 11:30 - 12:30	التقديم اليومي 10:20 - 9:55
علاوة اليوم الثالث 9:15 - 8:45	أيام مرور 13:00 - 11:30	مقدمة البرنامج 10:50 - 10:20
منع ومعالجة حالات العداوة الجنسية (الجزء الأول) 11:15 - 9:45	أيام مرور 13:00 - 13:00	تقديم عملي للقرطبي 11:30 - 10:50
منع ومعالجة حالات العداوة الجنسية (الجزء الثاني) 11:30 - 11:15	التقديم اليومي 13:30 - 13:00	لمحة عامة عن العداوة الجنسية 12:30 - 11:30
منع ومعالجة حالات العداوة الجنسية (الجزء الثاني) 12:30 - 11:30	رحلة إلى ستون 13:30 - 13:00	استراحة فضاء 13:30 - 12:30
استراحة فضاء 13:30 - 12:30	اليوم الثالث: الإرجاء في مايو	الجنسية والعداوة الجنسية في القانون الدولي 13:15 - 11:30
الجلسة الختامية 14:45 - 13:30	علاوة اليوم الثاني 9:30 - 9:00	عقوبات جنسية 13:15 - 11:30
أيام مرور أيام مرور 15:00 - 14:45	العداوة الجنسية في مرحلة الطفولة 10:45 - 9:30	استراحة 13:30 - 13:15
التقديم اليومي للقرطبي 16:00 - 15:00	استراحة 11:15 - 10:45	الجنسية والعداوة الجنسية في القانون الدولي 10:40 - 10:30
التقديم اليومي وتوزيع الشهادات 16:00 - 15:00	الاستجابة الدولية للعداوة الجنسية 12:30 - 11:15	عقوبات جنسية 10:50 - 10:40
	استراحة فضاء 13:30 - 12:30	التقديم اليومي 11:30 - 10:50
		القرطبي 12:30 - 10:50

OVERVIEW

With the support and cooperation of the *UNHCR Regional Bureau for the Middle East and North Africa*, the Tailored Workshop on Statelessness for the MENA Region in Arabic was designed to train participants from the Middle East and North Africa region.

The first in-person workshop since the pandemic, a cohort of **31 participants** from **11 countries** was welcomed in Sanremo, Italy.

“The topic of the course and the lecturers are distinguished, and the strength of the training lies in presenting the experiences of the state parties and their best practices.”

Government official

The profiles of the participants ranged from government officials, members of the judiciary, and diplomats of the MENA region, to representatives of inter-governmental organizations such as the League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

The workshop responded to the need for increased knowledge and capacity to prevent, reduce and resolve statelessness and to protect stateless people worldwide, with a regional focus on the Middle East and North Africa. Besides the international legal framework related to nationality, the program addressed the causes and impacts of statelessness, gave an overview of stateless populations around the world, including stateless children, and examined the interrelation between statelessness and forced displacement. The workshop also provided a space for participants to share best practices and successful experiences of countries globally and in the MENA region that can help address the issue of statelessness. The training also promoted the use and implementation of the UNHCR’s Global Action Plan to End Statelessness as part of the *#IBelong Campaign* launched in 2014.

Countries represented:

- Algeria
- Egypt
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- United Arab Emirates



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: time given for presenting and exchanging the experiences of the state parties and their best practices; comprehensiveness of the theoretical framework.

Most valued sessions and topics: Nationality and Statelessness in International Law; Effects of Statelessness; Issue of Statelessness in Childhood.

Suggestions for improvement: include topics related to gender in statelessness; extend the duration of the workshop.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 55%; able to a good extent, 45%.

Level of satisfaction with the Course content: high satisfaction, 73%; average satisfaction, 27%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

Course Director

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Lecturers and Speakers

Ms. Ameera Azzam

Senior Learning Development Officer, UNHCR MENA

Ms. Dalila Zenati

Head of Capacity Development Unit, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Ms. Fawzia Istaiteyah

Associate Legal Officer, Legal Unit, UNHCR

Ms. Hagir Musa

Senior Government Liaison Officer, UNHCR Egypt

Mr. Ihab Serour

Lawyer and refugee protection expert

Average Score Rating by Participants:

9.2/10



12th SPECIALISATION PROGRAMME ON Protection Coordination (Residential Workshop)

English

10 – 14 July 2023

18 Participants

11 Country Operations

	DAY 1 Monday 10 July	DAY 2 Tuesday 11 July	DAY 3 Wednesday 12 July	DAY 4 Thursday 13 July	DAY 5 Friday 14 July
9 am - 10.30 am	Session 0 Opening and Introductions	Session 4 Leadership and Coordination	Session 8 Analysis	Session 10 Negotiation	Session 14 Capstone exercise
10.30 am - 11 am	COFFEE BREAK				
11 am - 12.30 pm	Session 1 What is Protection Coordination	Session 5 Working with People	Session 9 Devising an Effective Strategy	Session 11 Advocacy	Session 15 Capstone exercise
12.30 pm - 1.30 pm	LUNCH				
1.30 pm - 3 pm	Session 2 Message Clarity and Communicating to Cultural Audiences	Session 6 Consensus Building and Decision Making (part I)	Free Afternoon	Session 12 Peer-to-Peer Activity	Session 16 Detailed on-Case and closing of the Workshop
3 pm - 3.30 pm	COFFEE BREAK			COFFEE BREAK	
3.30 pm - 5 pm	Session 3 Presentations with Impact	Session 7 Consensus Building and Decision Making (part II)	Session 13 Preparations for Capstone	END	

OVERVIEW

For the first time since the launch of the Programme, the 12th edition of the Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination was delivered in English, using a mix of online and in-person activities. The training was co-organized in cooperation with the *Global Protection Cluster (GPC)* and the four *Areas of Responsibility (AoRs)* and welcomed **18 participants** from **11 country operations**. The Programme, which specifically targeted coordinators, co-coordinators, and local actors in field operations from UN agencies and non-governmental organization partners, was divided into three phases.

The first virtual self-study phase (26 June – 7 July) lasted two weeks. Participants had the opportunity to engage in an initial online live

session, followed by the flexibility to progress at their own speed through micro-learning components, either independently or collaboratively in pairs through peer-to-peer activities.

The second phase of the workshop (10 – 14 July), which was residential, took place at the Sanremo Institute headquarters in Italy. Participants attended a total of sixteen 90-minute-long live sessions facilitated by the Sanremo Programme Team and experts from the GPC and the AoRs. During the live sessions, participants were able to discuss and practice the knowledge and skills needed for effective protection coordination in detail. Case scenarios, role plays, and group work were used throughout the week to make the learning experience unforgettable and engaging.

In the third and last phase (17 July – 19 September), participants were asked to reflect on how to implement the skills and knowledge gained through the Programme into their daily work. In this phase, participants initially completed an evaluation form before partaking in a conclusive meeting guided by the GPC. Together, they delved into the Programme's impact on their work in protection coordination, evaluating areas or themes that could be modified or added to enhance their individual learning and professional development.

“ **The training was 100% linked to our work. Every piece reflects our routine work, and nothing was from outside our scope of work.**”

Mine Action AoR coordinator

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: interacting and sharing experiences with professionals; the relevance of sessions and material to day-to-day tasks and responsibilities; professionalism and subject matter expertise of lecturers.

Most valued sessions and topics: Leadership and Coordination; Negotiation in the Humanitarian Coordination Context; Protection Analysis.

Suggestions for improvement: hear more real-life examples by the speakers during presentations; reduce the number of team members in group discussions to have more engagement and representation.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 86%; able to a good extent, 14%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this training to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Course content and agenda: high satisfaction, 86%; average satisfaction, 14%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

Lecturers and Speakers

Mr. Julien Marneffe

Head of Standards, Learning and Development, Global Protection Cluster

Dr. Jim Robinson

Global Coordinator, Housing Land and Property Area of Responsibility, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)

Ms. Christelle Loupforest

Deputy Global Coordinator, Mine Action Area of Responsibility

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

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Ms. Martina Ranieli

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Ms. Valentina Rossi

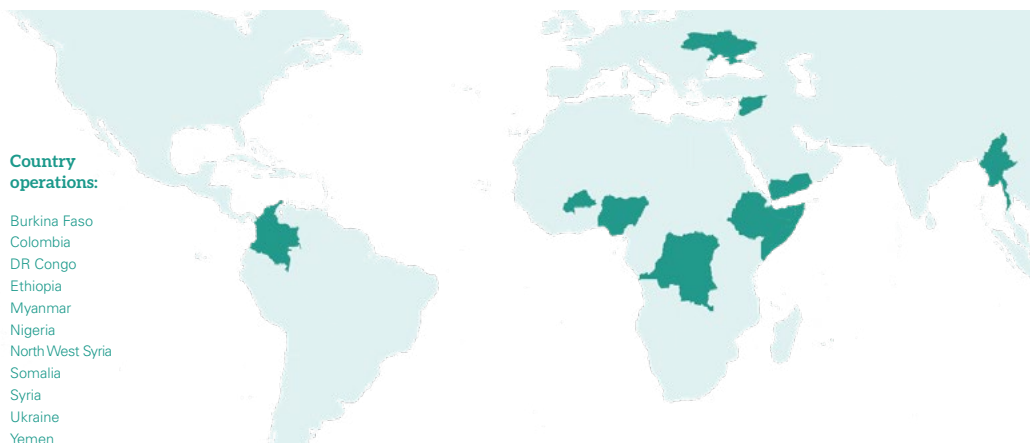
Coordinator, Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Ms. Farah Muzin

Assistant Coordinator, Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Average Score Rating by Participants:

9/10



15th SPECIALISATION PROGRAMME ON Protection Coordination (Residential Workshop)

English

11 - 14 December 2023

20 Participants

Ethiopia

	DAY 1 Monday 11 December	DAY 2 Tuesday 12 December	DAY 3 Wednesday 13 December	DAY 4 Thursday 14 December
9 am - 10.30 am	Session 0 Opening and Introduction	Session 4 Leadership and Coordination	Session 8 Protection Analysis	Session 12 Capstone exercise
10.30 am - 11 am	COFFEE BREAK			
11 am - 12.30 pm	Session 1 What is Protection Coordination	Session 5 Working with People	Session 9 Developing an Effective Strategy	Session 13 Capstone exercise
12.30 pm - 1.30 pm	LUNCH			
1.30 pm - 3 pm	Session 2 Message Crafting and Communication to Different Audiences	Session 6 Consensus Building and Decision Making (part 1)	Session 10 Introduction to the Humanitarian Coordination Centre	Session 14 Closing of all Capstones and closing of the workshop
3 pm - 3.30 pm	COFFEE BREAK			
3.30 pm - 5 pm	Session 3 Presentations with Impact	Session 7 Consensus Building and Decision Making (part 2)	Session 11 Advocacy Approaches and Techniques	END

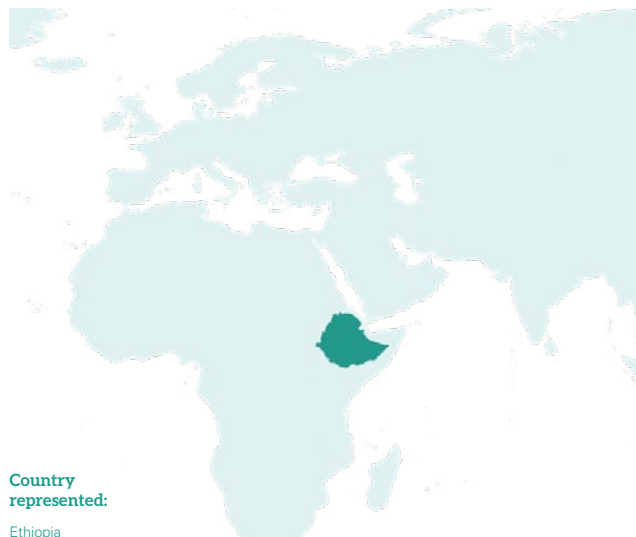
OVERVIEW

For the first time since the launch of the Programme, the workshop phase of the 15th edition of the Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination was implemented at the field level in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Delivered in English, the training was co-organized in cooperation with the *Global Protection Cluster (GPC)* and the four *Areas of Responsibility (AoRs)* and welcomed **20 participants** from the **Ethiopia Country Operation**. The Programme specifically targeted coordinators, co-coordinators, and local actors working in the Ethiopia Operation and was divided into three phases.

The first self-study phase (24 November – 8 December) lasted two weeks. Participants had the possibility to meet online for a first live session and then work at their own pace. The following week of the Residential Workshop (11 December – 14 December) allowed partic-

ipants to attend 16 in person sessions on hard and soft skills related to effective protection coordination.

During the final phase (15 December – 21 January), participants were tasked with contemplating the application of acquired skills and knowledge from the Programme to their daily work. This stage involved an initial completion of an evaluation form, followed by a conclusive meeting guided by the GPC. Together, participants explored the Programme's influence on their protection coordination work, assessing areas or themes for potential modifications or additions to further enhance their individual learning and professional development.



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: the interactive approach and the active participation during the sessions; sharing of learning and experiences from the facilitators and other coordinators.

Most valued sessions and topics: Protection Coordination; Message Crafting and Communicating to Different Audiences; Negotiation in the Humanitarian Coordination Context.

Suggestions for improvement: elaborate more on the session on Negotiation; extend the time for practical exercises.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 71%; able to a good extent, 15%; able to a limited extent, 14%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this training to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Course content and agenda: high satisfaction, 86%; average satisfaction, 14%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

Lecturers and Speakers

Mr. Julien Marneffe

Head of Standards, Learning and Development, Global Protection Cluster

Ms. Francesca Chiaudani

Chief of Ethiopia Programme, United Nations Mine Action Service

Ms. Nourhan Mahjoub

Coordinator, Ethiopia Child Protection Area of Responsibility, UNICEF

Ms. Valentina Rossi

Coordinator, Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Average Score Rating by Participants:

8.9/10

“ The Course provided me with useful materials to build on my knowledge related to other AoR mandates and areas which require integration and collaboration.”

Gender-based Violence
AoR coordinator



SPECIALISTS' COURSE ON International Refugee Law

English

14 March - 9 June 2023

43 Participants

17 Countries

Specialists' Course on International Refugee Law	
Agenda Outline	
14 March - 9 June 2023 Belgrade time zone (CET)	
Session 1	Opening of the Course and Keynote Lecture Tuesday 14 March 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 2	The International Legal Protection Framework Friday 17 March 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 3	The 1951 Convention: Definition of Refugees (Inclusion) Tuesday 21 March 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 4	Protection from Expulsion or Return: The Non-Refoulement Principle Friday 24 March 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 5	The 1951 Convention: Definition of Refugees (Exclusion) Tuesday 28 March 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 6	Rights and Responsibilities of Refugees Friday 31 March 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 7	Other Persons in Need of Protection By Tuesday 4 April Self-paced Session
Session 8	UNHCR's Mandate and Refugee Operations Around the World Tuesday 11 April 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 9	Smuggling of Migrants and Human Trafficking Friday 14 April 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 10	Protection in Mixed Movements Tuesday 18 April 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 11	Regional Protection: Council of Europe's Main Instruments and the European Court of Human Rights Friday 21 April 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 12	Regional Protection: Common European Asylum System Tuesday 25 April 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 13	How to Protect Refugees and Other Persons in Need of Protection By Tuesday 2 May Self-paced Session
Session 14	Detention and Alternatives to Detention Friday 5 May 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 15	Refugee Status Determination Tuesday 9 May 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 16	Protection of Unaccompanied and Separated Children Friday 12 May 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 17	Gender, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation as a Ground for Persecution Tuesday 16 May 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 18	Protection Challenges in Western Balkan Countries Q&A Friday 19 May 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 19	Climate Change and Forced Displacement Tuesday 23 May 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 20	Refugees in the Public Narrative By Friday 26 May Self-paced Session
Session 21	Durable Solutions for Refugees Tuesday 30 May 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 22	Responsibility Sharing and the Global Compact on Refugees Friday 3 June 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 23	Inclusion and Development: The Whole of Society Approach Tuesday 6 June 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session
Session 24	Capstone Session and Closing of the Course Friday 9 June 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Session

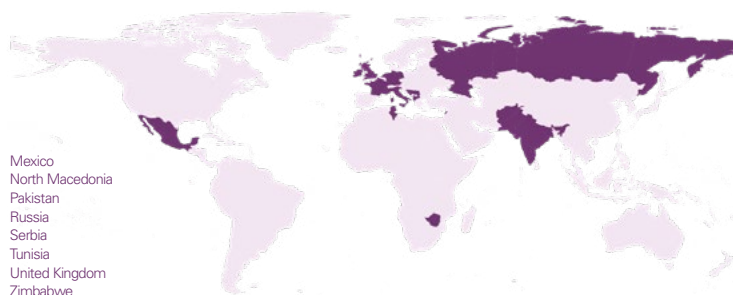
OVERVIEW

The Course was organized with the support of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – Representation in Serbia* along with the close cooperation of the *Faculty of Law of the University of Belgrade* in Serbia. The training was delivered in English and welcomed **43 participants** coming from **17 countries**. The pool of participants consisted of students at the bachelor and postgraduate level, some of whom were also professionally active in the field of refugee protection through non-governmental and civil society organizations, coming mainly from Serbia and the Balkans, but also including participants from beyond the region, such as from the rest of Europe, Africa, and Asia.

The comprehensive 12-week agenda of the Course included 24 individual sessions, allowing participants an in-depth experience of various aspects of refugee protection, such as the applicable international legal framework, definitions, rights and responsibilities of refugees and other persons in need of protection, UNHCR's mandate and its highlight operations around the world, mixed movements and related risks such as human trafficking and migrant smuggling, protection within the displacement cycle and working with vulnerable categories of persons, the interaction of refugee protection with global development, and phenomena such as climate change, responsibility sharing and the Global Compact on Refugees and others.

Countries represented:

Afghanistan
Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
France
Greece
India
Ireland
Italy
Lebanon
Mexico
North Macedonia
Pakistan
Russia
Serbia
Tunisia
United Kingdom
Zimbabwe



“The Course was excellent. I learned a lot, I met new people, and I had the opportunity to listen to professors from outside Serbia. The professors from the Faculty of Law in Belgrade were excellent, and every session was good and interesting. You could learn a lot. We were introduced to a topic that is popular today, and I think that everyone gave their best to make this Course as good as possible and to learn as much as possible.”

Postgraduate student

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: selection of lecturers and their presentations; case studies shared during live sessions; teaching methodologies used.

Most valued sessions and topics: Rights and Responsibilities of Refugees; The International Legal Protection Framework; Climate Change and Forced Displacement.

Suggestions for improvement: introduce breakout groups in the early stages of the Course.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Online Course to the daily work: definitely able, 49%; able to a good extent, 43%; able to a limited extent, 5%; not at all able, 3%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 92%; average satisfaction, 8%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 70%; very good, 27%; good, 3%. Participants mostly appreciated: video materials and documentaries shared; breakout sessions; live question polls.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 68%; user-friendly, 27%; not so user-friendly, 5%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 86%; average satisfaction, 14%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 92%; average satisfaction, 8%.

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D.

Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

Lecturers and Speakers

Dr. Ivana Krstic

Full Professor and Director, Center for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade

Dr. Bojana Cuckovic

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade

Mr. Soufiane Adjali

Representative, UNHCR Serbia

Ms. Ljubimka Mitrovic

Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR Serbia

Dr. Andrew Schoenholtz

Professor, Practice, Human Rights Institute; Director, Center for Applied Legal Studies, Georgetown University Law Centre

Ms. Carol Sakr

Community-Based Protection Associate, UNHCR Lebanon

Dr. Francois Crepeau

Full Professor, Faculty of Law, McGill University

Ms. Elise Currie Roberts

Senior Refugee Status Determination Officer, Refugee Status Determination Section, Division of International Protection (DIP), UNHCR

Dr. Elizabeth Ferris

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ONLINE COURSE ON

International Refugee Law for Postgraduate Students - Côte d'Azur University, Nice

English

26 - 30 June 2023

14 Participants

Online Course on International Refugee Law for Postgraduate Students	
Agenda Outline	
26 - 30 June 2023	
Day 1 - 26 June	
Session 1	Opening of the Course and International Legal Protection Framework <small>Live Session</small>
Session 2	Climate Change and Human Mobility <small>Self-paced Session</small>
Day 2 - 27 June	
Session 3	Refugee Status Determination <small>Live Session</small>
Session 4	Protection of Internally Displaced and Stateless People <small>Self-paced Session</small>
Day 3 - 28 June	
Session 5	Rights and Responsibilities of Refugees <small>Live Session</small>
Session 6	Detention and Alternatives to Detention <small>Self-paced Session</small>
Day 4 - 29 June	
Session 7	Protection in Maritime Migration <small>Self-paced Session</small>
Session 8	Protection within the Displacement Cycle <small>Live Session</small>
Day 5 - 30 June	
Session 9	Durable Solutions and the Global Compact on Refugees <small>Self-paced Session</small>
Session 10	Capstone Session and Closing of the Course <small>Live Session</small>

Live sessions are delivered in the Balkan time zone (CEST)

OVERVIEW

With the support of the *Côte d'Azur University Nice*, the Online Course on International Refugee Law for Postgraduate Students was delivered in English over a week and welcomed **14 postgraduate** students from the University.

The Online Course provided in-depth knowledge of the international protection of refugees, emphasizing the synergies between international refugee law and other legal bodies. While focusing on refugees as a specifically defined category in international law, the Course also captured the similarities and distinctions with other relevant categories, such as internally displaced persons, stateless persons, victims of trafficking and others. The sessions included specific references to how access to rights allows refugees to fulfill their responsibilities. Furthermore, the Course unpacked the complexities of

different displacement phases, from the root causes that compel individuals to flee to the potential risks during displacement, including in the context of protection at sea. Lastly, the students were introduced to the concept of durable solutions for refugees and how refugees can access regular migratory channels through third-country complementary pathways in the context of the Global Compact on Refugees.



“ After this week, I feel like I’ve learnt all I need to know about refugee law, and I have the online tools to go back and look again if I need to.”

Postgraduate student

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: structured and interactive learning; balance between theory and practice; clear explanations given by lecturers along with sharing of experiences.

Most valued sessions and topics: Rights and Responsibilities of Refugees; Protection in Maritime Migration; The International Legal Protection Framework.

Suggestions for improvement: include a gendered analysis of refugee law and human rights issues; allocate more time for case studies.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Course to the daily work: definitely able, 11%; able to a good extent, 56%; able to a limited extent, 33%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Course to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Online Course: high satisfaction, 78%; average satisfaction, 22%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Course in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 33%; very good, 67%. Participants mostly appreciated: engaging and interactive lecturers; quality of organization and the delivery of Course content.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 33%; user-friendly, 67%.

Level of satisfaction with online live sessions: high satisfaction, 56%; average satisfaction, 44%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the online live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 78%; average satisfaction, 22%.

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OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: diversity of panelists; testimonies and perspectives of refugees accessing complementary pathways; practical case studies; quality of moderating the discussions; engagement with the audience.

Most valued sessions and topics: How do Complementary Pathways Benefit Refugees?; Walking the Talk: Meaningful Involvement of Refugees in Complementary Pathways; How do Complementary Pathways Benefit Host Societies?; Case Studies on Complementary Pathways.

Suggestions for improvement: include topics such as gender sensitivity and mental health issues when accessing complementary pathways as well as conflict mitigation between host communities and refugees.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Forum to the daily work: definitely able, 56%; able to a good extent, 37%; able to a limited extent, 7%. The majority of the respondents (99%) would recommend this Forum to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Forum: high satisfaction, 82%; average satisfaction, 18%. No respondent expressed dissatisfaction with the Forum in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 50%; very good, 37%; good, 12%; rather poor, 1%. Participants mostly appreciated: interactive nature of discussions; the option to review the recorded sessions; incorporation of real-life case studies and personal stories from refugees.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 64%; user-friendly, 36%.

Level of satisfaction with Forum live sessions: high satisfaction, 93%; average satisfaction, 6%; low satisfaction, 1%.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 91%; average satisfaction, 9%.

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ACADEMIC FORUM ON The Promotion of Refugee Law

English

30 October - 17 November 2023

34 Participants

23 Countries

Academic Forum on the Promotion of Refugee Law
Agenda Outline
30 October - 17 November 2023
Rome time zone (CET)

Week 1

- Session 1**
Monday 30 October
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Opening and Keynote Speech:
The Role of Universities in Refugee Protection
Live Session
- Session 2**
Wednesday 1 November
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Integrating Refugee Law
in University Curricula
Live Session
- Session 3**
Friday 3 November
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Extracurricular Academic Initiatives
Live Session

Week 2

- Session 4**
Monday 6 November
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Evidence-Based Research
and Academic Advocacy
Live Session
- Session 5**
Wednesday 8 November
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Legal Clinics and Legal Aid
for Refugees
Live Session
- Session 6**
Friday 10 November
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Academic Competitions on Refugee Law
Live Session

Week 3

- Session 7**
Monday 13 November
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Inclusion of Refugee Students
Live Session
- Session 8**
Wednesday 15 November
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Inclusion of Refugee Academics
Live Session
- Session 9**
Friday 17 November
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Closing of the Forum and
the Way Forward
Live Session

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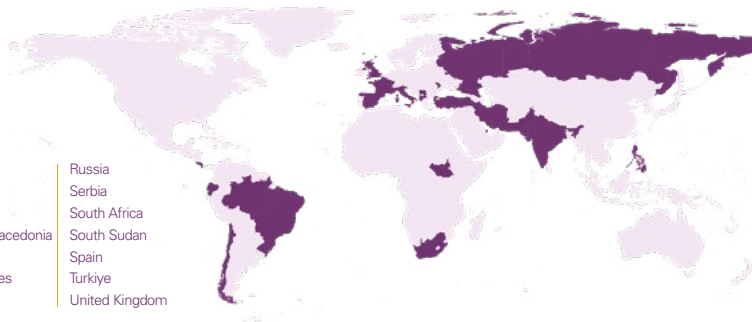
The 1st edition of the Academic Forum on the Promotion of Refugee Law was convened with the contributions of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* to support the strategic proliferation of academic initiatives related to refugee law and amplify the role of academia in refugee protection, which is becoming increasingly critical in the face of unprecedented numbers of forcibly displaced persons, necessitating a whole of society approach. The Forum, delivered in English, welcomed **34 participants** from **23 countries** to benefit from the expertise of panelists from esteemed academic institutions across the globe who presented their initiatives, which included study and research programs, sum-

mer schools, moot court competitions, and legal clinics.

Panelists and participants together had the opportunity to exchange best practices, share their work, and learn from each other in practical discussions, which served as the basis to inspire action from participants in the creation or further development of their own initiatives. This event is part of the pledges made by the Department at the Global Refugee Forum to support the capacities of governments, academic institutions, civil society, and international organizations in the promotion of international refugee law and the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees.

Countries represented:

Albania	Italy	Russia
Brazil	Moldova	Serbia
Chile	Nepal	South Africa
Costa Rica	Nigeria	South Sudan
Ecuador	North Macedonia	Spain
France	Pakistan	Turkiye
India	Philippines	United Kingdom
Iran	Qatar	



“ I am very happy and grateful to have participated in the forum. The possibility to listen to highly renowned academics and experienced practitioners and professionals, meet colleagues from other parts of the world and know that we share the same interest in international refugee law and the will to integrate and improve the lives of thousands of refugees is truly inspiring.”

University lecturer

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: question and answer sessions and engaging participants in the discussions; technical organization and individual approach to all participants; focus on collaboration among legal clinics and their adaptability.

Most valued sessions and topics: Inclusion of Refugee Students; Legal Clinics and Legal Aid for Refugees; Academic Competitions on Refugee Law; Inclusion of Refugee Academics.

Suggestions for improvement: highlight a case study where a legal clinic effectively provided free legal assistance to refugees; use a hybrid methodology for future forums.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Forum to the daily work: definitely able, 43%; able to a good extent, 57%. The vast majority of the respondents (96%) would recommend this Forum to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Forum: high satisfaction, 87%; average satisfaction, 13%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Forum in the final evaluations.

DIGITAL FEATURES FEEDBACK

Virtual teaching methodology: excellent, 39%; very good, 48%; good, 13%. Participants mostly appreciated: inclusion of renowned academics and experienced professionals; contributions of Global North and South contexts.

Friendliness of the Online Learning Platform: very user-friendly, 57%; user-friendly, 43%.

Level of satisfaction with Forum live sessions: high satisfaction, 87%; average satisfaction, 13%. No respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the Forum live sessions.

Level of satisfaction with Online Resource Library: high satisfaction, 83%; average satisfaction, 13%; low satisfaction, 4%.

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TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON Complementary Pathways for UNHCR Focal Points

English

21 - 24 November 2023

28 Participants

26 Countries

Day 1 - Tuesday 21 November	Day 2 - Wednesday 22 November	Day 3 - Thursday 23 November
8:45 - 9:00 Registration of Participants	8:45 - 9:00 Day 1 Recap	8:45 - 9:00 Day 2 Recap
9:00 - 10:30 Welcome, Introductions, and UNHCR's Operational Guidance and E-Learning Course	9:00 - 10:30 Complementary Pathways: Best Practices	9:00 - 10:15 Group 2 Presentation (in person)
10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break	10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break	10:15 - 10:30 Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:15 Complementary Pathways: Key Concepts	10:45 - 12:15 Select Your Methodology: How?	10:30 - 11:45 Group 3 Presentation (online)
12:15 - 13:15 Lunch Break	12:15 - 13:15 Lunch Break	11:45 - 12:00 Group 4 Presentation (in person)
13:15 - 14:45 Know Your Audience: Who?	13:15 - 14:45 Facilitation Techniques: The Role of the Facilitator	13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break
14:45 - 15:00 Coffee Break	14:45 - 15:00 Coffee Break	14:00 - 15:15 Group 6 Presentation (hybrid)
15:00 - 16:30 Objective and Key Message Crafting	15:00 - 16:30 Complementary Pathways: Having Difficult Conversations	15:15 - 15:30 Coffee Break
16:30 - 18:00 Group Work (self-organized)	16:30 - 18:00 Group Work (self-organized)	15:30 - 16:45 Group 5 Presentation (in person)
		16:45 - 18:00 Group 1 Presentation (in person)
		Day 4 - Friday 24 November
		9:00 - 10:30 Summary Recap: DOs and DON'Ts
		10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break
		10:45 - 12:15 Follow-Up and Closing Remarks
		12:15 - 13:15 Lunch

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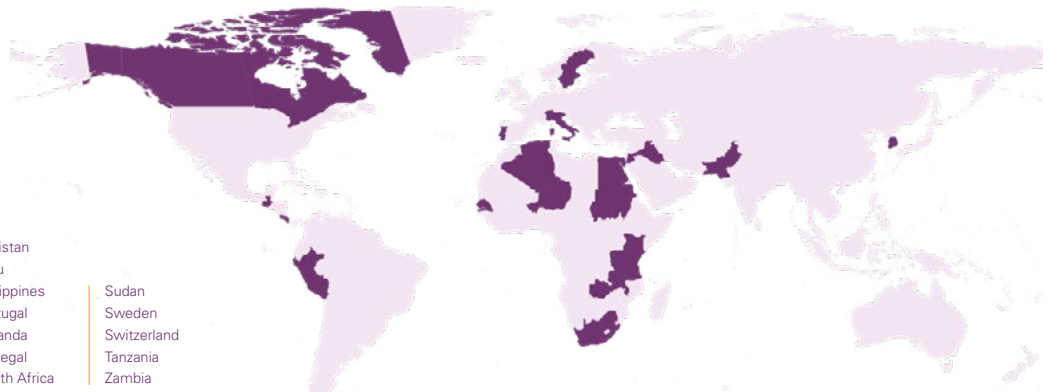
A cohort of **28 participants** from **26 countries** gathered in Sanremo for the first Training of Trainers on Complementary Pathways for UN-

HCR Focal Points, delivered in English, where they deepened their knowledge on complementary pathways and training through group activities, panel discussions, and exchanging best practices, culminating in a practical exercise in which they designed and delivered their own training interventions.

Complementary pathways have emerged as an innovative solution to facilitate access to durable options for displaced individuals and promote their self-reliance. However, as third-country complementary pathway options become more available to refugees, there is a need to enhance the efficacy of ongoing efforts undertaken by the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* to overcome these multiple obstacles. To address this, the Department and UNHCR joined forces to build a cohort of UNHCR focal points on complementary pathways, enabling them to further disseminate information on the subject through the use of training methodology. This collaboration ultimately aims to strengthen opportunities for establishing new pathways and expanding existing programs.

Countries represented:

Algeria	Iraq	Pakistan	Sudan
Burundi	Italy	Peru	Sweden
Canada	Jordan	Philippines	Switzerland
Costa Rica	Kenya	Portugal	Tanzania
Ecuador	Korea, South	Rwanda	Zambia
Egypt	Malawi	Senegal	
Guatemala	Niger	South Africa	



OVERALL FEEDBACK

Most appreciated aspects: having a day dedicated to group sessions; sharing of best practices from different operations and contexts; role-playing group activities.

Most valued sessions and topics: Facilitation Techniques: The Role of the Facilitator; Complementary Pathways: Having Difficult Conversations; **Objective and Key Message Crafting.**

Suggestions for improvement: include more in-depth training on the implementation of complementary pathways and guidance notes.

Ability to apply the knowledge gained during the Training to the daily work: yes, 62%; no, 38%. All of the respondents (100%) would recommend this Training to their colleagues.

Level of satisfaction with the Training content and agenda: high satisfaction, 90%; average satisfaction, 10%. No respondent expressed dissatisfaction with the Training in the final evaluations.

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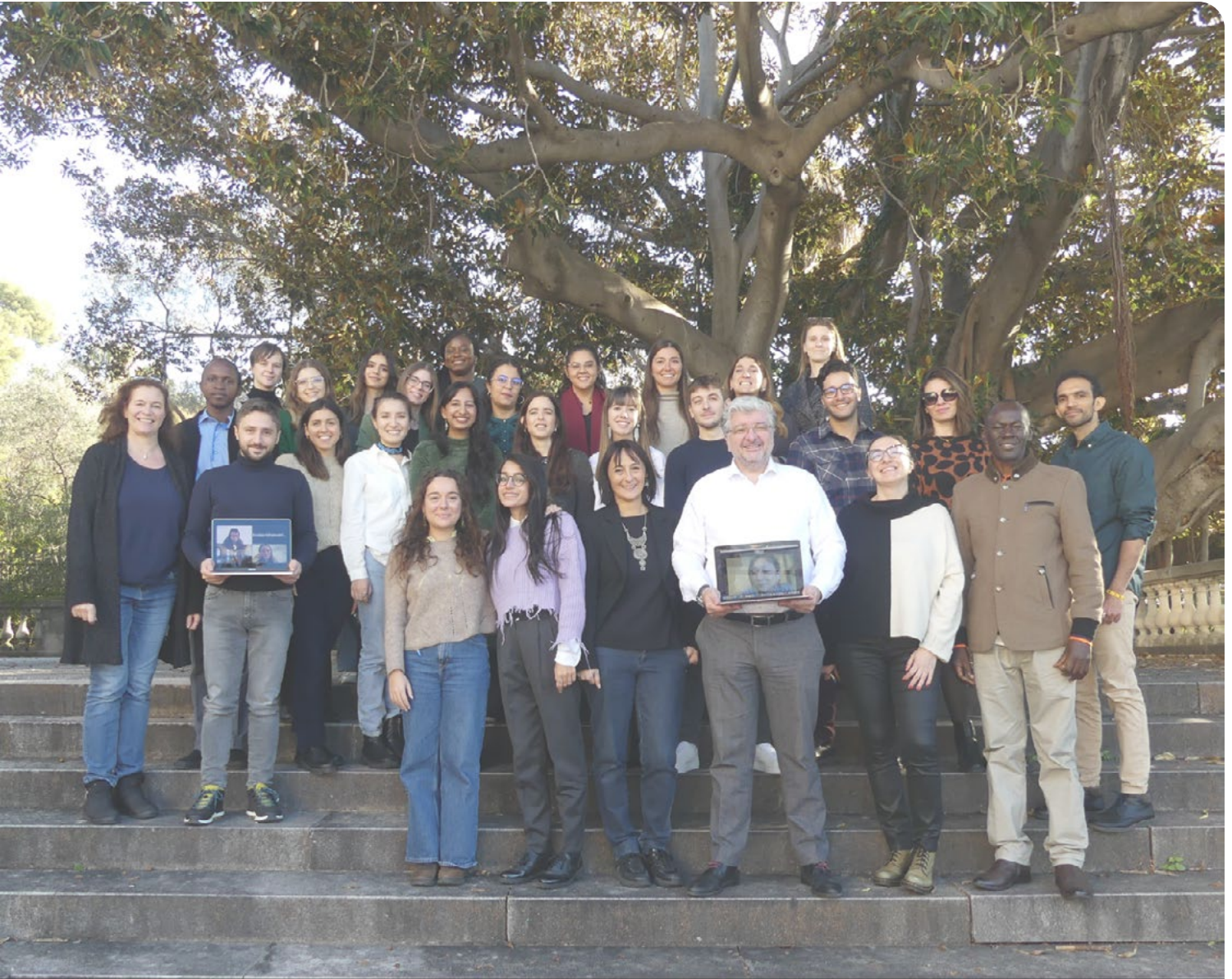
“ **The interactive activities and discussions following each presentation during the training were very informative. Some scenarios one would not have known or thought of if it were not for those who experienced such scenarios in their operational contexts. It definitely added value to the ToT.**”

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“ Knowledge is about sharing, and I believe that by sharing, we make the world a different place. Looking forward to sharing what I have learned during the Course with my colleagues so that we can serve all persons of concern with good intentions. I'll also encourage my colleagues to apply for the Course.”

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