

## Core Professional Training

24-26 June 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.

## Thematic Workshop on Terrorism and Counter- terrorism: Implications for Humanitarian Action

27-28 June 2019

Terrorism and counter-terrorism remain a major concern today for many different actors. In a changing and increasingly complex landscape, it can be difficult to keep up with new measures and approaches for how States and other actors respond to terrorism. Recent domestic case law and legislation as well as the adoption of UNSC Resolution 2462 has renewed attention to the risk of undermining humanitarian action, including through criminalization of humanitarian activities.

This workshop considers these developments and provides an analysis of the relevant legal frameworks. The workshop also features in-depth discussion of specific domestic, EU, and UN measures intended to address the threat of terrorism, the use of force as a response to terrorism, tensions that arise under international human rights law (IHRL) and international humanitarian law (IHL), and an assessment of the implications for humanitarian action. It also aims at strengthening the capacity of practitioners to take into account IHRL and IHL when addressing the impact of terrorism and counterterrorism measures on their work.

Led by expert academics and practitioners, this workshop tailors discussion to challenges faced by those working in humanitarian contexts.

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<https://phap.org/PDP-BRU2019TW>



# Agenda overview

This overview provides an indication the scope of the program – the details of the program are subject to change. For the latest information, please see the event page at <https://phap.org>

## Core Professional Training

*Monday, 24 June*

- Foundations and development of international humanitarian law (IHL) as part of public international law (PIL)
- Classification of situations and individuals under IHL
- International and non-international armed conflicts
- Protected persons

*Tuesday, 25 June*

- Regulating the conduct of hostilities: Targeting rules
- Challenges associated with the direct participation of civilians in hostilities
- Implementation and enforcement of IHL
- Human rights law in armed conflict

*Wednesday, 26 June*

- Children in armed conflict
- IHL and international criminal law (including war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity)
- Monitoring and reporting of violations of IHL
- Principles and methods of humanitarian action
- Challenges and opportunities related to IHL and humanitarian work

## Thematic Workshop on Terrorism and Counter-terrorism

*Thursday, 27 June*

- An overview of the global counterterrorism framework
- Key issues for humanitarian actors and evolution of the debate
- Conduct of hostilities vs. law enforcement paradigms in responding to terrorism
- Trends regarding the role of civil society in conflict prevention, security, and countering violent extremism
- Counterterrorism legislation and impartial humanitarian action: Perspectives from IHL and IHRL

*Friday, 28 June*

- Terrorism and international refugee law
- The impact of counterterrorism measures on the financing of humanitarian action
- NGO risk management approaches

## Practical information

### Regular cost-recovery participation fees

Core Professional Training (3 days): € 990

(non-member fee: € 1090)

Thematic Workshop only (2 days): € 690

(non-member fee: € 760)

Core Professional Training and

Thematic Workshop (5 days): € 1500

(non-member fee: € 1650)

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](http://www.phap.org)

## 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-BRU2019-register](http://www.phap.org/PDP-BRU2019-register)



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