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Present

Humanitarian Access in a Changing Security Environment

Cambridge, Massachusetts

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WORKSHOP AGENDA

Thursday, December 18

- 09:00-9:45 a.m. **Introduction to specialized session**
- Objectives of the course
 - Key themes and concepts
- 09:45-10:30 a.m. **Legal Framework of Humanitarian Access**
- What are the core elements of access?
 - Non-international armed conflict, international armed conflict and occupation.
 - Rights and responsibilities of 'impartial' humanitarian organizations.
 - How does law relate to context in which assistance is provided?
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:45-12:30 a.m. **Policy Framework of Humanitarian Access**
- What is humanitarian action?
 - Interaction between IHRL and IHL in claims for access.
 - Perception of neutrality and impartiality and the impact on access.

12:30-13:30 a.m.	Lunch
13:30-14:15 a.m.	Security challenges: Operating within the law.
14:15-14:30 p.m.	Coffee break
14:30-16:30 p.m.	Case Study: Applying Legal and Policy Frameworks to Access
18:00 p.m.	Cocktail Reception

Friday, December 19

09:00-9:15 p.m.	Review of previous day
09:15-10:45 p.m.	Managing Safe Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigating threats. • Assessing risks. • Rapid assessments in complex emergencies.
10:45-11:00 p.m.	Coffee break
11:00-12:30 p.m.	Negotiating Humanitarian Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-state actors and humanitarian access • Models for negotiation • Community perceptions and demands for access
12:30-13:30 p.m.	Lunch
13:30-15:00 p.m.	Case Study and Group Activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian Access in a Complex Emergency. • Designing security and securing sustainable access.
15:00-15:15 p.m.	Coffee break
15:15-16:30 p.m.	Panel Discussion: Contemporary security challenges to humanitarian access.
16:30-17:00 p.m.	Evaluation and Closing Address