

# Advanced Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy Amman, 8-12 July 2018



## Core Professional Training

8 - 10 July 2018

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 questions that arise in humanitarian response settings, such as the status of civilians participating in hostilities, the rules applicable to detention in armed conflict, the regulation of weapons, and the norms governing humanitarian access and assistance. Throughout the course, examples from contemporary conflicts illustrate the applicability of legal rules, as well as challenges in practice.

## Thematic Workshop on the Protection of Civilians during the Conduct of Hostilities

11 - 12 July 2018

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 minimise 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.



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*Having the sort of theoretical knowledge that PHAP trainings contribute to is important for humanitarian professionals, in order for them to reflect upon their role and how it interacts with those of others and to find new and better ways to serve the populations we work with.*

- Participant in Brussels

# 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, 8 July*

- Relevance and use of IHL for humanitarian practitioners
- Foundations and development of international humanitarian law (IHL) as part of public international law (PIL)
- Classification of situations of violence and individuals under IHL
- Applicability of human rights law during armed conflict
- Case study on qualification of situations

*Monday, 9 July*

- Regulating the conduct of hostilities: targeting objects
- Regulating the conduct of hostilities: targeting individuals and direct participation in hostilities
- Targeting Exercise
- Implementation of IHL
- IHL and international criminal law with special focus on war crimes

*Tuesday, 10 July*

- IHL and non-State armed groups
- Humanitarian access and assistance under IHL
- Principles and methods of humanitarian action for access and protection
- The impact of counter-terrorism legislation on humanitarian action

## Thematic Workshop on the Protection of Civilians during the Conduct of Hostilities

*Wednesday, 11 July*

- Understanding the notion of protection of civilians in armed conflict: Legal dimensions and beyond
- The law on the conduct of hostilities and the protection of civilians
- Military objectives and civilian objects
- Civilian directly participating in hostilities: challenges in contemporary conflicts
- The principle of proportionality
- Precautions in attack and the protection of civilians

*Thursday, 12 July*

- The use of weapons in urban warfare and the protection of civilians
- The prohibition of the use of human shields under IHL
- The protection of medical facilities and personnel
- Documenting alleged violations of the law on the conduct of hostilities
- Assessing civilian casualties and the State's obligation to investigate
- Strategy and advocacy on the protection of civilians: The role of humanitarian practitioners

## Practical information

### Regular cost-recovery participation fees

**Core Professional Training (3 days): € 900** (non-member fee: € 990)

**Thematic Workshop (2 days): € 600** (non-member fee: € 660)

**Core Professional Training and Thematic Workshop (5 days): € 1350** (non-member fee: € 1485)

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](http://www.phap.org)

### Training venue

Jordan Institute of Diplomacy  
Amman, Jordan

*Note: Special rates for accommodation available at the Crowne Plaza Amman*



### 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-AMM2018CT-2](http://www.phap.org/PDP-AMM2018CT-2)

**NOTE: The Jordan Institute of Diplomacy will provide support for visa applications. If you need to apply for a visa prior to travel, the deadline for confirming your participation is 28 May 2018.**

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