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34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

28–31 October 2024, Geneva

Monday 28 October 2024

Day 1 · Opening

14.00 – 15.00	Side events				
	Leveraging evidence to navigate uncertainty: Strengthening humanitarian impact through research Room E-F · [E,F,S,A]	International humanitarian law and international human rights law compliance as a tool to prevent and address sexual and gender-based violence in armed conflicts and other situations of violence Room 3 · [E,F]	Enhancing respect for emblems in armed conflict Room 4 · [E,S,A]	Caring for the deceased in emergencies Room Geneva · [E,F,S,A]	
15.30 – 16.30	Humanitarian Accountability of Technology: Applying the Fundamental Principles to new realities Room E-F · [E,F,S,A]	Navigating complexities: partnering for impact at the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus Room 3 · [E,F,A]	Community-centric approaches for people living with noncommunicable diseases in humanitarian settings: gaps, priorities, and a call to action Room Geneva · [E,F,S,A]	Advancing the protection of persons in the event of disasters: Exploring multi-stakeholder perspectives, practice insights and legal frameworks Room Lausanne · [E]	Egypt's regional role in strengthening humanitarian action Room 4 [E]
17.00 - 19.00	Opening ceremony Room A-B-C-D				→
	Opening plenary · Speeches, procedural matters Room A-B-C-D				→
19.00 onwards	Cocktail reception Hosted by Swiss Government				

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Tuesday 29 October 2024
Day 2 · Commission I: Building a global culture of respect for IHL

09.00 – 09.45	Starting plenary · Room A-D						
10.00 – 11.00	Opening plenary - Commission I · Room A-D						
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break						
11.30 – 13.00	Spotlight Session 1 War in cities Room A-D		Spotlight Session 2 Promoting disability-inclusive interpretations and implementation of IHL in complementarity with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Room Geneva				
13.15 – 14.15	Implementing international humanitarian law in the armed forces Room 3 · [E,F]	People on the move in a changing climate: Locally led action Room 4 · [E,F,S,A]	National Societies' auxiliary role in disasters Room Lausanne · [E]	Evidence, innovation and education: Best practices to build a culture of respect for international humanitarian law across generations Room Nyon · [E]			
14.30 – 16.00	Spotlight Session 3 Protection of the natural environment in armed conflicts Room Geneva		Spotlight Session 4 Autonomous weapon systems Room A-D				
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break						
16.30 – 17.30	Reconvening plenary - Commission I · Room A-D						
18.00 – 19.00	Meet the Standing Commission candidates Rooms A-D · [E,F,S,A,R,C]	Side events From commitment to impact: Mental health and psychosocial support in action Room Geneva · [E,F,S,A]			The impacts of armed conflict on children: preventing and addressing IHL violations against children and responding to children's needs in armed conflict Room 4 · [E,F,S,A]	Protection of humanitarian aid workers: local perspective on the challenges related to duty of care and incident response management Room Lausanne · [E]	

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Wednesday 30 October 2024
Day 3 · Commission II: Standing by our Fundamental Principles in responding to humanitarian needs and risks

09.00 – 10.00	Opening plenary - Commission II · Rooms A-D				→
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break				
10.30 – 12.00	Spotlight Session 1 Respect for neutral, impartial and independent humanitarian action Room Geneva		Spotlight Session 2 Working together to reduce the impacts of climate change on communities Room A,D		
12.15 – 13.15	Side events Navigating uncertainty: The importance of fact-finding in international humanitarian law Room 3 · [E,F]				
	Strengthening the protection of children in and through education Room 4 · [E,F,S,A]		The human cost of disruption of satellite services Room Lausanne · [E]		
			Building confidence in locally-led models: transformational change for donors, intermediaries and local humanitarian actors Room Nyon · [E]		
13.30 – 15.00	Spotlight Session 3 Navigating pressing challenges in the context of migration: The importance of a principled humanitarian approach Room Geneva		Spotlight Session 4 Raising awareness about emerging challenges: Humanitarian protection risks in an increasingly digitalized world Room A-D		
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break				
15.30 – 16.30	Reconvening plenary - Commission II · Room A-D				→
16.45 – 18.00	Election of the Standing Commission · Room A-D				
18.30 – 19.30	Side events The contributions of Arab national committees in building a global culture to promote and respect international humanitarian law Room 3 · [E,A]				
	Do more with less in fragile/protracted countries: investing in sustainable National Society development for stronger locally led humanitarian action Room 4 · [E,F,S,A]		Voluntary Reports on domestic implementation of international humanitarian law Room Geneva · [E,F,S,A]		

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Thursday 31 October 2024
Day 4 · Commission III: Enabling sustainable, locally-led action

09.00 – 10.00	Opening plenary - Commission III Room A-D				→				
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break								
10.30 – 12.00	Spotlight Session 1 The vital role of volunteers and community-based actors in social safety nets for community resilience Room E-F	Spotlight Session 2 Working together with states and local authorities to manage and strengthen auxiliary role at all levels Room Geneva	Spotlight Session 3 Community health action and frontline preparedness: Learning from the past to shape the future Room A-D	Spotlight Session 4 Overcoming barriers on financing and risk sharing to foster locally-led action Room 4					
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13.30 – 14.30	Reconvening plenary - Commission III Room A-D				↻				
14.30 – 15.00	Coffee break								
15.00 – 16.30	Final plenary - Reports and adoption of resolutions Room A-D (Overflow Room B-C)				←				
16.30 – 17.30	Closing ceremony				□				

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