



Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and
Global Dialogue

UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

STRUCTURE, MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES



An introductory online training course
8-12 November 2021



COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course seeks to address persons interested in knowing more about the UN Human Rights Council, these would include government officials, lawyers, journalists, students and civil society representatives. The choice of the subject is based upon one of the main pillars of the Geneva Centre's work, which consists of the promotion of human rights by, among others, actively attending and reporting on international human rights conferences, in particular the three annual regular sessions as well as special sessions of the Human Rights Council, which has enabled the Geneva Centre to gain considerable expertise in the structure, functioning and impact of the Council. This five-day online training course has been designed to provide participants with basic knowledge of the Human Rights Council (HRC), its structure, mechanisms and procedures, in addition to introductory lectures on the differences between the Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law. This course will run from 8 to 12 November 2021.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- ① Understand the importance of human rights which will contribute to greater respect for it.
- ② Explore the UN Human Rights Council and the working of its mechanisms and procedures in protecting human rights.
- ③ Demonstrate an understanding of the significant differences between Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law.
- ④ Understand the processes of HRC's Universal Periodic Review (UPR).
- ⑤ Understand the HRC's Special Procedures.

COURSE AUDIENCE

The course is open to all participants interested in the proposed subject as well as topics on 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 CONTENTS

These are set forth in the attached course programme.

COURSE ADMISSION

- ④ Applicants must complete the online registration form in the Centre's website on this link <https://forms.office.com/r/BQPNXuStzD>
- ④ Applicants must provide a short curriculum vitae.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- ④ 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

- ④ The fee of the course is 150 USD (50% discount is applicable for students).
- ④ Payment via bank transfer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ④ Proof of payment is required before you begin the course.
- ④ In view of the interactive nature of the training course, active participation by the participants is highly encouraged.
- ④ If you have any questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us: Training Specialist, Ms. Alia Fares AFares@gchragd.org