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Disaster law at the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

This week, the Conference will address three themes related to disaster law:

- * Accelerating progress in the facilitation and regulation of international disaster response (international disaster response law);
- * Strengthening laws for disaster risk reduction; and
- * Providing supportive legal frameworks for saving lives through first aid.

Related events:

- * Side Event: [Strengthening legal preparedness for disasters and risk reduction in the Pacific](#)
- * Side event: [MIKTA efforts in strengthening international disaster response laws](#)
- * Commission E, [Session 2: “Strengthening legal frameworks for disasters and emergencies”](#)



International disaster response law (IDRL)

The IFRC has recently released the [results of a survey](#) of practitioners about disaster relief, regulation and protection. The IFRC also issued its [third progress report](#) on the implementation of the IDRL Guidelines.



A new “Checklist” and “Handbook” on law and disaster risk reduction are born

Building upon valuable national experiences, the IFRC and UNDP have updated the [Checklist](#) Disaster Risk Reduction and developed the [Handbook on law and DRR](#) to provide additional detail and further guidance on the process of legislative review.



Law and first aid: Promoting and protecting life-saving action

The IFRC recently released a report about Law and First Aid, which highlights areas in which stronger legislation related to first aid may contribute to saving more lives.

Also in this issue:

- * [ASEAN celebrates being “resilient as one” and the importance of legislative developments across the region](#)
- * [Facilitating Red Cross cross-border aid in emergency situations in Panama and Costa Rica](#)
- * [From simulation to reality in Chile and Colombia](#)
- * [Kenya Red Cross report recommends improvements in disaster law](#)

- * [Liberia Red Cross to assist its government in legal review](#)
 - * [High level launch of Malawi Red Cross study on the regulation of international relief](#)
 - * [Port Louis workshop supports the development of disaster law in Mauritius](#)
 - * [University of Reading launches the world's first dedicated master's degree in disaster law](#)
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Read:

- * [Report of the Disasters and International Law in the Asia-Pacific Workshop UNSW Law, UNSW Australia](#)
- * [DL working paper No. 5: Observations on strengthening community participation in disaster risk reduction in disaster law and policy](#)

Watch:

- * [Video of the binational simulation exercise: Panama – Costa Rica](#)



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