

Advanced Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy Amman/Dead Sea, 17-24 March 2019



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Core Professional Training

17-19 March 2019

The Core Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy – an intensive three-day program – serves as an opportunity for experienced humanitarian practitioners, policymakers, and others operating in or dealing with conflict settings to deepen their understanding of international humanitarian law (IHL) and other legal frameworks applicable in times of war, and to explore related policy and operational challenges. Suitable for those both with and without prior legal training, the course covers the sources and development of IHL, key distinctions between international and non-international armed conflicts, the applicability of international human rights law in armed conflict, the obligations of State and non-State actors, implementation and enforcement of IHL, and the role of humanitarian actors in situations of armed conflict. Additional “flex sessions” respond to the interests and concerns of registrants and specific issues they are currently facing in their work.

Discussions, case studies, and exercises reinforce the learning objectives and connect theory with practice, exploring challenging issues that arise in humanitarian response settings, such as civilians participating in hostilities, the conduct of hostilities in urban settings, the use of certain weapons in highly populated areas, and the norms governing humanitarian access and assistance. Throughout the course, examples from contemporary conflicts illustrate the applicability of legal rules taking into account operational challenges faced by practitioners and highlighting how a deeper understanding of IHL contributes to a more effective protection and assistance work.



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Having the sort of theoretical knowledge that PHAP trainings contribute to is important for humanitarian professionals, in order for them to reflect upon their role and how it interacts with those of others and to find new and better ways to serve the populations we work with.

- Participant in Brussels

Thematic Workshop on the Law of Non-International Armed Conflict: Contemporary challenges for the protection of civilians

20-21 March 2019

The vast majority of armed conflicts today are not “traditional” inter-State confrontations but are rather of a non-international character. Furthermore, armed conflicts have become more complex – with some involving dozens or even hundreds of different armed groups, as well as varying levels of involvement and influence of other actors – resulting in greater challenges for the protection of civilians.

This workshop provides an in-depth analysis of the norms applicable in non-international armed conflicts, with a primary focus on IHL, in light of the most salient contemporary issues for the protection of civilians. In particular, it reviews the logic and development of the law while addressing the on-going debates in its application on the basis of the key legal and practical differences with the law of international armed conflict.

Through examination of cases based on current complex emergency contexts, the workshop explores specific questions humanitarian professionals face, from the central notions of ‘civilian’ and ‘direct participation in hostilities’ to urban warfare, access issues, and humanitarian engagement with armed actors. Ultimately, it is designed to strengthen the capacity of practitioners to more effectively address protection of civilians concerns in non-international armed conflicts through a deeper understanding of existing norms and their interpretation and application in practice.

Practical information

Regular cost-recovery participation fees

- Core Professional Training and two Thematic Workshops (7 days): € 1890 (non-member fee: € 2080)
- Core Professional Training and one Thematic Workshop (5 days): € 1500 (non-member fee: € 1650)
- Core Professional Training (3 days): € 990 (non-member fee: € 1090)
- Two Thematic Workshops (4 days): € 1260 (non-member fee: € 1385)
- One Thematic Workshop (2 days): € 690 (non-member fee: € 760)

The fee includes tuition, training materials, and meals provided during the training event. Member dues are € 80 annually. Read more about our group pricing and returning participant discount at www.phap.org

Training venue

Mövenpick Dead Sea
Jordan

Note: Special rates for accommodation available at the Mövenpick Dead Sea. Please book through PHAP.



Applications

The Advanced Professional Training is open to professionals with a minimum of two years of relevant experience. Applications can be submitted online via the PHAP website at www.phap.org/PDP-AMM2019-register

Thematic Workshop on Fact-finding, Monitoring, and Reporting in Armed Conflict

23-24 March 2019

This workshop is designed to enhance the capacity of humanitarian practitioners to more effectively and responsibly conduct – or contribute to – fact-finding, monitoring, and reporting (FFMR) of allegations of violations of international law during armed conflict.

Considering the different roles and mandates of humanitarian actors in relation to this work, this workshop will address relevant legal frameworks and the interplay between international law norms and related fact-finding work on alleged violations, the various mechanisms involved in monitoring and reporting, how the different mechanisms and frameworks interact with each another, as well as their underlying objectives and goals.

The workshop will also look into methodological, policy, and operational questions for ensuring credible and effective fact-finding, monitoring, and reporting activities, including considerations related to humanitarian principles and the neutrality of humanitarian actors.

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