

International Conference

Geneva Conventions at 75

30-31 October 2024

Format: Two-day international conference

Participants: (by invitation only) academics, state officials, experts, students, diplomats

Language: Russian and English

Organisers: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Embassy of the Swiss Confederation in the Republic of Belarus, Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations

AGENDA

30 October

10:00-10:30 **Opening session**

Speakers:

- **Boris Michel**, Head, ICRC Regional Delegation in the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus
- **Christine Ursula Honegger Zolotukhin**, Ambassador, Embassy of the Swiss Confederation to the Republic of Belarus
- **Yauheni Preiherman**, Founder and Director, Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations
- Secretary of the National Commission on IHL Implementation of the Republic of Belarus

11:00-12:30 **Panel Discussion 1: The Evolution of International Humanitarian Law**

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 **Panel Discussion 2: Humanitarian Diplomacy as an enabler for more efficient humanitarian action. The role of states and non-state actors.**

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 **Youth and Academia Panel Discussion 3: Engaging the Next Generation in IHL**

17:30-18:00 **Wrap-up session**

31 October

09:30-09:45 Introduction of breakout sessions and work in groups

09:45-11:15 **Section 1: Current challenges of IHL implementation: treatment of the protected persons**

Section 2: IHL and modern technologies: AWS, Cyber, Outer Space

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-13:15 **Section 1: Current challenges of IHL implementation: collection, management and transfer of information about the protected persons**

Section 2: IHL Dissemination: education and trainings

13:15-13:45 **Closing ceremony, concluding remarks**