



8th INTERNATIONAL DISASTER LAW COURSE

International Institute of Humanitarian Law
Sanremo, Italy / 25th – 29th September 2023

Background

Disasters are among the largest threats to human security and development facing the world today. Is international law stepping up? Are humanitarian actors, international/national institutions and scholars ready to face legal and institutional challenges raised by disasters? This 5-day course will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of existing international law and key regulatory issues related to the prevention and management of disasters, including with specific focus on key cross-cutting themes such as health emergencies, climate change and protection issues.

Structure of the course

Through a mixture of lectures, practical exercises and interactive group works, this 5-day course, jointly organized by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Disaster Law, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo, and high-profile academics, with the support of the Italian Red Cross, will provide a dynamic and tailored learning environment. Main topics will include: key legal issues in disaster management; disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation law; human rights protection, displacement and other cross-cutting themes in disaster-settings such as protection of cultural property and migration issues; regional and sub-regional approaches to disaster law; International Disaster Law and pandemics; legal and operational challenges in relief operations.

Faculty

Speakers will include Eduardo Valencia-Ospina (Member of the International Law Commission, Former Special Rapporteur on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters), Walter Kälin (Former Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons), Isabelle Granger (Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC), Gian Luca Burci (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Former Legal Counsel, WHO), Giulio Bartolini (Editor-in-Chief Yearbook of International Disaster Law) along with other high-level speakers from academia and distinguished experts from International Organizations.

Target audience

Staff of governments, international and regional organizations, NGOs, Red Cross/Red Crescent National Societies, academics, graduate and post-graduate students with an interest in humanitarian assistance and disaster management issues.

Fee: Participation fee is €850. A reduced registration fee (€650) is destined to personnel of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (thanks to the support of the IFRC). Fee include the participation to the 5-day course, course materials, lunches and coffee breaks, reception drink and farewell dinner, course certificate.

Registration deadline: 8th September 2023 (max. 35 participants)

More information, programme and registration at

<https://iihl.org/international-disaster-law/8th-international-disaster-law-course/>