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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

Side events				
14.00 – 15.00	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]
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 the Swiss Federal Council, the State Council of the Republic and Canton of Geneva and the Executive Council of the City of Geneva			

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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

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

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	
12.15 – 13.15	Humanitarian diplomacy: key issues, challenges, and opportunities for enhanced effectiveness Room 3 · [E,A]	Water as an ally for peaceful, inclusive and resilient communities Room Lausanne · [E]	Side events Protection of cultural heritage: Research and best practice for cultural heritage reconstruction in conflict and disaster affected areas. To mark the 70th anniversary of the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict Room Nyon · [E]		Global synergy for climate action and the environment: Bringing together the signatories of the Climate and Environment Charter and the donors' declaration on climate and environment Room Montreux · [E] 
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				

 **Drafting Committee · Room B - C**

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