

# Advanced Professional Training on Humanitarian Law and Policy Nairobi, 25 - 29 June 2018



## **Core Professional Training**

25 - 27 June 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 Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and International Law During Armed Conflict**

28 - 29 June 2018

Over the past years, numerous initiatives have been launched to address the prevalence of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) during armed conflict, from the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 to the focus on documentation and investigation of sexual violence in war. This workshop provides an analysis of the relevant international legal frameworks aimed at preventing and responding to SGBV in conflict, including international humanitarian law (IHL), international human rights law (IHRL), international criminal law (ICL), and international refugee law.

Following an overview of the relevant law, the workshop will explore in greater detail key aspects of how international law addresses SGBV in conflict – including the evolution of ICL to consider SGBV as international crimes in themselves, and the role of IHRL, including the prohibitions of discrimination and torture, and the right of survivors to remedy and reparation. It will also provide an overview of how judicial and non-judicial international and regional mechanisms contribute to addressing SGBV in situations of armed conflict. It is designed to strengthen participants' skills to use international law in the prevention of and protection against SGBV in different response contexts taking into account the roles played by humanitarian actors and legal professionals.



*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

# 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

*Monday, 25 June*

- 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 during armed conflict
- Case study on qualification of situations

*Tuesday, 26 June*

- Regulating the conduct of hostilities: targeting objects
- Regulating the conduct of hostilities: targeting individuals and the notion of direct participation in hostilities
- Targeting exercise
- Implementation of IHL
- IHL and International Criminal law with special focus on war crimes

*Wednesday, 27 June*

- IHL and Non-State Armed Groups
- The status of UN peacekeepers under IHL
- The prohibition of forced displacement under international law
- Principles and methods of humanitarian action for access and protection

## Thematic Workshop on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and International Law During Armed Conflict

*Thursday, 28 June*

- Definition and approaches to SGBV in conflict
- Prevention of SGBV during armed conflict
- The evolution of the prohibition of SGBV under IHL
- Rape as torture under international law
- Documenting SGBV in conflict

*Friday, 29 June*

- The prosecution of SGBV as an international crime
- The right to remedy and reparation for survivors of SGBV
- Using human rights mechanisms to address SGBV
- Addressing the accountability gap for UN peacekeepers involved in SGBV
- The role of humanitarian practitioners in preventing and responding to SGBV in conflict

## 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)

### 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-NAI2018CT](http://www.phap.org/PDP-NAI2018CT)

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