

AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF THE 31ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT

Monday, 28 November (morning)

OPENING CEREMONY

Reading of the Fundamental Principles

1. Opening of the Conference

Welcoming addresses

- Chairman of the Standing Commission
- President of the Swiss Confederation

FIRST PLENARY MEETING

2. Election of the chairperson, vice-chairpersons, secretary-general, two assistant secretaries-general and other officers of the Conference, and establishment of the Conference's subsidiary bodies (Commissions, Drafting Committee)

3. Organization of work

- Workshops, side events, pledges
- Procedure for electing the members of the Standing Commission

4. Keynote addresses

- President of the International Committee of the Red Cross
- President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Monday, 28 November (afternoon)

PLENARY MEETING

5. Themes

5.1 Strengthening international humanitarian law (IHL)

- Strengthening legal protection for victims of armed conflicts

COMMENCEMENT OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE – WORK

Tuesday, 29 November (whole day)

COMMISSIONS

Themes (continued)

5.2 Strengthening local humanitarian action

Commission A

Migration: Ensuring access, dignity, respect for diversity and social inclusion

Commission B

Furthering the auxiliary role: Partnership for stronger National Societies and volunteering development

5.3 Addressing barriers to health care

Commission C

Health care in danger: Respecting and protecting health care in armed conflict and other situations of violence

Commission D

Health inequities: Reducing the burden on women and children

5.4 Strengthening international humanitarian law (IHL) (continued)

Commission E

Humanitarian access and assistance

Tuesday, 29 November (evening)

6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Meet the candidates for election to the Standing Commission

(Not part of the formal agenda of the Conference)

Wednesday, 30 November (morning)

PLENARY MEETING

- 6. Election of the members of the Standing Commission**
 - Roll call
 - Launch of the election
- 7. Follow-up issues**
 - 30th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: Implementation of the Declaration “Together for humanity,” the resolutions and pledges
 - Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding of 28 November 2005 between the Palestine Red Crescent Society and the Magen David Adom in Israel

Wednesday, 30 November (afternoon)

PLENARY MEETING

- 8. Standing Commission election: Proclamation of results or continuation of election**
- 5. Themes (continued)**
 - 5.5 Strengthening disaster laws**
 - Implementing the International Disaster Response Laws (IDRL) Guidelines
 - Strengthening domestic legislation for disaster-risk reduction
 - Addressing regulatory barriers to providing emergency and transitional shelter in a rapid and equitable manner after natural disasters

DRAFTING COMMITTEE – CONSOLIDATION OF RESOLUTIONS

WORKSHOPS
Monday 28 November and
Wednesday 30 November
(after the plenary session
In the afternoon)

Not part of the formal agenda of the Conference

Thursday, 1 December (morning)

- 9. Report on the work of the Conference**
- 10. Report of the Drafting Committee**
- 11. Adoption of resolutions**
- 12. Overview of pledges made at the 31st International Conference**
- 13. Closing**