

Training on Understanding Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | Geneva - 17– 21 November



OBJECTIVES

This training will provide participants with a broad understanding of economic, social and cultural rights (ESC rights), and in-depth knowledge on how to promote ESC rights in their work. At the end of the training, participants will be:

- Familiar with the content of ESC rights, in particular, the rights to health, housing, education, food, water and work
- Knowledgeable about the UN mechanisms mandated to protect and promote ESC rights (including the UN Committee on ESC Rights, the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Human Rights Council, and the UN Special Procedures);
- Updated on a range of domestic and regional mechanisms available for implementing ESC rights, with an emphasis on the role of courts and tribunals
- Conversant with the role of civil society, national human rights institutions, and non-state actors in relation to ESC rights, as well as with special issues of interest, for example, armed conflict and ESCR, gender and ESCR, and the economic crisis and ESCR
- Able to identify and effectively describe violations and problems in progressive realization of ESC rights; incorporate this in their advocacy plans; and devise strategies for making use of UN and other ESC rights mechanisms

DEADLINES & TUITION FEES

Dates: 17-21 Novembre 2014
Deadlines: 17 September (for applicants requiring visa)
7 November (for other applicants)
Tuition: 1530 CHF

AUDIENCE

Experienced human rights advocates, staff of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and national human rights institutions, representatives of governments, and staff of UN bodies and other international organizations, as well as members of the academia

FURTHER BENEFITS

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Experience a dynamic combination of interactive lectures and hands-on practical work on country situations, facilitated by experts experienced in ESC rights work at both the UN and grassroots levels.
- Network and engage in discussions with human rights advocates and professionals from a wide range of sectors, including with UN Treaty Body members;
- Visit a session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

LECTURERS

The training course is taught by members of academia and senior professionals from international organizations and non-profits. In past years we have had lecturers from different institutions, including the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, University of Oxford, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights, International Federation for Human Rights, World Health Organization, UNAIDS, European Court of Human Rights, International Commission of Jurists, FIAN International and Waterlex.

CERTIFICATION

Participants who successfully complete the training will receive a certificate of participation from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

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