

Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and
Global Dialogue



UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES



An introductory training course
1 -5 March 2021



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Taking the UN Human Rights Council as a point of departure, this five-day online training course has been designed to provide participants with basic knowledge of human rights law, an overview of the Human Rights Council (HRC) its methods and mechanisms, an introduction to the HRC's Universal Periodic Review, the HRC's Special Procedures and the differences between the Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law. This course will run in parallel to the 46th session of the UN HRC in Geneva.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Understand the importance of human rights which will contribute to greater respect for it.
- Explore the Human Rights Council and the working of its mechanisms and procedures in protecting human rights.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the significant differences between Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law.
- Understand the processes of HRC's Universal Periodic Review (UPR).
- Understand and understand the HRC's Special Procedures.

COURSE CONTENTS

These are set forth in the attached course programme.

COURSE AUDIENCE

The course is open to participants interested in topics related to the UN Human Rights Council, its mechanisms, its Universal Periodic Reviews and Special Procedures as well as topics such as Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law. No particular professional or special background is required but strong motivation and interest in the field of human rights.

COURSE ADMISSION

- Applicants must complete the online registration form in the Centre's website.
- Applicants must provide an updated curriculum vitae.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must attend at least 80% or four of the five training days in order to obtain the course certificate.



COURSE METHODOLOGY

The course will be held online via Zoom videoconferencing platform. The sessions will be recorded for record-keeping, training and quality-assurance purposes.

COURSE FEE

The fee for this five-day training course is 300 Swiss Francs (50% discount for students). Payment via bank transfer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- You will need to attend the Human Rights Council sessions via live-stream to complete course tasks.
- Active participation by the participants during the course is highly encouraged.
- If you have any questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us:
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