



Centre for Human Rights

Advanced Human Rights Course

The protection of forcibly displaced persons in Africa

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, will host a 5-day intensive virtual course on the protection of forcibly displaced persons in Africa from 6 – 10 October 2025.

This course presents a human-rights perspective on the protection of forcibly displaced persons in Africa, with a view of enhancing the knowledge of policy makers, lawyers, scholars and students on the protection of the rights of forcibly displaced persons. It covers fundamental legal concepts and principles related to international law on forced displacement, critical challenges in the interpretation and application of key treaty provisions, and rights-based approaches to addressing challenges and ensuring durable solutions to forced displacement in Africa.

Course Objectives

The main objective of the course is to enable participants to have a thorough understanding of the meaning, causes and scale of the various forms of forced displacement in Africa, pertinent normative standards at the global and regional level, and the rights of forcibly displaced persons. Participants will be able to critically reflect on the legal and institutional responses to forced displacement, and the roles of humanitarian and development actors in the protection of forcibly displaced persons.

Course Outline

- The legal and institutional framework protecting the rights of refugees, internally displaced persons and stateless persons
- Obligations of states and non-state actors
- The roles of, and standards related to humanitarian and development agencies and non-governmental organisations
- Legal developments: new trends in the interpretation and application of laws
- Strategic advocacy for the rights of forcibly displaced persons, and
- Rights-based approach to durable solutions

Visit www.chr.up.ac.za/ahrc for more information.

 Course length:
5 days

 Estimated effort:
7+ hours/day

 Price:
Online - 150 USD
In-person - 250 USD

 Course type:
Short course

 Certificate:
On successful completion

 Language:
English

Course dates
6 - 10
October 2025

Deadline
30 September 2025

APPLY

