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Advanced Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy

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Draft Agenda

Online Modules

- Introduction to International Humanitarian Law
- IHL and the Protection of Civilians
- International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law
- Introduction to Humanitarian Security Management

Monday

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| 7:30-9:00 a.m. | Breakfast and Registration |
| 9:00-9:30 a.m. | Welcome, Keynote Presentation and Introduction of Participants |
| 9:30-10:00 a.m. | Review of the Course Objectives |
| 10:00-11:00 a.m. | Overview of Current Challenges to Contemporary Humanitarian Action |
| 11:00-11:15 a.m. | Coffee break |

Part I: Protecting Civilians in Times of Armed Conflict

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| 11:15-12:00 p.m. | Legal framework <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Applicable Legal Treaties in Armed Conflict▪ Roles and Accountability of States, Non-States and International Agencies▪ Operational and Practical Challenges |
| 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Role of Non-State Actors <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Applicable laws▪ Liability of Non-state Armed Groups▪ Private Security Contractors |
| 1:00-2:00 p.m. | Lunch |

- 2:00-3:15 p.m. Challenges to Compliance and Law Enforcement
- Monitoring and Reporting
 - Diplomatic and Political Responses
 - International Criminal law Enforcement
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. Case Study: Qualification of Conflicts and Status of the Parties

Tuesday

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00-9:15 a.m. Review of Previous Day

Part II: Regulating the Conduct of Hostilities

- 9:15-10:15 a.m. Reviewing and Implementing the Concept of Military Necessity
- Principles of Distinction, Proportionality
 - Direct Participation of Civilians in Hostilities
 - Targeting Decisions
- 10:15-11:30 a.m. Targeting Simulation Exercise
- 11:30-11:45 a.m. Coffee break

Part III: Managing Humanitarian Access

- 11:45-1:00 p.m. Principles of Humanitarian Access
- Legal framework to humanitarian access
 - Right vs. privilege of access
 - Managing safe access
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00-3:30 p.m. Context and Situation Analysis
- Key Issues of Context and Situation
 - Actor Analysis and Self Analysis
 - Perception
- 3:30-3:45 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:45-4:30 p.m. Engaging with Armed Actors
- Types of Actors and Types of Engagement
 - Negotiation Strategies
 - Policy Dilemmas

4:30-5:30 p.m. Case Study: Obtaining access to a besieged community
7:00-9:00 p.m. Film

Wednesday

8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00-9:15 a.m. Review of Previous Day

Part IV: Ensuring a Safe Access for Humanitarian Organizations

9:15-11:15 a.m. Threat Analysis
11:15-11:30 a.m. Coffee Break
11:30-12:30 p.m. Threat Analysis (*continued*)
12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30-3:00 p.m. Risk Assessment

- Mainstreaming Risk Analysis
- Threat Analysis

3:00-3:15 p.m. Coffee Break
3:15-5:00 p.m. Risk Assessment Group Exercise

Thursday

8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00-9:15 a.m. Review of Previous Day
9:15-10:45 a.m. Crisis Management

- Defining parameters
- Preparedness and Contingency Planning

10:45-11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
11:00-1:00 p.m. Crisis Management Group Exercise
1:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch

Part V: Planning for Humanitarian Protection

2:00-3:30 p.m. Designing a Protection Initiative

- Translating Law into Adequate Policies
- Understanding Actors and Aims

3:30-3:45 p.m. Coffee Break

3:45-5:00 p.m. Simulation: Policy, Plans and Procedures for Humanitarian Protection

Friday

8:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30-8:45 a.m. Review of Previous Day

Part VI: Contemporary Challenges to Humanitarian Policy

8:45-10:15 a.m. Peace Operations and International Humanitarian Law

- Legal Framework
- Policy Challenges
- Civil-Military Relations

10:15-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 p.m. Humanitarian Protection in Political Mediation

- Distinct Space and Methods
- Common Goal and Interdependence
- Challenges of Integrated Mission

12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30-2:45 pm. Simulation Exercise

2:45-3:00 p.m. Coffee Break

3:00-4:30 p.m. Concluding Panel

4:30-5:00 p.m. Evaluation and Certificates