
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND COOPERATION

PREPARATION FOR UNGA

2 days

IS0801

This course is designed to set the context and provide knowledge and skills for staff assigned on temporary duty to the United Nations General Assembly. Topics include: Canadian priorities and objectives for the UNGA; Canada's historical involvement in the UN; staff roles and responsibilities; the resolution process; stress management. A case study and a simulation are used to explore issues with debriefs provided by DFAIT experts.

At the end of this course, participants will have discussed:

- the importance of the UN to Canadian Foreign Policy;
- the issues that Canada considers a priority for UNGA;
- what Ottawa expects from a JA at UNGA;
- the UNGA resolution Process;
- the reporting requirements of a JA on assignment;
- the electronic research resources available to a JA;
- the demands on the professional and personal lives of a JA in New York;
- the basics of negotiating in a multilateral environment;
- their role as a member of a team and their responsibility for helping each other cope with "life" at UNGA; and,
- things they need to do to prepare for their departure.

Population: Junior advisors and administrative staff assigned to the UNGA. Participation by invitation

Mode of Delivery: Classroom

PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN ARMED CONFLICT

2 days

IB2401

This interactive course examines the legal, policy and operational aspects of humanitarian action and international humanitarian law (IHL) to enhance the legal and physical protection of civilians (POC). It aims to equip officers going or working on fragile states with the tools to promote and develop effective responses to protection concerns. The first day provides an understanding of the normative framework of POC and IHL, the key players involved (governments, UN, ICRC, NGOs, regional organizations) and the spectrum of protection activities, including monitoring tools and enforcement mechanisms. The second day examines the challenges faced in the practical application of POC and IHL such as neutral and independent humanitarian action, civil-military cooperation, non-state armed groups, the privatisation of warfare, and complementary normative frameworks, including through the use of panels and case studies.

Population: Officers working on protection of civilians in armed conflict, humanitarian action and international humanitarian law either at mission or at headquarters

Mode of Delivery: Classroom

RESPONDING TO NATURAL DISASTERS

1 day

IS1601

This course, developed with CIDA, is of particular interest to those who will be posted to countries prone to experiencing earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, famine, and volcanic eruptions, and to headquarters personnel who must manage the consular and OGD coordination of any Canadian response. Using case studies and lectures, the course covers the nature of disasters, needs of those affected, the roles of the various international and Canadian Government agencies, and response systems and procedures.

Population: Officers with responsibility for recovery from natural disasters, either in the mission or in headquarters.

Mode of Delivery: Classroom