



Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and
Global Dialogue

THE UNITED NATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS



A Training Course with Special Focus on the
MENA region

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The Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue is a think-tank created in 2013 dedicated to the promotion of a universal, value-driven human rights system.

The Centre believes that training is an essential leverage for the enhancement of human rights knowledge, promotion and practices, especially with regard to the centre's core focus areas such as equality, non-discrimination, justice, gender issues, women's rights, interfaith dialogue.

The training programmes offered by the Centre aim at promoting national capacity building, especially with regard to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries, through developing tailored programmes to enhance human rights awareness, knowledge and skills of the upcoming generations in the region.



COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue is organizing this sub-regional MENA focused human rights training course for Arabic language speakers, aimed at developing the competences of participants interested in working with human rights. 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 Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law. The lectures with a specific MENA region focus include regional trends and challenges in human rights in the MENA region, and the protection and promotion of children's & women's rights in the region.

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

- Understand the importance of human rights, which will contribute to promoting 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 the HRC's Special Procedures.
- Understand the regional trends and challenges that hinder the implementation of Human Rights Law in MENA region countries.
- Understand the aspects related to the protection and promotion of children's and women's rights in the MENA Region.

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These are set forth in the attached course programme.

AUDIENCE

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

ADMISSION

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

REQUIREMENTS

- Participants must be fluent in Arabic at a level allowing full participation in the course. Please bear in mind that the principal working language of the Course is English.
- Participants are expected to submit specific assignments.
- Participants must attend at least 80% or four of the five training days in order to obtain the course certificate.

COURSE FORMAT

- Online Lectures.
- Class discussions.
- Individual assignments.
- Use of presentations and support materials.

TECHNICAL ASPECTS

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

FEES

- The fee for this five-day training course is 300 US Dollars (50% discount for students).
- Payment via bank transfer. Details will be provided to the participants.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Active participation during the course is highly encouraged.
- A Certificate of participation will be awarded to the participants upon successful completion.
- If you have any questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact Alia Farès, Training specialist: AFares@gchragd.org

