

- History, activities, structure and mandate of UNA-Canada
- History of the UN, including its mandate and Charter
- The role of Canada in the UN (past and present)

10:00 – 10:45 AM **General Overview of the UN System** led by Steve Mason, UNA-Canada
Topics covered:

- The role and structure of the UN's six organs
- How the UN works
- The role and structure of UN agencies and programmes

10:45 – 11:30 AM **General Overview of Human Rights** led by Ele Pawelski, UNA-Canada
Topics covered:

- Wants and Needs Activity
- Defining human rights
- Why some human rights are controversial
- How human rights are protected
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- The two International Covenants on Human Rights
- the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom
- The UN and Human Rights protection

11:45 – 12:30 PM **International Human Rights Law** led by Madeleine Schwarz,
Department of Justice, War Crimes/Crimes Against Humanity Division
Topics Covered:

- Where international human rights law comes from
- The international documents which deal with human rights
- How international human rights law is enforced
- Who can be held responsible for human rights violations
- Steps that can be taken if there is a known human rights abuse
- The role of the UN in establishing and enforcing human rights law

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 PM **Voices from the Field (I)** led by Steve Loyst, Canadian Red Cross,
formerly with the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian
Affairs (OCHA) in Rwanda

Topics covered:

- Background on the situation in Rwanda
- The role of OCHA in Rwanda
- Cooperation between NGOs, UN agencies and the government
- The role of the International Committee for the Red Cross

3:00 – 4:30 PM **Voices from the Field (II)** led by J. Paul Richards, RCMP War Crimes
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Topics covered: