



THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARMED CONFLICT

Nairobi, Kenya
4-5 April 2019

AGENDA*

The evolution and increasing complexity of armed conflicts – in terms of the nature of the violence, the geographical scope of hostilities, the types of actors involved, and the protection issues raised – casts a new light on the applicability and relevance of human rights norms in situations of armed conflict.

This workshop examines the complementarity between international human rights law (IHRL) and other legal frameworks, in particular international humanitarian law (IHL). Building on an exploration of the legal aspects of the interplay between those frameworks, the workshop then provides participants with an overview of what the application of human rights norms means in practice, with a view to strengthen protection of people affected by armed conflict.

Case studies and exercises incorporated into the workshop explore specific issues for which this interplay between legal frameworks is particularly important, including detention, the use of lethal force, the delivery of humanitarian assistance, the administration of a territory by a non-State armed group, and the use of human rights protection mechanisms.

THURSDAY, 4 APRIL

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee and registration
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome, introduction, and overview of the Thematic Workshop
9:30 – 10:15	The logic of IHRL and challenges to its application in armed conflict
10:15 – 11:00	Understanding the relationship(s) between IHRL and IHL: Which set of rules apply in armed conflict? <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mapping the types of interplay: 1) IHL only, 2) IHRL only, 3) both together– Difference between formal application and taking IHRL into account– Cases of conflict of norms
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	Limits to the application of IHRL in armed conflict: State of emergency and extraterritorial application <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Definition and conditions for an armed conflict to justify derogation to IHRL– How to address counter terrorism legislation and national security claims made by states in times of armed conflict– IHRL application beyond state's borders
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:15	Application of human rights in situations of occupation
14:15 – 15:15	IHL and IHRL in humanitarian policy and advocacy: Good and bad practices

* Provisional agenda as of 21 February 2019; subject to modification.



15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:15	Case study/Exercise
17:15 – 17:30	Wrap-up of the day
19:30	Group dinner

FRIDAY, 5 APRIL

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee
9:00 – 9:15	Review of previous day
9:15 – 10:30	Unlawful killings in times of armed conflict: Navigating the differences between IHRL and IHL
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:45	The human rights obligations of non-State armed groups
11:45 – 12:45	The role of human rights law in delivering assistance
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:00	The design of a protection strategy based on IHRL and IHL
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 17:00	Exercise
17:00 – 17:30	Wrap-up and Thematic Workshop closing