

Advanced Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy

Nairobi, 1-8 April 2019



Core Professional Training

1-3 April 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 Human Rights in Armed Conflict

4-5 April 2019

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.



My very positive experience is that these trainings and workshops are not ‘just another conference’, but that they actually manage to bridge the gap between theory of humanitarian action and the operational experience.

- Participant in Geneva

Thematic Workshop on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Armed Conflict

7-8 April 2019

Despite the numerous initiatives launched in recent years to address sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) during armed conflict, such as the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, SGBV remains widespread in times of war. This workshop is designed to strengthen the capacity of experienced humanitarian practitioners to address and respond to SGBV in the context of their protection and assistance work. It first provides as a background an analysis of the forms of SGBV and the relevant international legal frameworks prohibiting such conduct, with a primary focus on international humanitarian law (IHL) and international criminal law (ICL).

On that basis, the following sessions explore the various types of responses in dealing with SGBV cases in practice, taking into account the various roles played by humanitarian actors and other professionals in this regard. Topics to be covered include the documentation of SGBV cases, the response to sexual violence encountered in the context of other humanitarian work, the design of a rights-based protection SGBV strategy, and specific issues such as accountability for acts of SGBV by UN Peacekeepers, relevant use of the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) on Grave Violations against Children in Situations of Armed Conflict, and how to address SGBV committed by armed non-state actors.



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, early bird discount, and returning participant discount at www.phap.org

Training venue

Mayfair Southern Sun
Nairobi, Kenya

Note: Special rates for accommodation available at the Mayfair Southern Sun. 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-NAI2019-register

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