



Fact Sheet

Central Role of the Commander (CENTROC): Accomplish the Mission respecting the Law

Switzerland, Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP),
27 to 31 August 2018

Switzerland organizes this international workshop within the framework of the PfP Partnership Work Programme, Chapter XIII. The workshop focuses on the role that commanders and legal advisers have in implementing the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC), Human Rights Law (HRL) and rules governing the Use of Force in military operations.

The aim is to foster the understanding of the key legal principles at commanding levels, to apply them in the planning and execution of military operations. The workshop also focuses on the necessity of co-operation between commanders and legal advisers and seeks to promote the exchange and understanding of other military cultures.

The workshop will focus on the current operational challenges, on case studies and practical exercises, preceded by contextual inbriefs by international experts and practitioners with operational experience.

The treated key subjects include:

- Targeting;
- Use of Force;
- Detention;
- LOAC liability and enforcement;
- Application of law to current operations.

The following page provides further information on this workshop. We look forward to your application.



Additional Information / details

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| ePRIME Code | LOAC CHE.2866.2 |
| Nickname | CENTROC |
| Type | Workshop |
| Target Audience / Level | The workshop is designed for Commanders, Staff Officers and Legal Advisers (OF-3 and above), planned for operational assignment. |
| Duration / Date | 5 days / 27 – 31 August 2018 |
| Location | Geneva |
| Language Requirements | <p>Requested standards of proficiency in English (STANAG 6001):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Listening (good / 3)▪ Speaking (good / 3)▪ Reading (fair / 2)▪ Writing (fair / 2) <p>These requirements are compulsory - No translation available!</p> |
| Costs | <p>Participants are expected to cover their own travel expenses and accommodation fees. Travel to and from Switzerland are to be paid by sending Nation.</p> <p>A limited number of scholarships covering travel costs, meals and accommodation are available for applicants from qualified countries.</p> |
| Restrictions | <p>Course is open to NATO/PfP, MD, ICI, Contact States as well as to all other Troop Contributing Nations involved in UN/OSCE mandated Operations.</p> <p>The course participation limit is 40. A maximum of 2 participants per nation can be accepted.</p> <p>Registration deadline: not later than 1 June 2018.</p> <p>Allocation will be on a "first come - first served" basis!</p> |
| Liability/Status | <p>The NATO/PfP SOFA applies for all participants belonging to a State Party to the Agreement. Participants not belonging to a State Party to the NATO/PfP SOFA shall, during their presence in Switzerland, be subject to the Swiss Legislation including entry and visa regulations.</p> <p>The Swiss Armed Forces do not cover health care expenses. All participants are themselves responsible for adequate insurance.</p> |
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