

Core Professional Training

10-12 November 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 Modes of Engagement with Military Actors: *From Deconfliction to Protection Advocacy*

13-14 November 2019

The core provisions of international humanitarian law (IHL) address how parties to a conflict may use force. Changes to how both governments and non-State armed groups operate in armed conflicts – such as combat increasingly taking place in densely populated urban settings and the spread of the use of drones – raise new questions about how the law on the conduct of hostilities aimed at protecting civilians is respected and operationalized. This workshop provides an analysis of IHL norms related to targeting and the means and methods of warfare. It also examines specific contemporary issues such as the legal protection of medical facilities and personnel, the use of explosive weapons in urban areas, measures taken to minimize civilian casualties in targeting systems and procedures, and the documentation of alleged violations of the law on the conduct of hostilities. It is meant to offer an in-depth understanding of the legal and practical issues related to the conduct of hostilities in order to enhance humanitarian practitioners’ and legal professionals’ capacity to respond to concerns for the protection of civilians during armed conflict.

Read more and apply at:

<https://phap.org/PDP-AMM2019TW-2>



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

Sunday, 10 November

- IHL as part of public international law
- Understanding the logic of IHL through its foundations and development
- Classification of situations of violence
- Analysis of conflict situations and identification of applicable law
- Status of individuals and targeting: Combatants and civilians

Monday, 11 November

- Conduct of hostilities and the law on targeting
- Targeting exercise
- Means and methods of warfare
- Human rights law in armed conflict
- Implementation of IHL

Tuesday, 12 November

- Children in armed conflict
- IHL and international criminal law (including war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity)
- Humanitarian access under IHL
- Principles and methods of humanitarian action

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Wednesday, 13 November

- Logic and nature of the obligations under the law on the conduct of hostilities
- Targeting persons and objects under IHL: Current legal and practical challenges for the protection of civilians
- The obligations to take precautions and the protection of civilians
- Operationalising the law on targeting: A military perspective
- The dialogue with the military actors in the context of urban warfare
- The protection of medical personnel and facilities during the conduct of hostilities

Thursday, 14 November

- Minimizing civilian casualties
- Deconfliction: Lessons learned from Yemen and Syria
- Interacting with State armed forces for the protection of medical personnel and facilities
- Documenting alleged violations of the law on conduct of hostilities
- Protection of civilians and coordination measures

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

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-AMM2019-2-register



Course venue:

Mövenpick Dead Sea, Jordan

Note: Special rates for accommodation available at the Mövenpick Dead Sea.

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