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**32nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT**

Geneva, Switzerland  
8-10 December 2015  
(Opening ceremony: evening of 7 December)

**Agenda  
and programme**

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#### Monday 7 December (evening)

##### Opening ceremony

##### Henry Dunant Medal ceremony

*(Not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)*

#### Tuesday 8 December (morning)

### I. OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

#### Plenary

1. Opening by the Chair of the Standing Commission
2. Reading of the Fundamental Principles
3. Special humanitarian award for volunteers involved in the Ebola response from the Red Cross Societies of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone
4. Welcome address by the President of the Swiss Confederation
5. Election of the Conference officers and establishment of the Conference subsidiary bodies (commissions, drafting committee, and the Humanitarian Dialogue: a Vision Lab)
6. Organization of work
  - Plenary meetings, general debate, drafting committee, commissions, Humanitarian Dialogue: a Vision Lab
  - Procedure for electing the members of the Standing Commission
7. Keynote addresses
  - President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
  - President of the International Committee of the Red Cross
8. Report on the work of the Council of Delegates
9. Report on the outcomes of the 31st International Conference

## II. PANEL DEBATE

### Plenary

High-level panel debate on the overarching theme “Power of Humanity: the Fundamental Principles in action.”

**Tuesday 8 December (afternoon)**

## III. COMMISSIONS

The following topics will be addressed in thematic plenary commissions. Each will run twice in different language groups to allow smaller groups and more interactive discussions, while also giving all delegations the opportunity to participate in debates on each topic (exceptions noted below).

10. Fundamental Principles in action (commission A)
11. Contemporary challenges in international humanitarian law (commission B)
12. Joint action on the prevention of and response to sexual and gender-based violence (commission C)
13. Health Care in Danger: Continuing to protect the delivery of health care together (commission D)
14. Building resilience by scaling up local action and strengthening legal frameworks (commission E)
  - Launch of the One Billion Coalition for Resilience
  - Strengthening legal frameworks for disasters and emergencies

*The two sub-themes will be addressed in two separate sessions. Interpretation will be provided in all languages for both sessions, as the sessions will not be repeated.*

## IV. HUMANITARIAN DIALOGUE: A VISION LAB

The Humanitarian Dialogue: a Vision Lab will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss current and future humanitarian challenges and to collaboratively develop solutions. Conference sessions will draw on input from the Voices to Action initiative and be facilitated through a multi-stakeholder dialogue for measureable impact on the ground, to advance the debate beyond formal resolutions and toward the next, 33rd International Conference.

The Humanitarian Dialogue foresees two parallel streams: thematic dialogues and the vision lab.

Five thematic dialogues will be scheduled from Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday evening on the following topics:

- migration
- community-centred resilient health systems
- insecure environments
- risk in urban settings
- disaster risk and climate change

The vision lab will consolidate the discussions of the thematic dialogues through the lens of cross-cutting issues, including the Fundamental Principles, the auxiliary role, and partnership, volunteering, and gender.

**V. GENERAL DEBATE**

A general debate will run in parallel to other items on the Conference agenda. As it is a plenary meeting, a verbatim record of the general debate will be published.

**VI. COMMENCEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

The drafting committee will work in parallel to the other subsidiary bodies of the Conference from the afternoon of Tuesday 8 December onward.

**Tuesday 8 December (evening)**

**Reception**

*hosted by the Swiss authorities*

*(Not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)*

**Wednesday 9 December (morning)**

**VII. FOCUS ON MIGRATION**

**Plenary**

**Spotlight on our shared humanitarian concern for the situation of vulnerable migrants throughout migration routes – in origin, transit and destination countries – with the aim of enhancing the humanitarian response to migrants’ protection and assistance needs.**

15. Progress report (2011-2015) on the implementation of Resolution 3 of the 31st International Conference, “Migration: Ensuring access, dignity, respect for diversity and social inclusion”  
*The plenary will take note of the report as a follow-up to the 31st International Conference*

**III. COMMISSIONS (continued)**

**IV. HUMANITARIAN DIALOGUE: A VISION LAB (continued) – runs continuously**

**V. GENERAL DEBATE (continued) – runs continuously**

**VI. DRAFTING COMMITTEE (continued) – runs continuously**

**Wednesday 9 December (afternoon)**

**III. COMMISSIONS (continued)**

**IV. HUMANITARIAN DIALOGUE: A VISION LAB (continued) – runs continuously**

**V. GENERAL DEBATE (continued) – runs continuously**

**VI. DRAFTING COMMITTEE (continued) – runs continuously**

**Wednesday 9 December (evening)**

*Meet the candidates for election to the Standing Commission  
of the Red Cross and Red Crescent*

*Visit the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum*

*(Not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)*

**Thursday 10 December (morning)**

**III. COMMISSIONS (continued)**

**IV. HUMANITARIAN DIALOGUE: A VISION LAB (continued) – runs continuously**

**V. GENERAL DEBATE (continued) – runs continuously**

**VI. DRAFTING COMMITTEE (continued) – runs continuously**

**Thursday 10 December (afternoon)**

**VIII. STANDING COMMISSION ELECTIONS**

**Plenary**

16. Election of the members of the Standing Commission
  - Roll call
  - Opening of the electronic voting
  - Announcement of results or continuation of election

**IX. REPORTS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**Plenary**

17. Follow-up items
  1. Report on the implementation of the 4-year Action Plan for the implementation of international humanitarian law
  2. Report on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding of 28 November 2005 between the Palestine Red Crescent Society and the Magen David Adom in Israel
18. Report on the work of the 32nd International Conference, featuring:
  - reports from each of the five thematic plenary commissions
  - report from the Humanitarian Dialogue: a Vision Lab
  - overview of pledges made at the 32nd International Conference
  - report of the drafting committee
19. Adoption of resolutions:
  1. Strengthening international humanitarian law protecting persons deprived of their liberty  
*Follow-up on Resolution 1 of the 31st International Conference*

2. Strengthening compliance with international humanitarian law  
*Follow-up on Resolution 1 of the 31st International Conference*
3. Sexual and gender-based violence: Joint action on prevention and response  
*Follow-up on the recommendations of workshop 9 of the 2013 Council of Delegates*
4. Health Care in Danger: Continuing to protect the delivery of health care together  
*Follow-up on Resolution 5 of the 31st International Conference*
5. The safety and security of humanitarian volunteers  
*Follow-up on Resolution 4 of the 31st International Conference*
6. Strengthening legal frameworks for disaster response, risk reduction and first aid  
*Follow-up on Resolution 7 of the 31st International Conference*
7. Strengthening the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement response to growing humanitarian needs  
*Follow-up on several related areas addressed by the 2015 and previous Councils of Delegates as well as the 19th session of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies General Assembly, including Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation and the "Principles and Rules for Red Cross and Red Crescent Humanitarian Assistance"*
8. Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Palestine Red Crescent Society and the Magen David Adom in Israel  
*Follow-up on Resolution 8 of the 31st International Conference and based on the progress report*
9. Dissolution of the Augusta Fund and allocation of the capital to the Florence Nightingale Medal Fund: Revision of the Regulations for the Florence Nightingale Medal Fund

## **X. PANEL DEBATE**

### **Plenary**

High-level panel debate on the outcomes of the Conference – turning outcomes into impact.

## **XI. CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE**

### **Plenary**

Closing ceremony

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*In addition, a number of side events will be organized on the initiative of Conference participants. A programme of side events is published with the mailing of the official working documents of the Conference. Side events are not part of the formal Conference agenda.*