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## INTRODUCTION

Issued every two months, the *OHCHR ESCR Bulletin* aims at sharing news, activities, key events and new resources relevant to economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR), with focus on the work of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The Bulletin is edited by the Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, Research and Right to Development Division (HRESIS/RRDD). For feedback and further information on the work of OHCHR as mentioned in this volume: [escrbulletin@ohchr.org](mailto:escrbulletin@ohchr.org)

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"Food crises, wars and conflict, climate change, economic downturns and other societal upheavals tend to disproportionately affect women. But what is acknowledged far less is that women can be, and are, powerful agents for change."

*Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Read the full message for International Women's Day 2012:

<http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=11916&LangID=E>



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure: negotiation completed

On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012, the Committee on the World Food Security (CFS) completed the inter-governmental negotiation on *the Voluntary Guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of lands, fisheries and forests* in Rome. The Guidelines are expected to be formally adopted by the special session of the CFS in May 2012. Once adopted, it will be the first international instrument providing guidance on the governance of land. OHCHR provided technical advice to ensure consistency of the Guidelines with existing international human rights law throughout the negotiations. The Guidelines reflects key international human rights standards, such as prohibition of forced evictions, non-discrimination and gender equality, human rights responsibilities of business enterprises, access to justice and remedies, just to name a few.

- FAO press release: <http://un-foodsecurity.org/node/1309>
- Full text of the Guidelines as of 9 March:  
[http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/nr/land\\_tenure/pdf/VG\\_en\\_Final\\_March\\_2012.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/nr/land_tenure/pdf/VG_en_Final_March_2012.pdf)

### Rio + 20 should be firmly rooted in human rights

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (“Rio+20”) will be held 20-22 June 2012. On 30 March, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navy Pillay, issued an open letter appealing to Member States to fully integrate key human rights considerations in the Rio+20. Twenty two UN independent human rights experts have also called upon on States to incorporate universally agreed international human rights with an emphasis on strong accountability mechanisms. They also elaborated further analysis, as background notes, on specific issues, including the rights to food, water and sanitation and social protection.

- Open letter of the High Commissioner:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Development/OpenLetterHC.pdf>
- OHCHR position paper and key messages on the Rio+20:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Development/OHCHRRio20KeyMessages.doc>
- Open appeal by the UN independent experts and accompanying background notes:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=11982&LangID=E>
- “Do not betray your commitments on the human right to water and sanitation”, appeal by the Special Rapporteur on the right to water and sanitation:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=12000&LangID=E>

### New ratifications: International Covenant on ESCR and its Optional Protocol

On 31 January 2012, the Haitian parliament endorsed the ratification of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. On 7 March 2012, Slovakia became the 8th country to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Covenant. Only two more ratifications are needed for the Optional Protocol to enter into force. OHCHR is stepping up its advocacy efforts to ensure the soonest possible entry into force.

- Haiti: UN welcomes ratification of pact on economic and social rights:  
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=41123&Cr=haiti&Cr1=>

### **Optional Protocol to CRC on communications procedure open for ratification**

On 29 February 2012, the third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (3<sup>rd</sup> OP-CRC) was opened for signature and ratification. The Protocol will allow the Committee on the Rights of the Child to receive communications and conduct inquiries in cases of violation of children's rights. Twenty countries from all regions of the world signed it during the ceremony. The adoption of the 3<sup>rd</sup> OP-CRC will strengthen the international legal protection of children's economic, social and cultural rights, and help to consolidate the firm recognition of the justiciability of these rights in international human rights law.

- Full text of the 3<sup>rd</sup> OP-CRC: [http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/signature/2012/CTC\\_4-11d.pdf](http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/signature/2012/CTC_4-11d.pdf)
- Status of ratification: [http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=IV-11-d&chapter=4&lang=en](http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=IV-11-d&chapter=4&lang=en)

### **Web-based toolkit on the right to adequate housing**

OHCHR has launched a web-based "toolkit" on the right to adequate housing. This toolkit gathers in one place reports, guidance notes, methodologies and other useful tools produced by OHCHR, human rights mechanisms and other UN agencies on the right to adequate housing. It includes sections on housing rights issues such as forced evictions and displacement as well as the right to adequate housing of specific groups including women, indigenous peoples and migrants.

- The toolkit can be accessed here: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Housing/toolkit/Pages/RighttoAdequateHousingToolkit.aspx>

## **ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD**

### **High Commissioner called for further efforts on ESCR in Guatemala**

On 15 March, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights issued her statement at the end of her visit to Guatemala. Among other issues, her statement addressed inequality and discrimination, including on ESCRs, faced by indigenous peoples and the youth. She stressed the importance of respecting the rights of indigenous people recognized under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including their right to land and right to consultation. In this context, she expressed concern over forced eviction conducted in the context of economic investment projects.

- Full text of the statement: <http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=11967&LangID=E>
- OHCHR's site on Guatemala: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/LacRegion/Pages/GTIndex.aspx>
- Website of OHCHR Office in Guatemala: <http://www.oacnudh.org.gt/>

### **Deputy High Commissioner addressed ESCR issues in Chad and Niger**

The Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Kyung-wha Kang, visited Chad and Niger on 1-3 April and 4-6 April 2012 respectively. In her end-of-mission statement on Chad, she encouraged the Government to further integrate a human rights-based approach to their response to the food crisis, as well as in land clearing and relocation projects. On Niger, she

praised the Government for their efforts to respond to the ongoing food crisis in line with human rights principles, and encouraged integrating a human rights-based approach to the full range of development and peace and security policies.

- Full text of the end-of-mission statement on Chad:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=12038&LangID=E>
- OHCHR's site on Chad:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/TDIndex.aspx>
- Full text of the end-of-statement on Niger:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=12049&LangID=E>
- OHCHR's site on Niger:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/NEIndex.aspx>

### **International forum on access to justice on ESCR, Mexico**

On 3 February, the Mexican Supreme Court of Justice, OHCHR-Mexico, the Judiciary Council, the Civil Society Coalition on ESCR and two academic institutions, held an international forum on access to justice on ESCR. It aimed to highlight the importance of adequate mechanisms to make protection of ESCR effective and justiciable. This event took place in the context of the recent constitutional reform on human rights in Mexico. Over 150 people attended the forum, including judges, civil society representatives and media.



### **Mexico: Follow-up to the mission by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food**

On 6 March, OHCHR-Mexico organized an event to disseminate the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food on his mission to Mexico and to discuss follow up of his recommendations convening wide range of stakeholders, including senior government officials, parliamentarians, civil society organizations, NHRIs, the private sector, academics, journalists and UN agencies. The event contributed to an interactive dialogue among various stakeholders on how to facilitate implementation of accountability measures by state actors.

- For full text of the statement made by the Special Rapporteur:  
[http://www.hchr.org.mx/files/comunicados/2012/03/Comunicado\\_de\\_Prensa\\_Alimentacin\\_Final.pdf](http://www.hchr.org.mx/files/comunicados/2012/03/Comunicado_de_Prensa_Alimentacin_Final.pdf)
- For full text of the mission report of the Special Rapportuer:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Food/Pages/Annual.aspx>

### **Moldova: Joint advocacy efforts on ESCR**

On 14-17 February, the Human Rights Adviser in Moldova, together with a member of CESCR, Mr. Eibe Riedel, and OHCHR Geneva, conducted advocacy for a) the follow up of the concluding observations made by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights issued in May 2011, b) the acceptance of ESCR-related recommendations made in the UPR, and for the ratification of the OP-ICESCR. Meetings and advocacy activities were held with different Ministries, members of Parliament, judges, the NHRI, civil society organizations, UN agencies and media. The series of advocacy activities was highly appreciate by various stakeholders.

Moldovan authorities have adopted a plan for the follow up of CESCR recommendations, with the participation of the relevant Ministries.

## EVENTS

### RECENT EVENTS

#### 19th session of the Human Rights Council: Reports relevant to ESCR

► Access documents listed below in all available UN official languages, searching by symbol numbers at: <http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/mainec.aspx>

Mandates* and offices	Main focus / relevant sections	Symbol number
Report of the HC on the protection of <b>human rights in the context of HIV/AIDS</b>	Report provides an human rights analysis on the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS, including on its implication for the right to health.	<b>A/HRC/19/37</b>
Report of the HC - Study documenting discriminatory laws and practices and acts of violence against individuals based on their <b>sexual orientation and gender identity</b>	Report documents discriminatory laws and practices and acts of violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity, including examples of discrimination in the areas of employment, health, education and welfare benefits.	<b>A/HRC/19/41</b>
Report of the Special Rapporteur on <b>adequate housing</b>	Report focuses on women and the right to adequate housing.	<b>A/HRC/19/53</b>
Report of the Special Rapporteur on <b>human rights defenders</b>	Report contains one sections on human rights defenders working on land and environmental issues.	<b>A/HRC/19/55</b>
Report of the Independent Expert on <b>minority issues</b>	Report contains the fourth session of the Forum on Minority Issues, held in November 2011, which focused on the rights of minority women and girls, including ESCR.	<b>A/HRC/19/56</b>
Report of the Special Rapporteur on <b>the right to food</b>	Report focuses on the right to food and nutrition.	<b>A/HRC/19/59 (A/HRC/19/59/Corr.1 &amp; A/HRC/19/59/Corr.2)</b>
	Addendum: Guiding Principles on Human Rights Impact Assessments of Trade and Investment Agreements	<b>A/HRC/19/59/Add.5</b>
Report of the <b>2011 Social Forum</b>	Report contains a summary of discussions and recommendations of the 2011 Social Forum which focused on the right to development. The discussion included the linkages between the right to development and ESCR	<b>A/HRC/19/70</b>

Report of the HRC <b>Advisory Committee</b>	Final study on severe malnutrition and childhood diseases with children affected by Noma as an example	<b>A/HRC/19/73</b>
Report of the HRC <b>Advisory Committee</b>	Final study on the advancement of the rights of people working in rural areas	<b>A/HRC/19/75</b>

\* In order to keep the Bulletin concise, shorthand is used in the list for titles of mandates of the special procedure. For full official titles, please consult with the databases indicated above.

### **19th session of the Human Rights Council: Panel discussions addressed ESCR**

The following panel discussions held during the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council addressed the issue of ESCR. This table covers only the panel discussions mandated by the Council, and not side events held during the Council session.

<b>Panel</b>	<b>Concept Note</b>	<b>Webcast full discussion</b>
Ending Violence and Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity	<a href="#">Click here</a>	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Giving voice to people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS	<a href="#">Click here</a>	<a href="#">Click here</a>

Concept notes of all panels held during the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the Council is available from: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session19/Pages/19RegularSession.aspx>

Webcast of full discussion of the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the Council is available from: <http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/c/un-human-rights-council.html>

### **The Universal Periodic Review goes into its second round**

All 193 Member States participated in the first round of the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR). In the second round of the UPR, which begins in May, States will be reporting on progress in implementing the recommendations made after the first assessment. High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed that the second cycle which presents States with an opportunity to evaluate implementation of recommendations the first time round, "will test the mechanism's value and credibility." In the first round of the review, more than 260 recommendations were made on ESCR and among them, 160 recommendations were accepted by States under review.

- For more information: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/AglobalhumanrightsmapUPRgoesintoitssecondround.aspx>
- Recommendations on ESCR issued in the first round of the UPR can be searched through the Universal Human Rights Index: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/Pages/UniversalHumanRightsIndexDatabase.aspx>



## **“WASH United” soccer team kicked off for the right to water & sanitation**

On 3 March, in Marseille, the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, Catarina de Albuquerque, kicked off a soccer match in the French premier league as part of the soccer and water project “WASH United”. WASH United is an imaginary soccer team that uses soccer’s popular appeal to campaign for safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). This soccer event was organised as part of their campaign toward the 6th World Water Forum scheduled to be held in Marseille from 12 to 17 March 2012.

- To see some of the media coverage, see:  
[http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2012/March/20120303\\_pm\\_51\\_wash/index.html](http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2012/March/20120303_pm_51_wash/index.html)  
[http://www.om.net/fr/Saison/101005/Actualites/59347/Sous\\_le\\_signe\\_de\\_WASH\\_United](http://www.om.net/fr/Saison/101005/Actualites/59347/Sous_le_signe_de_WASH_United)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Human Rights Council discussion on women & ESCR, September 2012**

On 22 March, Human Rights Council decided to hold its annual discussion on economic, social and cultural rights at its 21<sup>st</sup> session in September 2012 to be focused on economic, social and cultural rights of women (resolution 19/5). The Council also requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on economic, social and cultural rights of women at its 22<sup>nd</sup> session in 2013.

- Human Rights Council resolution 19/5 is available from:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session19/Pages/ResDecStat.aspx>

## **CASES, LEGISLATION & POLICIES**

### **South African Constitutional Court ruling on the right to adequate housing**

On 13 March 2012, the Constitutional Court of South Africa handed down another judgment protecting the right to housing of tenants. The case concerned evictions that arose from a rental dispute between tenants of a Johannesburg apartment building and their landlord. The landlord exercised his power to cancel the tenants’ leases, offering them an opportunity to enter into a new lease on the same terms, but at much higher rentals. The Court found that that the landlord’s exercise of the bare power of termination in the leases for the sole purpose of securing higher rentals may have amounted to an “unfair practice”.

- Full text of the judgment: <http://www.serisa.org/images/stories/maphangocccjudgment.pdf>

## **TOOLS / PUBLICATIONS / MULTIMEDIA**

### **Special Rapporteur on housing: New materials on women and housing**

As a complement to the report that she just presented to the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/19/53), the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing has produced a leaflet and simplified guide on women’s right to adequate housing. This material is available in Arabic, English, Portuguese and Spanish.

- Direct links to these documents:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Housing/toolkit/Pages/RighttoAdequateHousingToolkitGroups.aspx>

### Special Rapporteur on water & sanitation: Good practices

Special Rapporteur on the right to water and sanitation issued a book on good practices on the right: "On the Right Track". The book is available in English and French.

- The book is available from:



<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/WaterAndSanitation/SRWater/Pages/GoodPractices.aspx>

### Stock-taking of tools to monitor progressive realization of ESCR

Center for Economic and Social Rights and the International Network on Quantitative Methods for Human Rights and Development convened a seminar "New Horizons in Economic and Social Rights Monitoring" on 22-23 March. The seminar took stock of various tools and methods developed to monitor ESCR, in particular Governments' obligation to "fulfil" ESCR.

- Tools and methods shared at the seminar are available from:

<http://www.cesr.org/article.php?id=1253>

### Other Publications/ Reports

- FAO, Right to Food- Making it Happen: Progress and Lessons Learned through Implementation: [http://www.fao.org/righttofood/news50\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/righttofood/news50_en.htm)
- UNESCO, Empowering the Poor Through Human Rights Litigation: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002150/215041E.pdf>
- UNICEF, State of the World's Children 2012: Children in Urban World: <http://www.unicef.org/sowc2012/>
- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, The Work, Education and Resources of Women: The Road to Equality in Guaranteeing Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (available in English and Spanish): <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/women/default.asp>
- A Bottom-Up Approach to Righting Financial Regulation:  
Briefing series 1, Why is a Human Rights Approach Needed in Financial Regulation?: [http://www.escr-net.org/usr\\_doc/Why\\_is\\_a\\_Human\\_Rights\\_Approach\\_Needed\\_Dec\\_2011.pdf](http://www.escr-net.org/usr_doc/Why_is_a_Human_Rights_Approach_Needed_Dec_2011.pdf)  
Briefing series 2, Central Banks: Do They Have Human Rights Obligations?: [http://cesr.org/downloads/central.banks.and.human.rights.feb.2012\\_1.pdf](http://cesr.org/downloads/central.banks.and.human.rights.feb.2012_1.pdf)
- Ekta Parishad and Ekta Europe, Achieving People's Control over Land and Livelihood: Report from the International mobilisation conference on The Right to Land and Livelihood: <http://ektaeurope.org/conference/>
- Global Campaign for Education, Gender Discrimination in Education: The violation of rights of women and girls: [http://campaignforeducation.org/docs/reports/GCE\\_INTERIM\\_Gender\\_Report.pdf](http://campaignforeducation.org/docs/reports/GCE_INTERIM_Gender_Report.pdf)
- International Commission of Jurists, Migration and International Human Rights Law: <http://www.icj.org/dwn/database/PGNo6-ElectronicDistribution.pdf>



- Michael Lipsky, “Improving Governance Through Budget Transparency”, Huffington Post, [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-lipsky/budget-transparency\\_b\\_1255808.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-lipsky/budget-transparency_b_1255808.html)
- Laura Salamero Teixeidó, La protección de los derechos sociales en el ámbito de Naciones Unidas. El nuevo Protocolo Facultativo del Pacto Internacional de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales, Ed. Civitas, Madrid, 2012, (ISBN: 9788447038336)
- Leslie London, Nicolé Fick, Khai Hoan Tram, Maria Stuttaford, “Filling the gap: A Learning Network for Health and Human Rights in the Western Cape, South Africa”: <http://hhrjournal.org/index.php/hhr/article/view/452>
- Rights and Democracy/ CIOEC Bolivia, The Human Right to Food in Bolivia: [http://dd-rd.ca/site/PDF/publications/Bolivia\\_English\\_Final\\_for\\_web.pdf](http://dd-rd.ca/site/PDF/publications/Bolivia_English_Final_for_web.pdf)

## Multimedia

### OHCHR sources

- **OHCHR Web Stories:**

- “Right to food: the impacts of bad diets”, 28-03-2012 (with video clip): <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Righttofoodtheimpactsofbaddiets.aspx>
- “People-centred Development: What the Arab Spring taught us”, 27-03-2012: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/People-centredDevelopmentWhattheArabSpringtaughtus.aspx>
- “Number crunching human rights”, 19-03-2012: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Numbercrunchinghumanrights.aspx>
- “Proper disposal of old electronic equipment key in protection human rights”, 15-02-2012: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/ProperdisposalofoldelectronicequipmentkeyinprotectionHR.aspx>
- “Older persons among the poorest in the world”, 03-02-2012: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Olderpersonsamongthepoorestintheworld.aspx>

- **Interactive online game on human rights:**

OHCHR Guatemala Office has developed an interactive online game on human rights for children, “Aventura Fascinante”:  
<http://www.aventurafascinante.org/>



### Other sources:

- **Video:** WHO World Health Day 2012 “Good Health Adds Life to Years”: <http://bit.ly/H1QhRi>
- **Video:** Colombian Afro-descendant communities commemorate 15 years of forced displacement: the struggle for their territory continues: [http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1109535811076&s=143&e=001VTTv6KNjZZXzKl1TJjqpPIny2ctsHswM2rfkIHqLGYh3iGEGomhobf\\_x\\_WwbBB3RKABbUxQp13JPtic7Mi-w4dvRDJFXZOdgUIOOGqbR68LTbZAFv\\_Y2CQ==](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1109535811076&s=143&e=001VTTv6KNjZZXzKl1TJjqpPIny2ctsHswM2rfkIHqLGYh3iGEGomhobf_x_WwbBB3RKABbUxQp13JPtic7Mi-w4dvRDJFXZOdgUIOOGqbR68LTbZAFv_Y2CQ==)

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### [Training Course on Health Rights Litigation, 18-22 June, Boston](#)

The Global School on the Enforcement of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Global School) offers a course on Judicial Enforcement of ESC Rights Course on Health Rights Litigation, June 18-22, Boston, USA. This course offers participants an opportunity to develop specialist-level knowledge in relation to litigating health-related rights at the national, regional and international level. In 2012, the Global School will provide five courses on ESCR: Africa (Pretoria), Latin America (Bogota), Health Rights (Cambridge), Vietnam (Hanoi) and Advanced International Course (Åbo).

- More course information: <http://www.harvardfxbcenter.org/fxb-files/documents/Health%20Rights%20Litigation%20Course.pdf>

### [Intensive Course on Health and Human Rights: June 11-13, 2012, Boston](#)

The Center for Continuing Professional Education at the Harvard School of Public Health announces the Intensive Course on Health and Human Rights: Concepts, Implementation and Impact. The course will take place June 11-13, 2012, in Boston. This program equips professionals and leaders in law, development, urban planning, education, public health, humanitarian intervention, and medicine with the concepts, skills, and tools to integrate human rights into their professional activities.

- Full information on the course: <https://ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/programs.cfm?CSID=ICHH0612&pg=cluster&CLID=1>

### [Training on Understanding ESCR, 19-23 Nov 2012, Geneva](#)

This course will provide human rights advocates, staff of 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, with a broad understanding of economic, social and cultural rights, and in-depth knowledge on how to promote these rights in their work. The course is conducted by the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. Deadlines for application are: 1 September for applicants requiring visas for Switzerland and 12 September for applicants not requiring visa for Switzerland.

- For more information on the course: <http://www.adh-geneva.ch/professional-training/professional-training-in-escr/tc>



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