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THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER

07:45–08:45 NETWORKING

07:45–08:45 SIDE EVENTS

- Why and which research matters to shape the Movement of the future — ROOM B-C [EN, FR]
- Money where it matters: Improving cost-efficiency through locally led humanitarian action — ROOM E-F [EN, FR, ES, AR, RU]
- From risk to readiness: Strengthening the Movement's response to harmful information — ROOM 4 [EN]

08:45–10:00
ROOM A-D [EN, FR, ES, AR, RU, CN]

Plenary session
Opening proceedings • Adoption of resolutions

10:00–11:00
ROOM A-D [EN, FR, ES, AR, RU, CN]

Commission opening plenary
"Addressing the present: Shaping the Movement of the future"

11:10-12:40
ROOM A-D
[EN, FR ,SP, AR, RU, CN]

Spotlight session 1
Humanity first: Achieving collective impact

11:10-12:40
ROOM B-C
[EN, FR ,SP, AR, RU, CN]

Spotlight session 2
Treaty on the protection of persons in the event of disasters: Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the Movement

12:40–14:30 NETWORKING

12:45–13:45 SIDE EVENTS

- Understanding IHL: National Society experiences and the updated ICRC Commentaries — ROOM 6 [EN]
- Leading with care: Mobilizing the RC RC Movement for MHPSS in emergencies — ROOM 3 [EN, FR, AR]
- From resolutions to impact: making the most of decisions from Movement Statutory Meetings — ROOM 4 [EN, FR, ES, AR]

14:30-16:00
ROOM B-C
[EN, FR ,SP, AR, RU, CN]

Spotlight session 3
Challenges and levers for the protection of humanitarian personnel in a context of conflict

14:30-16:00
ROOM E-F
[EN, FR ,SP, AR, RU, CN]

Spotlight session 4
Driving collective preparedness across the Movement

16:30-18:00
ROOM B-C
[EN, FR ,SP, AR, RU, CN]

Spotlight session 5
Strengthening our collective action: The Movement's roadmap for international humanitarian law

16:30-18:00
ROOM E-F
[EN, FR ,SP, AR, RU, CN]

Spotlight session 6
Agility and interoperability in a united Movement fit for the future

18:00–18:30
ROOM A-D [EN, FR, ES, AR, RU, CN]

Plenary session
Adoption of resolutions

18:30 • MOVEMENT AWARDS CEREMONY • Room A-D [EN, FR, ES, AR, RU, CN]

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FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER

07:45–08:45 NETWORKING

07:45–08:45 SIDE EVENTS

- Addressing the compounding impacts of extreme heat
  ROOM 4 [EN]
- Applying the Fundamental Principles in decision-making for use of ICTs in our work
  ROOM E-F [EN, FR, ES, AR]

08:45–09:45
ROOM A-D [EN, FR, ES, AR, RU, CN]

Commission reconvening plenary

"Addressing the present: Shaping the Movement of the future"

09:45–12:30
ROOM A-D [EN, FR, ES, AR, RU, CN]

Plenary session

Adoption of resolutions

12:30–13:45 NETWORKING

12:45–13:45 SIDE EVENTS

- Moving humanity forward: Turning migration commitments into action
  ROOM B-C [EN, FR, ES, AR]
- Principles in practice: Leading humanitarian action in a complex era
  ROOM E-F [EN, FR, ES, AR]
- Red Cross Red Crescent action on weapon contamination
  ROOM 3 [EN]
- Preparedness that protects: Are we ready for the next pandemic?
  ROOM 4 [EN]

13:45–16:00
ROOM A-D [EN, FR, ES, AR, RU, CN]

Plenary session

Adoption of resolutions • Adoption of progress reports • Closing

16:00–17:00 NETWORKING

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