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PROGRAMME OF THE 54th GENEVA COURSE **(from 18 September to 4 October 2023)**

WEEK-1: GENERAL COURSE (18 – 22 September 2023)

Sunday 17 September: *On-line participants receive the link to attend the Geneva Courses*
In-person participants from the regions arrive in Geneva

14.00 – 15.00: informal meeting with participants (on-line only)

- **all the morning classes to be held from 10:00 to 13:00 (Geneva time)**
- **the Conference Room Caecilia, 16, Rue Schaub, 1201 Geneva)**

Monday 18 September:

10.00 - 10.30 **Opening of the Geneva Course.** Technical arrangements. Q & A.

10.45 - 11.30 **Presentation of the participants.**

11.30 - 12.30 **Course-1. The structure of the United Nations,** the main UN human rights bodies

12.30 - 13.00 **Course-2. The tools of the HR-Council** (Briefing on HR-Council, Agenda, PoW, Annotated agenda...

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council (Webtv.un.org or in-person).

Tuesday 19 September:

10.00 - 12.00 **Course-3. The UN and human rights**

12.00 - 13.00 **Confidential session:** presentation of the participants. Key challenges.

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council (Webtv.un.org or in-person)

Wednesday 20 September:

10.00 - 10.30 *Questions and comments on previous day.*

10.30 - 11.30 **Course-4. The human rights standards.**

12.00 - 13.00 **Course-5. The Human Rights Council,** its mandate and its mechanisms.

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council (Webtv.un.org or in-person).

14.00 – 16.00

Summary session for in-person participants arriving too late in Geneva

Thursday 21 September:

10.00 - 10.30 *Exchanges on the ongoing session of the HR-Council.*

10.30 - 11.30 **Course-6. UN Special procedures, treaty bodies and UPR.**

12.00 - 13.00 **Course-7. Writing communications to the UN special procedures.**

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council (Webtv.un.org or in-person).

Friday 22 September:

10.00 - 10.30 *Exchanges on the debates in the HR-Council.*

10.00 - 11.00 **Course-8. Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances.**

11.00 - 12.00 **Course-9. Case study: Migration and human rights.**

12.00 - 13.00 **Course-10. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).**

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council (Webtv.un.org or in-person).

1st written evaluation for the participants - Week-1 (by Email, during the week-end)

WEEK-2: THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL (25 - 29 September 2023)

Monday 25 September: **Deadline for papers on human rights patterns in your countries**

10.00 - 11.00 **Course-11.** Summary of the **previous week in the HR-Council** and exchanges.

11.00 - 12.00 **Course-12. The UN & Indigenous Peoples.**

12.00 - 13.30 **Course-13. Women's rights** (mechanisms of the Council; Commission on the Status of Women; CEDAW; mainstreaming women's rights in UN activities; UN Women, UN Security Council, rape of women in war time).

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council (Webtv.un.org or in-person).

Tuesday 26 September: *Deadline for the draft letters to the special procedures*

10.00 - 10.30 *Questions and comments on previous day*

10.00 - 11.00 Course-14. Comments on **draft submissions** to the UN Special procedures.

11.00 - 12.00 Course-15. The **Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR)**.

12.00 - 13.00 Course-16. **Reports** submitted to HRC-54 by the **High Commissioner and his Office**.

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council.

Wednesday 27 September:

10.00 - 10.30 *Analysis of the debates in the HR-Council.*

10.30 - 11.30 Course-17. **International Humanitarian Law.**

11.30 - 12.00 Course-18. **Transitional justice.**

12.00 - 13.00 Course-19. **International Criminal Law.**

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council.

Thursday 28 September:

10.00 - 10.30 Course-20. Comments on draft submissions to the UN Special procedures.

10.30 - 12.00 Course-21. **Human Rights Treaty Bodies.**

12.00 - 13.00 Course-22. **Case study. Environment, climate change and human rights.**

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council.

Friday 29 September:

10.00 - 11.00 Course-20. Comments on draft submissions to the UN Special procedures.

11.00 - 12.00 Course-23. **Country debates in the HR-Council.**

12.00 - 13.00 Course-24. **Human rights defenders and reprisals.**

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council.

2nd written evaluation for the participants - Week-2 (by Email, during the week-end)

**WEEK-3: CONCLUSIONS AND FOLLOW-UP (2 - 4 October 2023)
(with the on-line interventions of former trainees in the Geneva Course)**

Monday 2 October:

10.00 - 11.00 Course-20. Comments on draft submissions to the UN Special procedures + Q & A

11.00 - 12.00 Course-25. **Recapitulation of the Geneva Course.**

12.00 - 13.00 Course-26. **Former trainees share their current work with the participants.**

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council.

Tuesday 3 October:

10.00 - 11.30 Course-27. **Strengthening domestic protection mechanisms.**

11.30 - 13.00 Course-28. **Additional course on a theme requested by participants.**

Afternoon: Attending the session of the HR-Council.

Wednesday 4 October:

10.00 - 12.00 Course-26. **Former trainees share their current work with the participants.**

12.00 - 13.00 Course-29. Using the UN to **implement human rights** inside the countries: UN Recommendations (Special procedures, treaty bodies, UPR), national institutions, national plans, public human rights policies, technical assistance programmes.

13.00 - 14.00 **Closing of the Course, comments & follow-up.**

Please note that the HR-Council will adopt its resolutions of its 54th session on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 October 2023

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